



# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 2025

*Now Jesus was teaching  
in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.*

*Luke 13:10*

*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 619*

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

Charles-Marie Widor

Symphonie Gothique, Andante sostenuto

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

Let us delight in God's gift of Sabbath;

**let us honor the day of the Lord.**

**We listen for God's voice.**

We delight in the God who sets us free;

**we honor the Lord by doing justice.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Living God, as in Jesus Christ**

**you set us free from sin and death,**

**help us to devote ourselves this day**

**to the healing and liberation of others**

**so that all people may have the gift**

**of fullness of life and peace in you;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. 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 619

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

**While we were sinners, Christ died for us.**

Because we have faith in him,

**we dare to approach God with confidence.**

(Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16)

# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears  
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess  
that we have not turned away from sin.  
We dismiss the prophets you send  
and ignore your call to service.  
We waste your gift of Sabbath  
and reject your offer of healing.  
Forgive us, God of Grace.  
Let us approach you again  
with reverence and with awe,  
giving thanks for your saving love;  
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.

### *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**

O'Carroll/Walker

Celtic Alleluia

*(The congregation sings the Refrain with the choir.)*

Refrain

The Word of the Lord lasts forever.  
What is the Word that is living?  
It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead. **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**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

#### **Isaiah 58:9b-14**

*(Old Testament, pages 688-689 in your pew Bible)*

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

#### **Psalms 82, Hymn 763**

**THE CRY OF THE POOR**

The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor

#### **Luke 13:10-17**

*(New Testament, page 76 in your pew Bible)*

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

### **SERMON**

"Unhealthy Peace"

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

### **\*HYMN 816**

**WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

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

#### *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.

# The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor 763

(Psalm 82)

*Refrain* Capo 2: (Em) (D) (Bm)

F#m E C#m

The Lord hears the cry of the

(Em) (C) (D) (Esus) (Em)

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poor. Bless - ed be the Lord.

