

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Baptism August 10, 2025

*Now faith
is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.*
Hebrews 11:1

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 Hymn 49

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the Yigdal, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

On the Cover

Jason Oglesbee, a construction worker who was working on a nearby project, helps pull Patricia Ralph-Neely from the Des Moines River near the Center Street Dam on June 30, 2009. He is hanging from a chain that is hooked to a construction crane. This image earned photographer, Mary Chind, a Pulitzer Prize for breaking news photography.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Charles Callahan

Elegiac Prelude on the tune Jerusalem

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.
Happy are those who trust in the Lord,
whose hope is in God's steadfast love.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Mighty and merciful God,
you lead us by your light
and clothe us in your grace.
Teach our hearts to treasure
the way of life that you desire,
so that that we might be ready
for the one who is coming
at an unexpected hour:
Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 49

LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise

CALL TO CONFESSION

Since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely.

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and loving God, we confess
that we have not lived in faith and love.
We offer you great pageants of piety
and ignore your call to do what is right.
We busy ourselves with idle pleasures
and fail to prepare for your coming realm.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us the gift of faith,
so that we might set our hope
on the better things you have promised;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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.

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**

John Weaver

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.**

Luke 12:32-34

(New Testament, page 74 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 50, Hymn 13 (All Sing)

KINGSFOLD

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(New Testament, page 218 in your pew Bible)

Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen."

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

*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.

13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 297**

ST. DENIO

In Christ Called to Baptize
(Verses 1, 3, 4)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**Presentation**

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obeys 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.**

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 question 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 days 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.

In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.



The sacrament
of baptism will be
administered today
at the 8:30 AM
worship service to:

**Paige Marie
Huyck**

daughter of Caitlin
and Andrew Huyck

**William Herbert
McKeand III**

son of Lizzie
and Bert McKeand



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

**Owen Andrew
Haag**

son of Sara
and Andrew Haag

**Keegan Lawrence
Scully**

son of Meredith
and Patrick Scully

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.
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

John Arnn

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
Keep thy lambs in safety keep;
Nothing can thy pow'r withstand,
None can pluck them from thy hand.

May they praise thee ev'ry day,
Gladly all thy will obey;
Like thy blessed ones above,
Happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd ever near
Teach thy lambs thy voice to hear;
Suffer not their steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.
Where thou leadest may they go,
Walking in thy steps below.
Then, before thy Father's throne,
Savior, claim them for thine own.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

Kenneth T. Kosche

We Walk by Faith

We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear From Christ,
who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You
With endless sight.

*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!**

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.

O God, our Provider, you open your hand and lavish good gifts upon us. So we give you thanks. You create the beauty of the earth and stock it with abundance to sustain human life. You give us friends who share the journey of our lives; family who make us laugh with joy and dry our tears of sorrow; strangers who minister to our needs with generous kindness. You knit us into your larger family, called the church, to encourage us in your Way. So we give ourselves to you with all our thanks and praise. 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 738**

MARYTON

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn

Allegro Moderato Maestoso

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

About Hymn 738

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor

Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith
Associate Pastor

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Mike Russell
11:00 AM Suzie Lane

Presenting Elder

8:30 AM Houston Estes
11:00 AM Lisa Atkinson

Music

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

Susan Kelly
Guest Conductor

Elizabeth Smith
Guest Organist

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of Sarah Jane and Doug Mitchell's 60th anniversary.

Dedication Correction

The flowers in the Sanctuary last Sunday were given to the glory of God and in celebration of Sissy and Frank Wade's 50th anniversary from Will and Lauren, Jay and Meaghan, Geep and Amy, Scott and Heather and Mary Haley.

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

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1

When have you been surprised by someone's faith in Christ?

How and when are you most assured that Jesus's way is the right way?

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.



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.



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,
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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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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 in the Parlor
Courtyard**

We will hear a Bible
story, sing, and pray.
Then, we will explore
the story through
service, play, snacks,
and prayer.

Childcare

Room 146
Nursery

Room 152
Toddlers

Room 151
2s and 3s



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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July 2025

Year to Date

Income: \$ 2,412,983

Expense: 2,254,920

Net Income (loss):
\$ 158,063



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 32nd 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. Register in the Parlor.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Westminster Café

- Cafe Open Tuesday - Friday | 8:00 AM - Noon
- Special Activity Wednesdays-Fridays | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Our potholder ministry is connecting with Preston Taylor Ministries, Matthew 25, and Renewal House. Come make one!

