

#### **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 Choral Introit

The Magnolias (Anna Ketron, Emily Zapata, and Hannah Boles) three of WPC's own, will be leading music for worship this Sunday. Please join us as these three longtime friends come together to worship and lead the congregation, doing what brought them together 12 years ago: making music.

About Hymn 12

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**PRELUDE** César Franck

L'Organiste, Pieces in D-Flat Major: Andante, Andantino, Poco andantino, Moderato

**CHORAL INTROIT** 

Traditional/Sandra McCracken Bright Mornig Stars

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness. Be still and know . . .

we come to discern the Word which can set us free. Be still and know that God is our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

God of our lives, whose doors are ever open to receive your children, we want to learn from you today how to pray. We long to sense your answering voice when we call. We are eager to receive a response to our earnest requests. We want to persist in prayer amid all the competing distractions of life. We seek this, not just for our own satisfaction, but that the world might become more whole and at peace for all your children.

(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 12

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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#### CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls for our full-time devotion.

In all that we think and do, God's will is to hold first place. Our worship is hollow and empty if it is only a small, separate compartment in our lives. No matter who we are, all of us need a time of reorientation and reconciliation.

This is why, together, we confess our sin.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your Spirit. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

(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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

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

About Hymn 840

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#### \*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE** 

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Genesis 18:1-15

(Old Testament, page 14 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Song Ruth Moody

One Voice

Psalm 46

(Old Testament, page 517 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

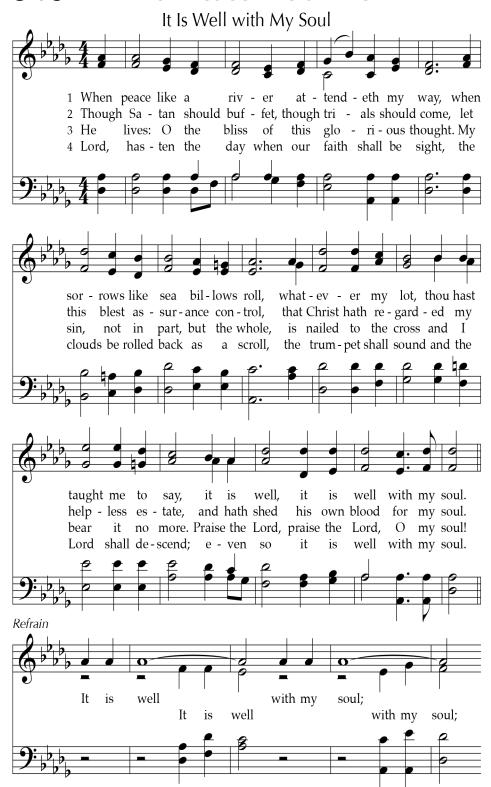
SERMON "Longing with God" Stephanie Boaz

(A moment for meditation)

\*HYMN 840 VILLE DU HAVRE

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#### TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD



### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is in the midst of the city, it shall not fall;

God will help at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; God speaks, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come see the works of the Lord, the desolation God has brought on the earth. God makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; God breaks the bow and shatters the spear,

God burns the shields with fire.

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

# 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**

Anthem

Tara Nicole "Nicky" Mehta Long Time Traveller

#### \*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!

#### 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:



#### \*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.

For the saving faithfulness of you, O Lord, we give thanks. For the church that seeks to extend Christ's ministry, we are humbly grateful. All things we have are gifts from you, O God, so we dedicate more than our money. We reinvest ourselves in patient, joyful response to your promises. Hear our prayers and empower our ministry. Amen.

#### \*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 547 AR HYDY NOS

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Marcel Dupré

Prelude in B Major, Op. 7

About Hymn 547

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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# **Today @ Westminster**

## **Worship Leaders**

## **Preaching**

Rev. Stephanie Boaz Parish Associate for Congregational Care

## Liturgist

Hannah Norris Youth & Missions Program Coordinator

# **Lay Liturgists**

8:30 AM Rachel Hosé 11:00 AM Scott Carey

#### Music

The Magnolias (Emily Zapata, Anna Ketron, Hannah Boles)

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 loving memory of Douglas Wayne MacCallum by Jeanette MacCallum.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Daniel Wiseman Rochester by Mary Rochester.