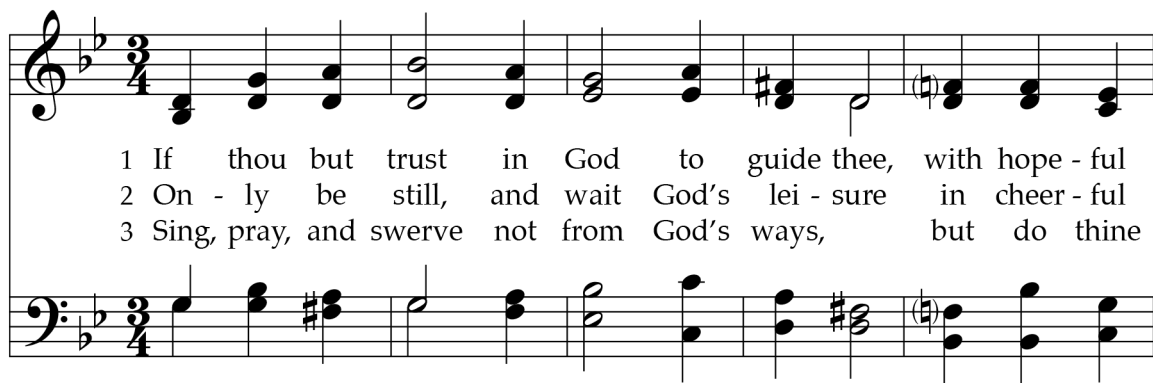
## PSALM 82

### *Refrain*

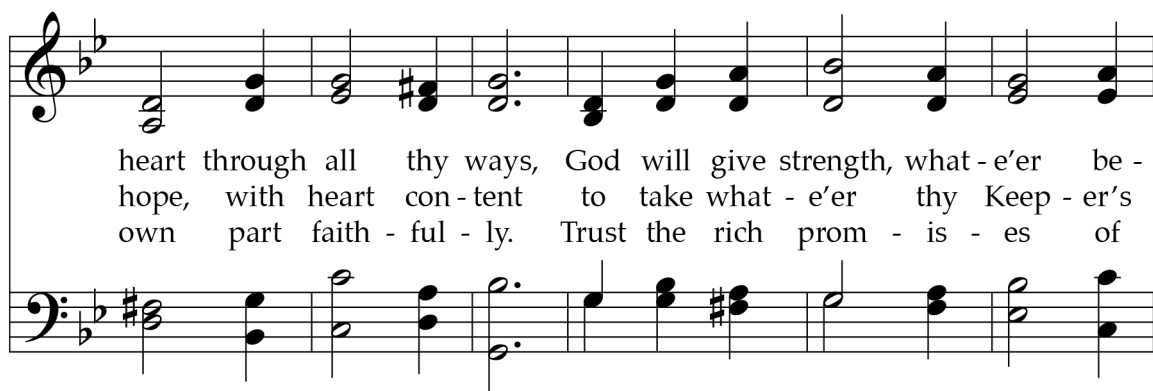
- 1 God arises in the council of heaven  
and gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 **"How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?**
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 **rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked. *Refrain***
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 **Now I say to you, 'You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**
- 7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any leader.'"
- 8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own. *Refrain***

The first part of this antiphon for Psalm 82 is based on Psalm 69:33a, and the second part is a benediction found throughout Hebrew Scripture. It fittingly frames a psalm describing God's indignation that lesser deities reward the wicked but treat the weak and needy unjustly.

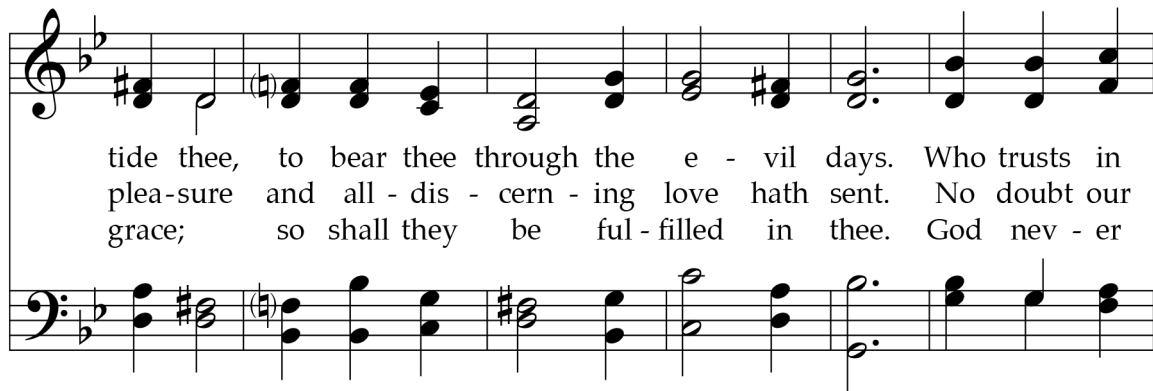
## If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816



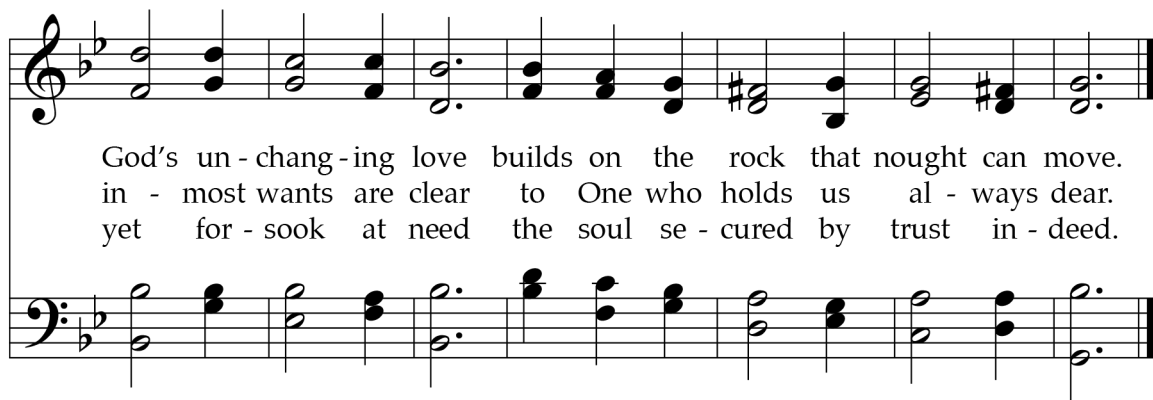
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of



tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er



God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39)**

## **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

arr. Allen Pote

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**

**Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

**Sing a song full of the faith  
that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope  
that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.**