Would you like to keep your potholder? A donation of \$10 is welcome!



Children's Choirs Kickoff

- August 24 | 4:00 PM Singing Choirs | 5:00 PM Handbell Choir
- The Children's Choir Program at WPC offers our children, Kindergarten through 5th graders, the perfect opportunity to experience the Christian year through music and to participate actively in our services of worship.



Summer Book Study

- August 13 | 9:30 AM | Goodpasture Hall
- We will study "What is the Bible for?"



Socks and Underwear needed for Cockrill Students

Girl and boy socks in small, medium and large and girl and boy underwear in sizes 4-12 are needed for students. Please deliver these to the Cockrill bin located in the coat closet across from the church office.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
1PM SHOTGUN
HERMITAGE GOLF COURSE

BENEFITING
WESTMINSTER HOME CONNECTION

4TH ANNUAL
WESTMINSTER GOLF OUTING

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Westminster School for Young Children (WSYC) is continuing to prepare for the school year.

Classrooms have been painted and the WPC facility team has been tearing out the old cabinets and countertops in preparation for the new ones to be installed.

New white counters are in some of the classrooms.

There is a lot to do in August to ensure the classrooms are ready for the children when they arrive for the fall term.



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.

For more information on these projects, or others we have going on in the building, please contact Greg Cornish, Chair, Property Committee, gkcmhs@msn.com, or Jo Ann McFarlin, jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org.



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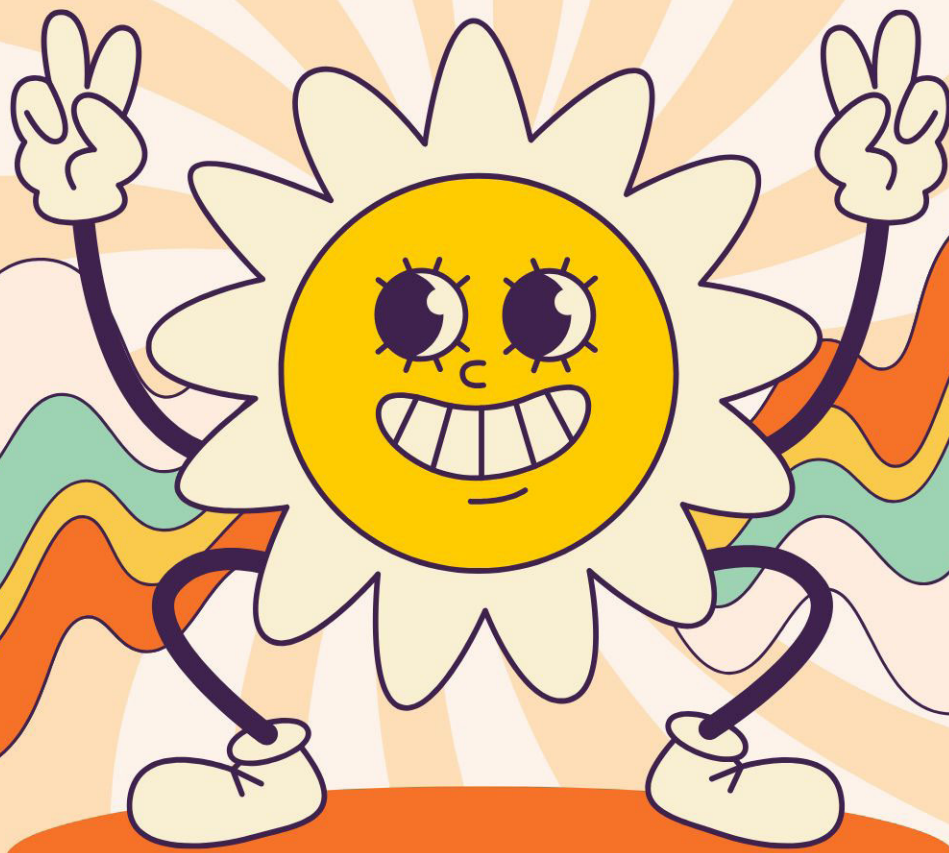
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2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Kick Off

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY

AUGUST 17 : 9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
: 12:15 PM ALL-CHURCH PICNIC



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