

# GATHERING

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

#### PRELUDE

César Franck

L'Organiste, Pieces in C Major: Poco allegretto, Andantino, Poco Lento

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

People of God, what are we here to do? To love the Lord our God with heart and soul, strength and might. What are we here to do? To love our neighbors as ourselves.

# **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty and merciful God,
You have planted in us the seed of your word.
Help us by your Holy Spirit to receive it with joy and live according to it,
so that we may grow in faith, hope, and love. 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 305

DARWELL'S 148TH

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

# CALL TO CONFESSION

Claiming us in love, God beckons us to grow in that love and to reflect that love to others.Yet sin obstructs our efforts and prevents us from living as God intends.In penitence and faith, let us seek God's forgiveness.

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 305

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory. THE CHURCH Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! 305 0 0 1 Come sing, O church, in Come join, O church, in joy! song! 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme, cour - age be our friend; wis-dom be our guide, 3 Let let 4 Come sing, O church, in Come join, O church, in joy! song! 7 For Christ the Lord has led us through the a ges long! em - power - ing us catch the vi - sion, dream the dream! to the fied! as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy Cru - ci tri-umphed o'er For Christ the Lord has the a - ges long! In bold ac - cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors.
We confess that love is hard for us.
We are too selfish or too pessimistic,
too hollow or too hardened,
or just too tired to give ourselves to love's demands.
Forgive our arrogance and our listlessness.
Cleanse our hearts that we might find the strength to do what love requires and the grace to receive what love has to give.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
whose love has no boundary. 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!

#### \*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.") 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.

#### 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**

Glory to God in the Highest (See inside back cover of hymnal for music)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

# **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.

Colossians 1:1-14 (New Testament, pages 199-200 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 25, Hymn 420GENEVAN 25Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted

Luke 10:25-37 (New Testament, page 71-72 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

#### **SERMON**

"Who is my neighbor?" Donov

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

CONFESSION 420 Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted (Psalm 25) 00 1 Lord, to you my soul is lift - ed. Let me nev - er be a - shamed 2 Lord of cov - e - nant and good - ness, par - don and cor - rect my sin. 3 Turn to me in grace and mer - cy, suf-fer all a - lone. as Ι <del>00</del> that I trust in you to keep me though I seem to wait in vain. They who wor-ship you and fear you choose the paths you choose for them. Take a - way my sin and sad-ness, all the trou-ble I have known. 8 Lord, re - mem-ber all your love; in your ho - ly will in-struct me. They and all their fam - i - ly shall pos-sess the earth for - ev - er. May my fierce and spite-ful foes not suc-ceed to harm and curse me. -00 Lord, do not re-mem-ber sins of those youn-ger years be - hind me. You, O Lord, will be their friend. From the snare you will de - liv - er. In your faith - ful-ness I hope. On your peo-ple, Lord, have mer - cy. Because this 20th-century English paraphrase of Psalm 25 was created for a 16th-century tune for a French

version of the psalm, these lines are organized by meter rather than by rhyme. Combining elements from different eras testifies to the continuity of Reformed tradition.



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text and tune were written to conclude a hymn festival at the 2009 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Four parables framed both the festival and the hymn: the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Bridesmaids.

# \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30 AM) (See "Profession of Faith" below.)

# SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

# Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called.

In baptism God claims us and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

Questions to the Parents, Congregation and Children of the Church

#### \*Profession of Faith

Through baptism we enter the covenant... With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

# I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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. About Hymn 771

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#### The Baptismal Rite

The Apostles' Creed: The oldest surviving baptismal liturgy, dating from around the year 200 C.E., describes the candidate for baptism standing in water and affirming the faith by responding to three questions. Each auestion corresponds to one person of the Trinity. The Paschal Candle is symbolic of Christ's death and resurrection. The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, is our Paschal sacrifice. The Paschal Candle also symbolizes the light of the risen Christ, shining in the world. The use of this symbol dates from the early davs of the Church. New Christians were given a lighted candle, symbolic of their having died and been raised to new life in Christ through baptism.

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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

# Thanksgiving over the Water

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.

Eternal and gracious God...lives and reigns forever. Amen.