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?**

### *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:



We have come over a way  
that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path  
thru the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places,  
our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts drunk with the wine  
of the world, we forget thee.  
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

**\*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!**

**\*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.**

We praise you, God, for you are gracious;  
you have loved us from the beginning of time  
and remember us when we are in trouble.  
**Your mercy endures forever.**

We praise you, God, for you came to us in Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed the world and saved us from our sins.  
**Your mercy endures forever.**

We praise you, God, for you send us your Holy Spirit,  
to make us holy and to lead us into all truth.  
**Your mercy endures forever. Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Singing together, see inside back cover of your hymnal  
for words and music to this prayer.)

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 795**

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL  
Healer of Our Every Ill

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Fugue in C Major, BWV 531  
J.S. Bach

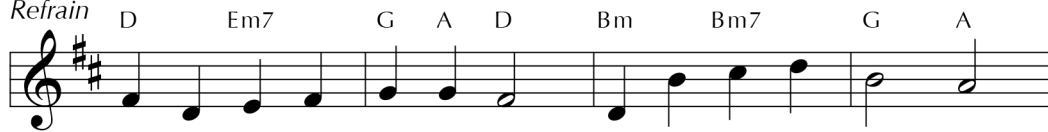
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*\*(Those who are able may stand.)*

*About Hymn 795*

This sung prayer is not limited to personal physical healing. It deals with the larger and intangible gifts of peace and hope to vanquish fear and sorrow, and it is cast in the plural because it is concerned with the healing of a wounded community.

## 795 Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be-yond our fear, and hope be-yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad-ness, grace us with your peace and  
 2 In the pain and joy be-hold-ing how your grace is still un-  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

As soon becomes apparent, this sung prayer is not limited to personal physical healing. It deals with the larger and intangible gifts of peace and hope to vanquish fear and sorrow, and it is cast in the plural because it is concerned with the healing of a wounded community.

## Today @ Westminster

### Worship Leaders

#### Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake  
Pastor

#### Liturgist

Rev. Guy D. Griffith  
Associate Pastor for Adult Faith Formation

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Bob Cooper  
11:00 AM Lisa Atkinson

#### Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir  
11:00 AM Westminster 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 and in loving memory of Virginia Love and Dunklin C. Bowman, Jr. by their family.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jennie and Herschel Graves, Sr. by their family.

### Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a daughter, *Lillian Grace Buchanan*, on August 15, 2025, to Erin and Bo Buchanan. Ann and Alex are thrilled grandparents and feel very blessed.

#### 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](http://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

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day."  
Luke 13:14

When have you broken the rules for both bad and good?

Name some things that delay you from doing God's "work."

What work does Jesus need to do to break an "unhealthy peace" in your life?

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## 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.

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## Elder Nominations

Nominations for next year's Elder class and Legacy Fund Trustees (the Class of 2029) are requested from Westminster members. To nominate a church member, complete a suggestion form.

Forms can be found in the Parlor by the wooden ballot box or online at [nashvillewpc.church](http://nashvillewpc.church), click on the forms tab. Nominations close on October 5, 2025. For more information, please contact Joanna Hall, [halljoanna70@gmail.com](mailto:halljoanna70@gmail.com), or Terri Eckert, [teckert@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:teckert@nashvillewpc.org).



# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



## *State of the Church*

**9:45 AM**

**Fellowship Hall**

**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.



9:45 AM • Sunday School  
Sixth - Twelfth Grades

12:15 PM  
Confirmation Lunch  
Youth, Parents & Mentors

6:00 PM  
Youth Group Kick Off



## **Children & Youth Choirs**

4:00 PM Rehearsals

Gloria  
Alleluia  
Jubilate

5:00 PM Rehearsals

Chiming Children  
Laudate

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**8:30 & 11:00 AM • Worship Services**

## **Children and Worship**

Childcare is available for children who are infants through kindergarten during both services. While childcare is available, children are always welcome in worship. There are quiet toys and worship bags for children. They may be found in baskets in the Parlor and in the back of the Sanctuary. The bags have plain paper, crayons, a pencil and a children's bulletin.

