Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion July 6, 2025



GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

E Antonio Vivaldi/arr. by J.S. Bach Concerto in A Minor, Mvt. 2, Adagio, BWV593

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you helped me.
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!
You have turned my mourning into dancing.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us courage like you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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 223

HAMBURG

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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.

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.

About Hymn 223

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JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH



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CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.

With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

(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!

*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.") 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.

About the Kyrie

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for 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.

1 John 3:2

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.

Prayer for Illumination

A Prayer for Illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

*ACT OF PRAISE (Hymn 513)

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. *Refrain*.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Galatians 6:7-16 (New Testament, page 191 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 30, Hymn 805

ELLACOMBE

Come Sing to God

2 Kings 5:1-14

(Old Testament, page 336 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Guy D. Griffith

"When the Small Thing is the Big Thing"

(A moment for meditation)

"Father, if the prophet had asked you to do something hard and heroic, wouldn't you have done it? So why not this simple 'wash and be clean'?" (2 Kings 5:13, The Message) "So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit." (Galatians 6:9, The Message)

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST 805 Come Sing to God (Psalm 30) 1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name. suc-cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me. 2 In my 3 What good is gained by my dis-grace, what prof - it in de - feat? 4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sor - rows you de-stroy. God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane. said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing Ι all to me. My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat. faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill life with joy. my In Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep-est pain, when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears. But Now hear, O Lord, my plain-tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me. to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good-ness raise. And so peace that is not vain. yet joy comes with the morn-ing sun, a I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears. long-ing heart's re-quest and from death set me Ac-cept my free. God, for - ev - er - more. My life You are my shall sing your praise.

In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle. The people of God have often misused God's promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now

in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem,

for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

Declaration of Faith 10.5.70 ff

THANKSGIVING

Anthem

OFFERING

William Bradley Roberts

In All These You Welcomed Me

Trav'ler's child laid in a manger, refugee to Egypt bound, pilgrim youth, yet not a stranger, when your Father's house you found: Christ, who set aside your glory to reclaim our wayward race, help us read salvation's story

in each passing heart and face.

Guest who vintaged wine from water, wand'ring healer brimmed with balm, foreigner whose hearer brought her heart-thirst to your well of calm: Savior, may we see our neighbor as an emblem of your care; in our leisure and our labor give us grace to find you there.

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:



Homeless squatter in a garden, feaster in a rented room, scapegoat for another's pardon, sleeper in a borrowed tomb: Jesus, outcast and offender to those certain of God's will, rend the veils of race and gender, wealth and health, that shroud us still.

Strange wayfarer to Emmaus, vague form on the distant shore, fright to friends ("Does sense betray us?") when you stood with them once more: risen Lord, be there to meet us when life dawns eternally; may your promised blessing greet us, "In all these you welcomed me."

*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!

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

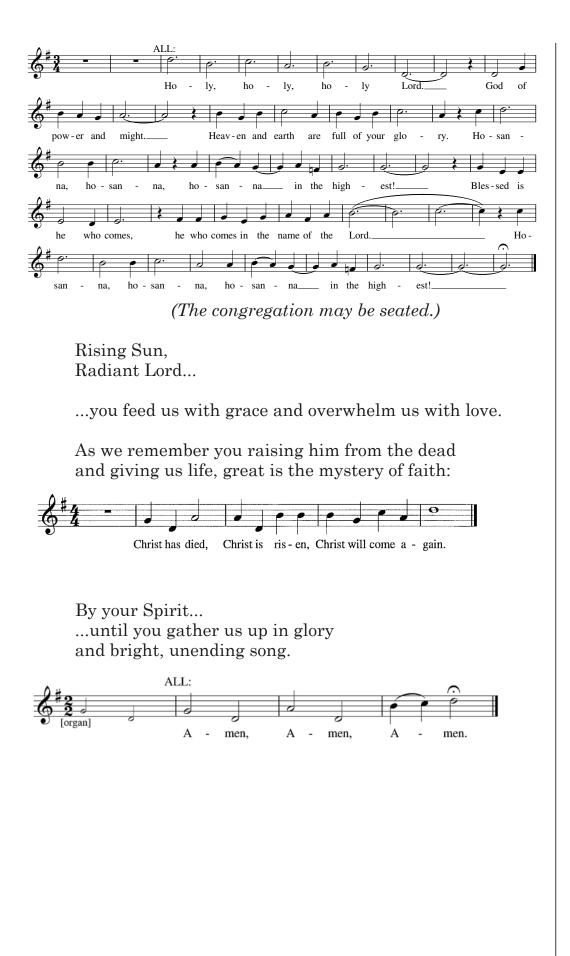
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator of the cosmos...

