

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.

The prelude is from a set of eight short pieces for use during the church service. The first three, heard today, are in E Minor.

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 César Franck

L'Organiste, Pieces in E: Andantino quasi allegretto, Andantino, Prière

Choral Introit

Benjamin Kornelis

(11:00 AM only)

God Walks with Me

God was there with me on the day I was born,
God walks with me;
just a little baby cradled safe and warm,
God walks with me.

God walks with me, every day for the rest of my life. God walks with me, every day for the rest of my life, every day for the rest of my life.

God will be with me when the sun shines bright,
God walks with me;
God will be with me in the darkest night,
God walks with me.

God walks with me, every day...

God will be with me when I'm old and gray,
God walks with me;
I'm gonna praise God every day!
God walks with me!

God walks with me, every day...

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord: My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

The Lord executes justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind,

lifts up those who are bowed down, watches over those who are estranged, and upholds the orphan and the widow.

The Lord loves the righteous, but the way of the wicked

God brings to ruin.

Come, people of God, let us pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Let all generations praise the Lord!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty God, Lord Most High, Giver of life, Maker of all, we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. So, knowing that alone we have nothing, let us regard those with nothing as our own. Make us instruments of your providence and justice and partners in your process of salvation, which you work for the glory of your name, and that of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.)

*HYMN 712 FOREST GREEN

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

CALL TO CONFESSION

Looking at Jesus, we see that we have fallen short of the glory of God. Yet Jesus looks at us with mercy and grace. Therefore, let us offer our confession in faith. About Hymn 712

This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.

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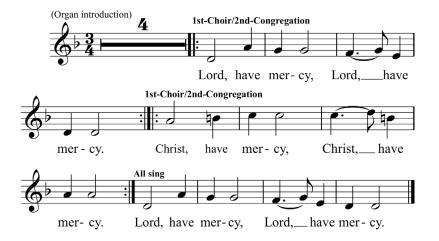
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and righteousness, you lift up the lowly and fill the empty; yet we adore the high and the mighty. You reach out to the poor; yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth. You talk about treasure in heaven; yet we want dollars in our accounts right now. Correct our misguided ways. Forgive our lack of generosity. Free us from striving for more and more. Change our hearts so that we can tend to things that matter and find our life in Jesus Christ.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

James MacMillan



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.")

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.

766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

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

INTERLUDE Petit Rondeau

Michael W. Joy

will happen at both services when we do not have communion or baptisms.

Children's Time

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Psalm 146

(Old Testament, page 581 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

(Old Testament, pages 736 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Hope Is A Clay Pot"

Ashley Higgins

(A moment for meditation)

HYMN 766 MC KEE

The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound

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 Dav.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

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 (8:30 AM)

Allen Pote

God is Our Refuge

God is our refuge and strength;
A present help in time of trouble
Though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam,
we will not fear.
Come and behold,
the work of the Lord,
the awesome acts of God.

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:



He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.

He is the Word, we are his hands,
He will lead us
He is the air, we are his song
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

God is our refuge and strength.
A present help in time of trouble.
Though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam,
we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.

He is the rain, we are the stones,
He will cleanse us
He is the air, we are his song,
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

God is our refuge...

Anthem (11:00 AM)

John Gardner

Fight the Good Fight

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace, Life up thine eyes and seek God's face; Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: His boundless mercy will provide; Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear; Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee.

Amen.

Doxology

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God's grace elicits our heartfelt gratitude. We respond to the good news of forgiveness with joyful acclamations of praise!

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

*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

By your Spirit, fill us with gratitude overflowing that we may share life and love in praise to you. Use us as your vessels of good news.

May we proclaim with our lives, that Your redemption is here and that it is to come.

God of all ages, in the name of Jesus Christ, your son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Singing together)

(Please refer to the inside back cover of your hymnal for words and music to this hymn.)

SENDING

*HYMN 804 MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE J.S. Bach

Prelude & Fugue in Bb Major, BWV 560

^{*(}Those who are able may stand.)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Ashley Higgins Associate Pastor for Young Families

Liturgist

Rev. Adam DeVries
Parish Associate of Youth

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Jennie Renwick 11:00 AM Bill Christie

Beadle Acolyte

11:00 AM Stella Stewart

Music

Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir
Jennifer Barnes, Conductor
8:30 AM Laudate Choir
11:00 AM Westminster Choir
Alleluia Choir led by Nancy Bieschke
Gloria Choir led by John Semingson & Roberta Rodgers
Jubilate Choir led by Ally Hard

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 Ann Tipton Horn by her family.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren by Steve and Nina Reed.

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional.

Hearing Assistance

We offer personal FM Receivers with an earpiece, located in the Narthex and in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser. Instructions can be found at each location.

Large Print Hymns

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found in the Narthex at the Sanctuary entrance or in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service at a later time, go to www.nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the Worship Service Archive. Click on the service you would like to view.

Dial-a-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon will be available all week.

Childcare

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

Nursery - Room 146

Toddlers - Room 152

2s and 3s - Room 151

Copyright Information

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Our Mission

Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact one of the pastors on staff by calling 615.292.5526, the church office.

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, click on the forms tab. Nominations close on October 5, 2025. For more information, please contact Joanna Hall, halljoanna70@gmail.com, or Terri Eckert, teckert@nashvillewpc.org.

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?

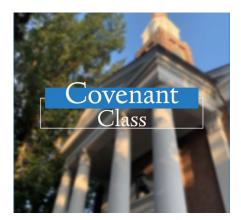
We send emails out to the congregation and community three plus times a week. On Monday, we send an email about our mission work. On Wednesdays, we send info about all the events we have going on throughout the month. On Fridays, the Sunday info is included in the email. We also have emails from our Children's, Youth and Young Families ministries.