**9:45 AM • Sunday School**

**2s are in room 149**

**3s are in room 161**

**4s are in room 163**

**Godly Play/Kindergarten in 183**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in room 292**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapel first and then will be picked up in rooms.**

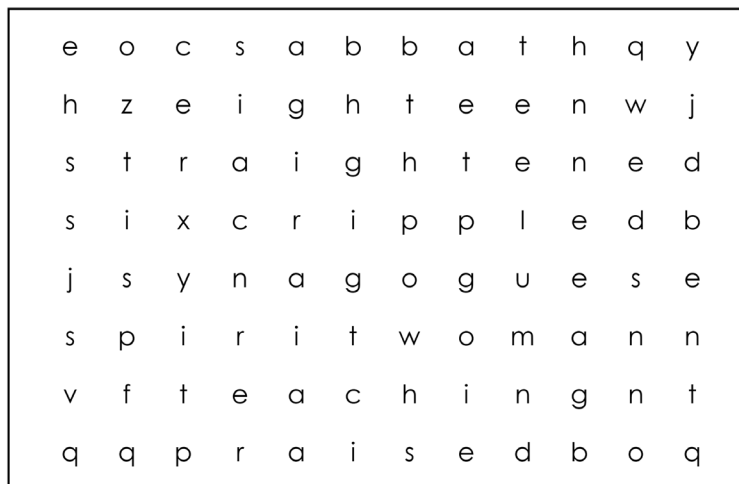


## **QUESTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES:**

In this story, Jesus heals a woman, and she did not ask to be healed. Jesus healed her because she is a child of God, and he loved her.

When has someone helped you before you asked for help?

When have you noticed someone hurting and you helped them? Draw a picture of love.



## **Word Search**

See if you can find these words in the puzzle on the left.

bent	crippled
eighteen	praised
sabbath	six
spirit	straightened
synagogues	
teaching	woman



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## New Fellowship Groups

### Thursdays

Starts September 4

9:15 AM • WPC Café

### Mid-Week Moms Group

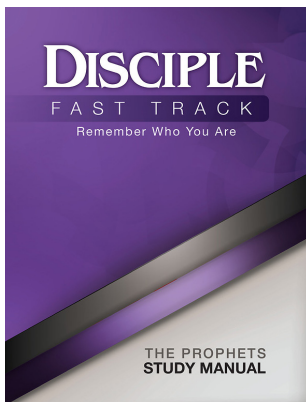
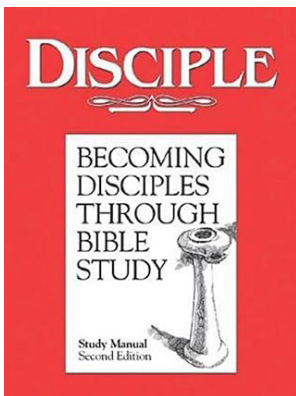
*This study is for moms with littles.*

Looking for a soft place to land? Our mid-week mom's group is a place for moms of littles who need a little break. This group meets seasonally, 6 weeks at a time, for good conversation, a devotion, and a weekly project. Join us to meet some new friends, take a breath, and do something fun for yourself in the middle of a busy season. Childcare provided for kids not yet in school. Registration required.

Leader: Ashley Higgins, [ahiggins@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:ahiggins@nashvillewpc.org)

Please contact Hannah Boles, [hboles@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hboles@nashvillewpc.org), to register.

## New In Depth Studies



### Thursdays

We are offering two Disciple classes this fall.

Starts September 4

Disciple I –

Thursday mornings from 7:00-8:15 AM via Zoom

Starts September 11

Disciple III –

Thursday from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM in room 214.

Must have taken Disciple I to take this class.

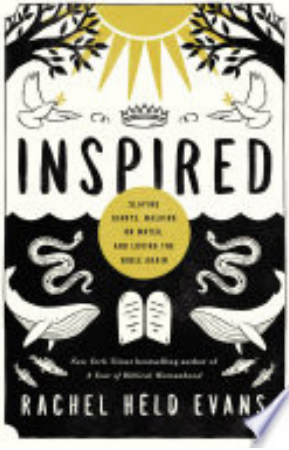
Contact Guy Griffith, [ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org).



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## New Book Studies

### Wednesdays



Starts September 10

#### **Disciple 20**

This fall, we will study *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans.