# The Baptism

# Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the body of Christ.

Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others. Amen.

Baptismal Anthem (11:00 AM) The Call Z. Randall Stroope

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, such a Strength, as makes his guest.

> Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part:



The sacrament of baptism will be administered today at the 11:00 AM worship service to:

#### Jon Robert Wagenman

son of Grace and Jon Wagenman Such a Heart, as joys in love. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.

Come, come my Joy. Come, come my Love. Come, Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.

#### THANKSGIVING

#### **OFFERING**

Anthem

Felix Mendelssohn arr. Carl Schalk

Grant Peace, We Pray

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, In our time peace, oh, send us! For there is none on earth but Thee, None other to defend us. Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.

#### \*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!

# **\*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.

Thanks and praise to you, O God; by your grace you bring the dead to life. let us use the breath you have given us to speak your truth and sing your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen of our gratitude for the grace of God

Offering

To give, please scan the QR code below:

proclaimed in

the gospel.

The collection of tithes and offerings takes

place as a response to the Word. These actions are signs



# **\*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.

#### SENDING

\*HYMN 203

CHEREPONI

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

# **\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Antonio Vivaldi/arr. by J.S. Bach Concerto in A Minor, Mvt. 3, Allegro, BWV593

\*(Those who are able may stand.)

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

# 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

# **Today @ Westminster**

#### **Worship Leaders**

#### Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake Pastor

#### Liturgist

Sophie Maness Executive Director of Children's & Community Life Ministries

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Suzie Lane 11:00 AM Clisby Hall

#### **Presenting Elder**

Emily Coleman

#### 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 in memory of my dad, Bascomb W. Thomas, Jr., on what would have been his 80th birthday by Elizabeth and Clay Trabue.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and to honor our anniversary by June & Clyde Fortson.

#### **Red Rose**

The red rose in the Chancel gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a son, *Tate Worthington Brown*, on June 26, 2025, to Cacky and Parker Brown. Debi and Bill Tate are thrilled grandparents. **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**

#### 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.

#### **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.





#### Baptisms

Baptism Sunday is the second and fifth Sundays of each month except during Lent.

If you would like more information about baptisms at Westminster, please contact Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please contact Hannah Boles, 615.292.5526, hboles@nashvillewpc.org.





#### **Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall**

This Sunday, we'll continue our study of the prophets with a look at the Book of Amos. Among the earliest of prophets and the earliest recorded prophet, Amos was a fierce and uncompromising critic of Israel and their failure to live out the covenant. This class will focus on this week's Old Testament Lectionary text and examine how Amos' message of righteousness was deeply interwoven into themes of social justice. All are welcome to join! Led by Will Wellman.

# 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



# **Financials**

Each month, the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses.

If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact:

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Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer suzannegm58@gmail.com

Jo Ann McFarlin, Administrator jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 x231.

June 2025

Year to Date

Income: \$ 2,132,071 Expense: <u>1,883,747</u>

Net Income (loss): \$ 248,324



# **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.



Save the Date Habitat for Humanity WPC's 32<sup>nd</sup> Build

September 6, 7, 20, 21 October 18, 19 November 1, 2

For more info or to ask questions, please contact Jay McCanless, mccanless@comcast.net or Anthony Breen, breen.anthony@gmail.com.





# **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.



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



#### Faith and Film Not meeting this week.



# Summer Book Study

- July 17 | 9:30 AM | Goodpasture Hall
- We will study Jaroslav Pelikan's Whose Bible Is It?

# **MINISTRY TEAM**



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# People in the Book of Colossians

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Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden  $\uparrow \downarrow \downarrow \Rightarrow \leftarrow$  and  $\checkmark$ .

ARCHIPPUS ARISTARCHUS DEMAS EPAPHRAS JUSTUS LUKE MARK ONESIMUS

Paul Timothy Tychicus



The central message of Colossians is the preeminence and sufficiency of Jesus Christ. The letter emphasizes that Christ is supreme over all creation, the visible image of the invisible God, and the one in whom believers find fullness and completion. It also highlights the importance of living a life transformed by faith in Christ, rejecting false teachings, and walking in the new life that is found in Him.

# GOAL 15,000 meals

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# 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.

