

#### **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.

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

Raymond Haan

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's love endures forever!

Let us give thanks to the Lord for the wonderful things God has done for us. **God's love endures forever!** 

The Lord satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. God's love endures forever!

Set your minds on what is above, not on what is on the earth.

God's love endures forever!

We are being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of the Creator. **God's love endures forever!** 

There is no longer slave and free, but Christ is all and in all.

God's love endures forever!

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 264

KING'S WESTON

At the Name of Jesus

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you are God, and your wonderful works are worthy of praise. Yet we confess that in our disobedience, we have not sought you above, but we remain bound by earthly concerns, impure desires, and an abundance of possessions. In our quest for worldly treasures we lose sight of what pleases you. Forgive us, we pray, for our sin, greed, idolatry, and anger, for every hurtful word and hateful thought. Strip away our old ways and clothe us anew in Christ in whom alone our true identity is to be found. Renew us daily according to the glory of Christ, who is our all in all.

(Silent confession)

About Hymn 264

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

# 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.

# At the Name of Jesus 264



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#### 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.

#### Scripture

The scriptures bear witness to the word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who "became flesh and lived among us." (John 1:14) Where the word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day.

# **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.")

# \*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.

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

(Old Testament, pages 614-615 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 49, Hymn 847, All Sing

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Our Hope, Our Life

Luke 12:13-21

(New Testament, page 74 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** 

"Didn't see that coming!"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have.

It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival.

We are obligated to speak the truth in love,

to listen with patience and openness.

From Declaration of Faith

### **THANKSGIVING**

#### **OFFERING**

Anthem

Bob Chilcott

God So Loved the World

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that who-so believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

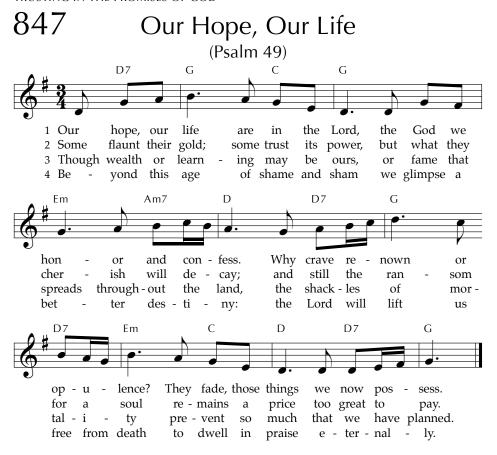
John 3:16

#### 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:





Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

As this recent paraphrase of Psalm 49 illustrates, human beings have long been tempted to put their trust in earthly assets, especially wealth and fame. But these are not enduring possessions, and they cannot save us. Only in God can we find unfailing hope and eternal life.

TEXT: Martin E. Leckebusch, 2006, alt. MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988

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

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!

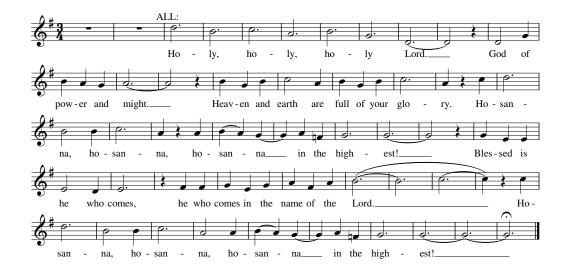
#### \*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: You have loved us from the beginning, teaching us to live and walk in faith, showing great compassion when we fall.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:



Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Through parables, Jesus has taught us not to store up worldly wealth for ourselves but to trust in the generosity of God.

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.



Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Set our minds on things that are above, where Christ is, seated at your right hand. Let Christ Jesus be our all in all.



Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

#### \*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

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

Anthem

Larry Visser

Do This In Remembrance of Me

On the night he was betrayed,
Christ took bread and, when he gave thanks,
he broke it and said,
"This is my body, which is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
In the same way, after supper
Christ took the cup, the new cov'nant in his blood,
he poured it and said,
"This is my blood, poured out for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:23b- 25

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### **SENDING**

\*HYMN 716

BEACH SPRING

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lynn Trapp

Fanfare and Processional

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

<sup>\*(</sup>Those who are able may stand.)

# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



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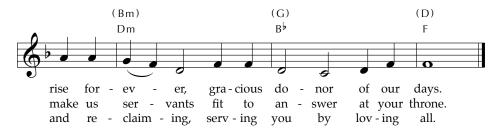
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of-fering up our - selves in praise; thank-ful song shall to lest we strive self a - lone. Born with tal - ents, bor, for we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing, shar - ing,



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

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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. Donovan Drake Pastor

## Liturgist

Nathan Scott Youth Intern

## **Lay Liturgists**

8:30 AM Kelly Christie 11:00 AM Jane Kirchner

# **Communion Preparation**

Debbie and Mike Sandwith

#### Music

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

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Elizabeth Smith Guest Organist

#### **Flower Dedication**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of Frank & Sissy Wade by Ann Neely.

#### **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



But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night, your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

Luke 12:20

The farmer in the parable had land that produced abundantly. How much of your abundance do you attribute to hard work?