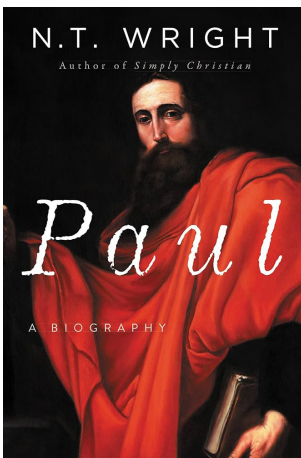
About the book:

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she embarked on a journey to better understand what the Bible is and how it's meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it can change you, too.

Jean Schoenweiss will lead a discussion on this book. Books available in the office. \$10  
9:30 AM | Wednesday | 208

Contact: Caroline Shockley, gcshockley@comcast.net.

### Thursdays



Starts September 11

#### **Thursday Morning Theology**

This fall, we will study N.T. Wright's *Paul: A Biography*

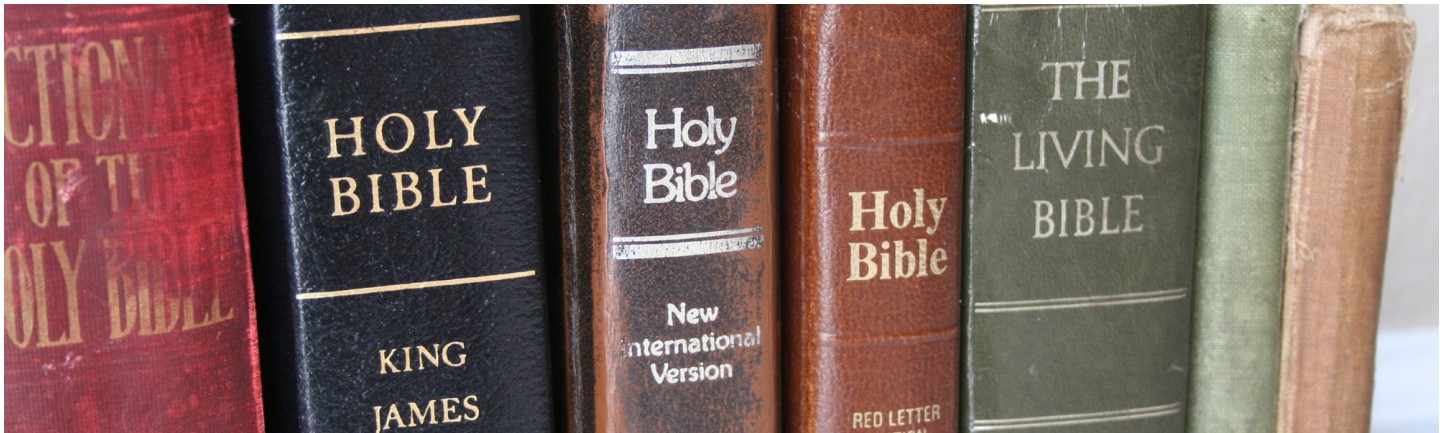
In this definitive biography, renowned Bible scholar, Anglican bishop, and bestselling author N.T. Wright offers a radical look at the apostle Paul, illuminating the humanity and remarkable achievements of this intellectual who invented Christian theology—transforming a faith and changing the world.

Discussion led by Rhea Bucy and Bob Buchanan. Books available in the office. \$15  
9:30 AM | Thursdays | Overlook Room

Contact: Rhea Bucy, rhea.bucy@gmail.com or Bob Buchanan, rnbiii1948@gmail.com.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## New Bible Studies This Fall

Bible studies are available throughout the week. Different times and groups are available for men and women.

### Sundays

*For women in their late 20s to early 50s*

#### **Women's Bible Study: Making Space When it Doesn't Make Sense**

Starts September 7

Sunday | 7:00 PM | Kim Crafton's Home

*Meets every other Sunday*

W.B. Yeats once said, "Things fall apart." They do. But we believe, in the words of Craig Barnes, that "God is not nearly done pulling together the things that have fallen apart." Join us for a 7-part series where we make space to wrestle with the things that fall apart and the One that holds all things together.

