

A vibrant stained glass artwork featuring three birds, likely doves, facing each other. The birds are rendered in a variety of colors including red, orange, yellow, blue, and purple, with black outlines. The background is filled with abstract, colorful shapes that resemble feathers or leaves.

Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025



LIVING OUT THE WORD
LOVE • RECONCILE • SHINE • TRANSFORM

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God.

About today's Prelude

This Trinity Chorale has three verses with text of praise for God with verse one glorifying the Father, verse two the Son, and verse three the Holy Spirit. Walther sets the melody of the chorale in this set of eight versets, or variations for organ.

Worship on the Lord's Day

Worship begins as the people gather - greeting one another, praying in silence, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

PRELUDE

Johann Gottfried Walther

All Glory be to God on High: Versets 1 & 2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

God, how majestic is your name! You create, and through creation, we encounter your wisdom and power.

How majestic is the name of God, our Creator!

You redeem, and through Jesus Christ, we encounter your saving love and grace.

How majestic is the name of God, our Redeemer!

You sustain us, and through your Spirit, we encounter your renewing presence.

How majestic is the name of God, our Sustainer!

Come, let us worship the Triune God!

**We gather to worship God,
Three-in-One and One-in-Three.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God of grace and glory, make your presence known to us as we worship this morning. Jesus our Christ, may your name be praised from the rising of the sun to the midnight hour, may your name always be honored among us. Spirit of holiness, breathe on us all and bind us in Christian love and servanthood. O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be known to us today. Amen.

(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ - the Living Word, and the Bible - the written Word.)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 307

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

Great God of all creation,
who are we that you are mindful of us?

**You tend to us and care for us,
and we do not understand why.
Hear our prayer as we confess our sins.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Truth,
We cannot grasp your love for us,
for it is unlike us to be that loving and forgiving.
We become enmeshed
by our own needs and wants and desires
and we fail to see beyond anything but our
own little circles.**

**Turn us around, O God.
Remind us once again of the sacredness
of our ordinary, day-to-day lives
and the sacredness of the lives of others.
By Your Spirit,
Teach us to live truly as the beings you have
created us to be.
In Your mercy, O God,
Forgive who we are and show us clearly who
You call us to be. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Call to and Prayer of Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

Assurance of Pardon

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

***The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us,
let us also forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Please exchange the peace with the words,
“The peace of Christ be with you.”)*

Act of Praise

The Act of Praise
brings together
the choir and
congregation to
sing God’s praise
in response to the
Assurance of Pardon
as the last phrase.

ACT OF PRAISE

GLORIA PATRI

(Singing together Hymn 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship pad,
which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)*

THE WORD

Children’s Time
will happen at
both services
when we do not
have communion
or baptisms.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Psalm 8:1-9

(Old Testament, pages 492 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 5

Stephen Paulus

Hear My Words

Hear my words, O gracious Lord,
To my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King my God.
I will make my prayer to Thee.

With the morning light O Lord,
Thou shalt hear my voice arise;
And expectant I will bring,
Prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou art Holy O my God,
Thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with Thee,
Nor the proud Thy favor win.

Hear my words, O gracious Lord,
To my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King my God.
I will make my prayer to Thee.

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

(Old Testament, pages 590 and 591 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Hunt. Gather. Wisdom. Together." Ashley Higgins

(A moment for meditation)

Hymn 729

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

About Hymn 729

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven;
he is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Offering

The collection of tithes and offerings takes place as a response to the Word. These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God proclaimed in the gospel.

To give, please scan the QR code below:



Anthem

Holy God We Praise Thy Name! John Ferguson

Te Deum Laudamus;
te Dominum confitemur.

Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all we bow before you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo, the apostolic train
Join your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son.
Holy Spirit three we name you,
While in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim you
And, adoring bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Doxology

A short hymn of praise to the triune God (God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit).

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Majestic and holy God, Creator of all that is seen and unseen, we bring these gifts in awe of Your glory revealed in the heavens and here among us. As we offer these gifts, may they reflect your wisdom and share your love, building a world that proclaims your majesty. Through your Spirit, pour your grace into our lives, that our service may mirror the love You have shown us in Christ, lifting our voices with creation to declare, “How majestic is Your name in all the earth!” In the name of the Holy Trinity, we pray. Amen.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Singing together*)**

(Please refer to the inside back cover of your hymnal for the words and music for this hymn.)

SENDING

***HYMN 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Johann Gottfried Walther

All Glory be to God on High: Versets 3 & 4

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

About Hymn 1

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday.