How much do you attribute to luck?

What does it mean to be "rich toward God"?

How do you give richly to God?

A Congregational Meeting will convene on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for the purpose of (1) hearing and acting on a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for our Congregational Care position, (2) to present a history of our bylaws and hear a presentation of our proposed bylaws, and (3) to act on any other matters arising out of the former. As well, Donovan will present the State of the Church report to the Congregation.



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.

# **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 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 195 Nursery, Toddlers

Room 196 2s and 3s

ROOM CHANGE THIS WEEK ONLY. PAINTING IN PROGRESS.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### A Celebration for Nathan

• August 3 | 1:00 pm | Koinonia Youth Café Come celebrate Nathan, our summer intern, as his time with us is ending.



#### **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!



#### **Faith and Film**

• August 6 | 6:30 PM Brown Bag Dinner | 7:00 PM Movie | Goodpasture Hall Join us for *Young Frankenstein*.



#### **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.



#### **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. Scan the 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**



Summer Book Study Continues in August "What is the Bible For?"

**August 7 - 28** 

Please join us for the four weeks in August as we study "What is the Bible For?" from *The Christian Century*. This study will be led by Lib Caldwell and Will Wellman. Bring your favorite Bible with you.

On August 21, Lib and Will welcome special guest Dr. Theodore Hiebert, author of *The Yahwist's Landscape: Nature and Religion in Early Israel,* as we continue our discussion of "What is the Bible For?"

On August 28, we will conclude our discussion of "What is the Bible For?" with a conversation with artist and cellist, Julia Tanner and biblical scholar, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine whose response is one of the 50 included in the article.

For more info, please contact Will Wellman, wwellman@nashvillewpc.org.

Children's Ministry Calendar of Events

August 3
3:00 pm ● Pool Party
Rising Fourth & Fifth Graders
Leslie & Gus Grote's Home

August 9 9:00 AM ● Service Project Fellowship Hall Kitchen Rising First - Third Graders

August 9
2:00 PM
Popsicles on the Playground
Rising Kindergartners

August 10 9:45 AM Courtyard Sunday School All ages welcome

August 10 12:00 pm • Teacher Training

August 10 4:00 pm • Pool Party Krissie & Travis Self's Home Rising first - third graders

For more info, please contact Sophie Maness, smaness@ Nashvillewpc.org.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# West End Drainage:

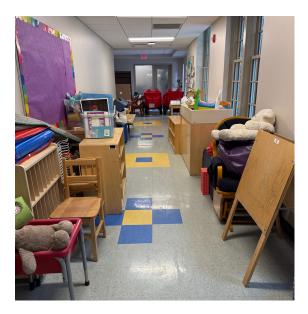
The replacement of the stormwater drains continues. Just ask Guy. He has heard it all week. The team has had to dig out under the steps to go further into the pipeline. Care is being taken to prevent damage to the trees. The estimated cost of this project is more than \$110,000. Additionally, we will have to repair the damage in the basement area after the new stormwater piping is installed which

includes new carpet and baseboards.

# **WSYC Projects**

The floors are all getting a fresh coat of wax in the school.





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.

# **MINISTRY TEAM**



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# Luke 12:16

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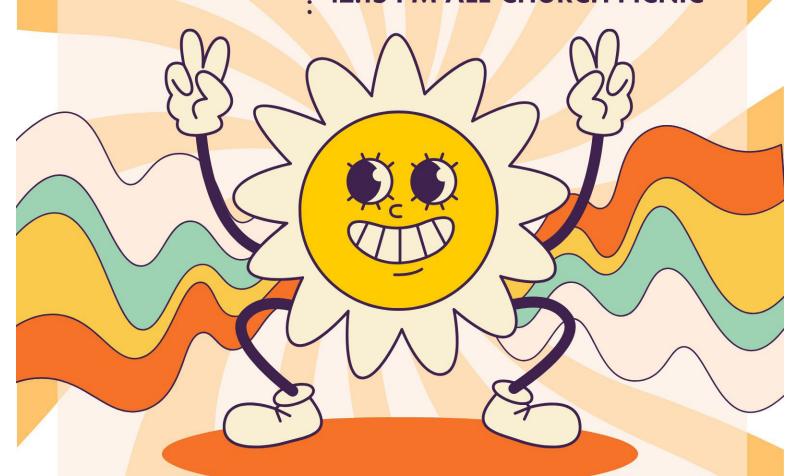
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PRODUCED RICH THOUGHT 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY

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



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