...Therefore we join our glad songs of Easter with those in every time and in every place who sing to you their praise:

Doxology

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



***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Anthem

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; And, with actions neighborly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would

The bread served in today's communion is gluten-free.

And cherish all things good, And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 340

FINLANDIA

This Is My Song

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDEAntonio Vivaldi/arr. by J.S. Bach
Concerto in A Minor, Mvt. 1, Allegro, BWV593

*(Those who are able may stand.)

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

About the Postlude

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 TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. The Hymnal, 1933, alt.

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 Music Arr. © 1933, ren. 1961 The Presbyterian Board of Christian Education (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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Today @ Westminster

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact one of the pastors on staff by calling 615.292.5526, the church office.

Worship Leaders

Preaching Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith Associate Pastor for Adult Education

Liturgist

Rev. Stephanie Boaz Parish Associate for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Bob Cooper 11:00 AM Bob Hines

Communion Preparation

Debbie and Mike Sandwith

Music

Emily Bowland, Clarinet 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 in memory of my husband, Brad Davis, by Janice Kemp.

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)





How do we expect God to act? Are there people we anticipate will speak God's word and others we dismiss?

When have you witnessed God at work through a small group of disciples? What happened?

Why do we dismiss God's call to follow in small steps rather than the "hard and heroic"?



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.



Communion kits are available for seniors living in a residency or independently.

Please contact Sylvia Leins, srleins@yahoo.com to receive one or add someone you know to the list for the next Communion Sunday.





Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Please enjoy fellowship time in the Parlor this Sunday.

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Faith & Fellowship • 214

For more info, please contact Donna Schwaber, dkschwaber@gmail.com.

Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, pdewitt@comcast.net.

Youth

Donuts & Devos 9:45 ам Koinonia Youth Café

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

Everyone welcome!

Children

Summer Sunday School

No Sunday School for the month of July. Childcare is available. Worship bags are located by the doors going into the Sanctuary.

Childcare

Room 146 Nursery

Room 152 Toddlers

Room 151 2s and 3s





Westminster Café

• Tuesday - Friday | 8:00 AM - Noon

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 yummies.

Youth Event - What's On Wednesday

- July 9 | 11:00 ам 3:00 рм
- Join us for bowling and laser tag. Cost \$20
- Email Hannah Norris, hnorris@nashvillewpc.org, to sign up.



Faith and Film

- July 9 | 6:30 рм Brown Bag Dinner | 7:00 рм Movie | Goodpasture Hall
- We will watch About A Boy



Summer Book Study

- July 10 | 9:30 AM | Goodpasture Hall
- We will study Jaroslav Pelikan's Whose Bible Is It?



Lemon AID Stand

- July 10 | 1:30 рм Mayfair Entry
- Help Preston Taylor Ministries and quench your thirst at the same time.



RISE Against Hunger

- July 13 | 3:00 рм | Koinonia Youth Café
- Goal: 15,000 meals
- Scan QR code to learn more and register.



Fly Fishing Education

- July 14 | 6:00 8:00 РМ | North Parking Lot
- Patrick Stansbury from Orvis will lead a lesson on fly fishing basics.
- For more info, contact Parker Brown, rbrown14@gmail.com.

Youth Event - What's On Wednesday

- July 16 | 6:30 9:30 рм
- Join us for a Nashville SC game. Cost \$20
- Email Hannah Norris, hnorris@nashvillewpc.org, to sign up.







GOAL 15,000 meals

CZECH REP







July 13 Koinonia Youth Cafe

In the heart of our faith community, lies the power to make a global impact right from where we are. With Rise Against Hunger, we have the chance to bring people together for a meaningful, hands-on service project that transcends borders. Help us pack 15,000 meals.

Scan QR code to register.



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