The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Ashley Higgins
Associate Pastor for Young Families

Liturgist

Hannah Norris
Interim Associate Director of Senior High Youth
and College Ministries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Richard Lane
11:00 AM Lisa Atkinson

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir
11:00 AM Summer Choir

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell
Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Lisa Atkinson in loving memory of her mother, Florence Scannell Atkinson, on her 110th birthday.

The flowers in the Parlor are given by Suzanne Allen in memory of her mother, Margaret Wasson Smith, on her 109th birthday. She is with me in my heart every day.

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional.

Hearing Assistance

We offer personal FM Receivers with an earpiece, located in the Narthex and in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser. Instructions can be found at each location.

Large Print Hymns

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found in the Narthex at the Sanctuary entrance or in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service at a later time, go to www.nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the Worship Service Archive. Click on the service you would like to view.

Dial-a-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon will be available all week.

Childcare

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

Nursery - Room 146

Toddlers - Room 152

2s and 3s - Room 151

Copyright Information

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Our Mission

Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



**LIVING
OUT THE
WORD**

LOVE
RECONCILE
SHINE
TRANSFORM

Which do you feel most drawn to: God as Father, God as Son, or God as Spirit?

On a scale of 1-10, how hopeful are you in this season?

On a scale of 1-10 how hopeful does Westminster feel to you in this season?

Are you willing to ask God for more of God's Spirit to dwell in you?
Why or why not?

Update Your Membership Contact Info

Contact Hannah Boles, Membership Secretary, hboles@nashvillewpc.org, to update your contact info or your photo. Hannah can also help you to access the online church member directory.

Are you up-to-date on all the WPC news?

We send emails out to the congregation and community three plus times a week. On Monday, we send an email about our mission work. On Wednesdays, we send info about all the events we have going on throughout the month. On Fridays, the Sunday info is included in the email. We also have emails from our Children's, Youth and Young Families ministries.

Please scan the QR code to sign up for the emails you would like to receive.



Summer Choir

Rehearse 9:45 AM • Sing for the 11:00 AM Service

Come sing with us!

If you are a rising ninth grader or older, we would love for you to try the Summer Choir. We rehearse each Sunday in the Chancel and sing for the service. You do not have to be with us each Sunday.

For more info, please contact John Semingson, johns@nashvillewpc.org or Dale Nickell, dnickell@nashvillewpc.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Trinity Sunday

**Adult Education Classes
start at 9:45 AM**

Faith & Fellowship • 214

For more info, please contact
Donna Schwaber,
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Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's
gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact
Paul DeWitt,
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Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

We will take time to examine this central doctrine of Christianity. We'll look at various Scriptures, theologians, and even art to discuss the many ways the church has wrestled to make sense of God as "one God in essence, distinguished in three persons." And we'll take time to consider what this doctrine has to say to the church today—as Calvin noted, our knowledge of God is inextricably linked to our knowledge of ourselves.

Led by Will Wellman.

Youth

Donuts & Devos
9:45 AM
Koinonia Youth Café

Drop in and stay for
a few minutes or the
whole hour.

Everyone welcome!

Children

**Summer Sunday
School**

Room 161
Two-year olds - fours

Room 195
Kindergarten through
rising fifth graders

Childcare

Room 146
Nursery

Room 152
Toddlers

Room 151
2s and 3s



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Office Closed

- The office will be closed on **Monday, June 16**, in observance of Juneteenth.
- On Fridays, the office closes at 12:30 PM through August 15.



Summer Book Study

- June 19 | 9:30 - 11:00 AM | Goodpasture Hall
- We will study Jaroslav Pelikan's *Whose Bible Is It?*



Westminster Café

- Tuesday - Friday | 8:00 AM - Noon | **Closed June 19, 2025**
- Be our guest! Park in the north entrance parking lot by the blue outdoor umbrella. Enjoy specialized coffees, various teas, and cold drinks along with homemade yummys.



Acrylic Painting

- Tuesdays, June 17-July 29 (skipping July 8) | 1:00-3:00 PM
- Instructor: Emily Coleman
- \$50 for 6 days, which includes all supplies for the class.
- Scan QR code for more info and to register.



Painting Open Studio

- Through June 24 | 9:00 AM to Noon
- For watercolor, oils and acrylic painters!
- Scan the QR code if you are interested and to learn more.



Francesca's Art Factory for 5-10 Year Olds!

- Wednesdays and Fridays | June 18, 20, 25, 27
- Hosted by Francesca Betts
- \$5 per class per child
- Scan the QR code if you are interested and to learn more.

Please note: This is not a drop-off. A parent or guardian should plan to accompany each child to the class. Scan QR code to register.



Save the Date

- July 13 | Rise Against Hunger
- Goal: 15,000 meals
- Scan QR code to learn more and register.



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