On the Cover

Neuharth, Spencer. Sunset sets the sky ablaze at South Dakota's Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

#### **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



When have you longed for something?

Are you longing right now?

"Be Still and know that I am God" is an invitation from God, even in the most painful or forlorn times of our lives.

Consider this breath prayer:

Breathe in deep through your nose while thinking: Be Still

Exhale out through your mouth thinking: and Know

Breathe in: I am Exhale: God

Repeat and see how God's promise can calm your soul and help you trust God.

#### 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.



# **SUNDAY SCHOOL**



# **Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall**

Please join us for an exploration of Mary Shelley's classic novel, *Frankenstein*. Shelley claimed that she wanted to tell a story about "the mysterious fears of our nature." We will interrogate what those fears entail, including our thirst for knowledge, our ambitions, and our inner psychological battles. At the same time, we will consider our essential search for familial and social responsibility, and most importantly what it means to be a creator, THE creator, and our limitations to bring light and benefit to mankind. Led by Sue Trout.

# 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 AM 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

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **Westminster Café**

• Tuesday - Friday | 8:00 AM - Noon Enjoy an intergenerational morning in the Cafe! For ages eight and up. Activities include potholders, pom poms and card making Wednesdays-Fridays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM; No registration required!



## Youth Event - What's On Wednesday

- July 23 | 11:00 AM
- Join us for fun and games AND lunch at Putt Shack. Cost \$20
- Email Hannah Norris, hnorris@nashvillewpc.org, to sign up.



#### Faith and Film

• July 23 | 6:30 PM Brown Bag Dinner | 7:00 PM Movie | Goodpasture Hall Join us for *The Man Who Invented Christmas*.



# **Summer Book Study**

- July 24 | 9:30 AM | Goodpasture Hall
- We will study Jaroslav Pelikan's Whose Bible Is It?



#### **Ikebana Pottery**

• Starts August 5 | 10:00 AM | Registration required. In this six-week session, we will hand build vases to make floral arrangements in the Japanese Ikebana tradition. We will also make a holder for the stems in the bottom of the vase, called a frog (English) or Kenzan (Japanese). For the last class there will be fresh flowers to make an arrangement for you to take home in your new vase.

Scan QR code to register.



#### Save the Date

# **Habitat for Humanity**

# 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, Hugh Harvey, hw.harveymst72@gmail.com, or Matt Ashwood, matt@sandynose.com.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Church Property Corner Update:**

This spring and summer the Property Committee and staff have been very busy with several maintenance and repair projects.





# **West End Drainage:**

We experienced significant flooding in the basement area (including Room 10) with recent summer storms. We are currently replacing the stormwater drains. In some areas there are clay pipes that have collapsed. This requires extensive digging, removal and replacing brickwork and sidewalks. Care is being taken to prevent damage to the trees. The estimated cost of this project is more than \$110,000. Additionally, we will have to repair the damage in the basement area after the new stormwater piping is installed.



# **WSYC Projects**

The Westminster School for Young Children (WSYC) identified classrooms needing cabinet and countertop replacement and repairs. Also, paint is needed in the hallways and classrooms and playground fence has been replaced. A portion of the funding from the Property Reserves was approved from the church to share costs for these repairs. This project started this summer around other school

activities (i.e. camp) and is planned to be completed before school begins. The Property Committee approved funds to offset WSYC's cost in the amount of \$84,000.

Care for our buildings and grounds is made possible through the Property Maintenance Reserve Fund. We welcome all questions or any gifts for the benefit of preserving our beautiful church. If you have questions or want more info, please contact Greg Cornish, gkcmhs@msn.com, or Jo Ann McFarlin, jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org.

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