Leader: Ashley Higgins

Contact: Dana Hildebrand,  
dana.m.hildebrand@gmail.com

*For men in their late 20s to early 50s*

#### **Men's Bible Study: Scripture for Today**

Starts September 14

Sunday | 7:00 PM | Magnolia Room

*Meets every other Sunday*

This group will have discussion centering on the week's lectionary text. Conversation will dig into scripture and its implications for us today. Leaders: Donovan, Guy and Will Wellman.

Contact: Blake Brookshire, b.brookshire@vumc.org

### Other Available Studies

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 AM | Overlook Room

Leader: Hank Abbott

habbott@parkinghotline.com

#### **Thursday**

10:00 AM | 214

Leader: Guy Griffith

ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org

#### **Friday**

7:00 AM | Overlook Room

Leader: Donovan Drake

ddrake@nashvillewpc.org



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**September 3**

***When Roles Reverse: Becoming A Loved One's Caregiver***

**6:30 - 7:30 PM**

Caring for aging loved ones is something many of us will become familiar with very soon (if not already). Navigating this role reversal (where you become the caregiver to someone who has cared for you) is not for the faint of heart but doesn't have to be one to dread. Join us for a conversation with Stephanie Boaz as she helps us think through this stage of life to come. Registration required.



**September 8**

**Women's Covenant Group**

**11:30 AM • BYOLunch**

**12:00 PM • Program**

**Join us for a discussion with Kim Karesh, CEO of the Nashville Adult Literacy Council (NALC). Did you know that currently one in five Nashville adults is functioning at the lowest level of literacy? We are excited to learn more about the NALC and the opportunities to help individuals learn to read and write, which can open the door to self-sufficiency, human connection, and dignity.**

**September 3**

***Wed Night Dinner***

**5:30 PM**

**Westminster Café**

**This week, we will serve Taziki's food.**

Please make your reservations by Tuesday at Noon by calling the office, 615.292.5526 or scanning the QR code to the right.



**September 3**

***Musikgarten***

**4:00 PM**

**Room 292**

Join your child in developing a musical bond. For ages newborn through 3 1/2 years old. Registration is required.



**September 23**

***WPC Book Group***

**9:30 AM • Fellowship**

**10:00 AM • Program**

**Goodpasture Hall**

Mark your calendars for the first discussion of the season.

For more info, please contact Mary Hande, [handema@comcast.net](mailto:handema@comcast.net).



# JOY IN LEARNING

Joy in Learning creatively shares God's gifts of play through the arts and other activities. As we gather in community, we promote connection, understanding and caring relationships. This is a welcoming environment for all ages as well as those from diverse cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds.



**Wednesdays**  
**September 10 -**  
**October 15**  
**Watercolor Painting**  
**Class**  
**9:15 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**\$50**  
**Leader: Missy Perry**

Scan the QR code to register.



**Tuesdays**  
**September 16 -**  
**October 28**  
**Pottery With A Message**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**\$50 for all 7 weeks,**  
**including supplies**

To learn more about this class, please scan the QR code.



**Tuesdays**  
**Oil Painting with**  
**René Poe**  
Intermediate and  
Advanced Painters  
Sept. 9-Nov. 4 (skipping  
Oct. 7)  
9:00 AM - Noon  
\$50 for 8 days  
(includes supplies)

Scan the QR code to register.





# CAFÉ ACTIVITIES



**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 yummys. High chairs available for our little guests.

## **Intergenerational Activities**

**September**



*Starts September 3*  
**Wednesdays**  
**4:00 - 5:30 PM**  
**Westminster Cafe**

Enjoy Scrabble, UNO, chess, pom pom making, puzzles, clay fun, and open gym time (when it rains).

Parents stay with their children with a come-and-go schedule. Then, stay for dinner.

## **Songwriter's Circle**

**Wednesdays & Thursdays**



**10:00 AM - Noon**  
**Songwriters Song Circle**

Registration required. Please scan the QR code below. A SignUp genius link will then be sent to you to pick a day.



## **Stuffing Envelopes**

**September 2, 3**



**Tuesday, Wednesday**  
**9:00 - 10:30 AM**

Would you be willing to help with Westminster Home Connection mailings? If you can help, please let Beth Drake, [beth@westminsterjoy.org](mailto:beth@westminsterjoy.org), know you can!



# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



## Habitat Build

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

Join us in the ministry of affordable housing.

Scan the QR code to register.



## Time to Order Coffee

**Get Your Café Justo Coffee!**

**Deadline: Monday, September 1**

Just Coffee. . .

filled with justice and love,

fair for everyone – Café Justo

One pound bags are \$12 each, and

payment is by credit/debit card

only. Coffee is expected to arrive

around the end of the September.



## Donate to Help Others

Did you know that one pint of blood has the ability to help three people?

Westminster will be holding a blood drive on October 2 from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM in Goodpasture Hall.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church Property Corner Update:

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



The cabinets, counter tops and sinks are in. WSYC is up and running for the 2025-2026 school year.



Exterior parking lot lighting maintenance was needed for the Mayfair parking lot. New parking lot lighting banks have been burning out and needed to be replaced. This project has been completed just in time for the evening programming to begin.



Exterior painting and wood repair for the church, including the steeple, will hopefully begin this week. This requires a lift truck, and we have been waiting on this to become available for our contractor to use.

If you have questions on these or any of the projects done on the church campus this summer, please contact Greg Cornish, [gkcmhs@msn.com](mailto:gkcmhs@msn.com), or Jo Ann McFarlin, [jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org).

# Under *the* Rio Moon

Bossa Nova Night with Sam Levine & Friends

September 19

6:00 pm | Doors Open

7:00 pm | Show with Dancing



## **Under the Rio Moon: Bossa Nova Night with Sam Levine & Friends**

**Friday, September 19**

**6:00 PM - Cafe opens for coffee and dessert**

**7:00 - 8:15 PM - Show and Dancing**

**\$25.00 per person**

**Westminster Café**

Featuring Sam Levine (saxophones), Jim Ferguson (upright bass and vocals), John Mock (classical guitar), & Chris Brown (drums and percussion)

With songs by Antonio-Carlos Jobim, Luiz Bonfá, Marco Valles, Roberta Flack and even Stevie Wonder. Familiar music will include *The Girl from Ipanema*, *You Are the Sunshine of My Life*, *Theme from Black Orpheus*, *Corcovado*, *One Note Samba*, and *Killing Me Softly*.

Proceeds benefit HERO (Metro Nashville Public Schools Homeless Education Resource Office) to support unhoused families.

In addition to the show ...

***If you would like to learn a few basic Salsa***, Samba and Cha-Cha steps from Lisa Levine, come by the Café on Friday, September 12 from 10:00 AM - Noon. We will have fun dancing with the live music performed on September 19th!



# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

## Sunday, August 24

8:30 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship  
12:15 PM Confirmands Luncheon  
4:00 PM Children's Choirs Kick Off  
5:00 PM Laudate Choir rehearsal  
Chiming Children  
6:00 PM Youth Group

## Monday, August 25

10:00 AM Tai Chi  
11:45 AM Centering Prayer  
5:00 PM Pickleball

## Tuesday, August 26

7:30 AM Bible Study  
8:00 AM Westminster Café

## Wednesday, August 27

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
8:00 AM Westminster Café  
9:30 AM Westminster Bells  
10:00 AM Tai Chi  
7:00 PM WPC Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, August 28

8:00 AM Westminster Café  
9:30 AM Summer Book Study  
10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

## Friday, August 29

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
8:00 AM Westminster Café  
10:00 AM Tai Chi  
5:00 PM Pickleball

## Saturday, August 30

11:30 AM AA

Starts September 14

### **New Members & Inquirer Class**

9:45 AM • Goodpasture Hall  
For more info, please contact:  
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Starts September 10

### **Westminster Academy**

6:30 PM • Overlook Room

Join us for a discussion on "Irish Poetry of Place" with Kacie Hittle (Belmont English Dept)

Over the course of four weeks, we will look at Yeats' "The Lake Isle of Innisfree"; Heaney's "The Peninsula"; Boland's "Pomegranate", final week will feature poems by Moya Cannon (including "Orientation") and Vona Groarke (including "Spindrift"), two contemporary Irish poets.

For more info, please contact Guy Griffith  
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**HERMITAGE  
GOLF COURSE**

***1PM SHOTGUN***

***BENEFITING  
WESTMINSTER HOME  
CONNECTION***

**4TH ANNUAL  
WESTMINSTER GOLF OUTING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

***Scan QR Code to Register.***



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