Please scan the QR code to sign up for the emails you would like to receive.



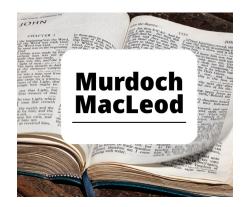
TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



Covenant Class

Please enjoy fellowship in the Parlor or join one of the other classes.



Murdoch MacLeod ● Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, pdewitt@comcast.net.



Faith & Fellowship ● 214

The Bible and Justice -From Amos, Adam & Eve, through Jesus; How does the Bible handle Justice?

For more info, please contact Donna Schwaber, dkschwaber@gmail.com.



Journeys ● Overlook Room

Creating a Family Mission Statement

Led by Ashley Higgins, Sophie Maness and Adam DeVries.

For more info, please contact Krissie Self, krissiebself@gmail.com.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



New Member & Inquirer Class

9:45 AM • Goodpasture Hall

This class series is for people exploring Westminster, those feeling ready to join, and recent new members. It offers a small group experience, covers a wide range of topics and includes a special class dinner.

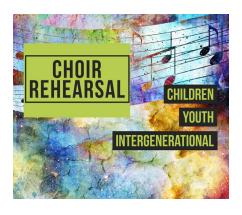
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Guy Griffith ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org



Children, Youth & Intergenerational **Choirs**

4:00 pm Rehearsals

Tintinnabulation

5:00 PM Rehearsals

Laudate Choir



For men in their late 20s to early 50s **Men's Bible Study: Scripture for Today** 7:00 рм Goodpasture Hall 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.

KOINONIA YOUTH MINISTRY





YOUTH TEAM

Adam DeVries Associate Pastor for Youth adevries@ nashvillewpc.org

Hannah Norris hnorris@ nashvillewpc.org on maternity leave

Jessie King Youth & Pastoral **Care Fellow** jking@ nashvillewpc.org

Julius Hooper **MLC Youth Ministry** Resident **WPCKoinonia** staff@gmail.com

Nathan Scott Youth Ministry Intern **WPCKoinonia** staff@gmail.com







Sunday School for sixth, seventh graders and high schoolers.

Koinonia Youth Café

Sunday School •

9:45 AM •

Confirmation Class for eighth graders.

6:00 pm ● **Youth Group** • Koinonia Youth Café

Middle Schoolers join us for fun, food and fellowship tonight.



Small Groups Have Started

We have groups for girls and guys ninth - twelfth grades.

Please contact Jessie, Julius or Nathan for more info.

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

4th & 5th Grade in room 292

1st - 3rd Chapel first and then will be picked up in rooms.

Questions for Children and Their Families:

What does Jeremiah's buying land tell us about God's promises?

What does it mean to have faith?

How can we show faith like Jeremiah?

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Jeremiah

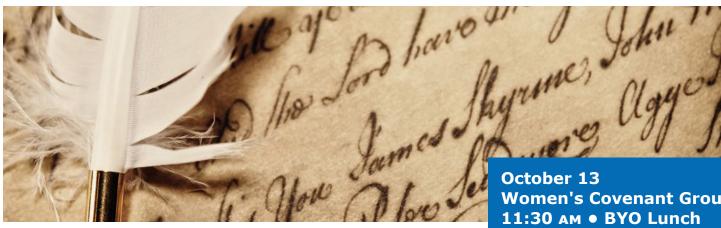
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Word Search

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

army Babylon deed field Jeremiah king Lord palace

ANNOUNCEMENTS



October 1 **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 ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org.

Oct 1: Cannon and Groarke

Women's Covenant Group 12:00 PM ● Presentation

Led by Stephanie Boaz

Ministry is a Team Sport

October 1 **Westminster Café** 4:00 PM

Enjoy Scrabble, UNO, chess, pom pom making, puzzles, and clay fun.

Parents stay with their children with a come-andgo schedule.

October 1 **Wednesday Night** Dinner

5:30 pm • Café

Join us for Five Points Pizza. Scan QR code to make reservations.



October 28 **WPC Book Group** 9:30 AM • Café

My Side of the River by Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez.

Led By Guy Griffith.



Faith & Food

A conversation about stewarding the church's land & feeding our neighbors.

EveryoneWelcome!

November 15

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chapel & Fellowship Hall

Breakfast & Lunch Provided

\$15 - \$20 Suggested Donation

Scan the QR code below to register and let us know you are coming for lunch.

Westminster is hosting the second annual Food & Faith Conference. This one-day conference will encourage church leaders to consider the role of church lands, especially in the context of feeding our hungry neighbors. We will also have numerous opportunities to learn about ways congregations can engage in this important work.

For more info, please contact Jeannie Hunter, jeannie.hunter@gmail.com

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.





Tuesdays October 21, 28 & November 4 A new beginning and intermediate class

9:15-11:45 AM Hand-building session (no wheels) \$30.00 (includes all supplies)

A special 3-day session for those with no experience to those with a lot! Our sweet pottery studios are waiting for you!



Fridays October 17, 24, 31 & November 7, 14 Open Studio

For Intermediate and Experienced Potters 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM \$50.00

This is NOT a class. This Open Studio is created for those who have gone through a beginners class and are ready to play more on their own.





Wednesdays and Fridays

Create a custom colored potholder for yourself or for a gift!
9:00 AM - Noon
Westminster Café
FALL and CHRISTMAS colors!
100% cotton
\$10 each

Scan the QR code to register.





MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Habitat Build

October 18, 19 November 1, 2

Join us in the ministry of affordable housing.

Scan the QR code to register.



Volunteers Needed

October 18

Volunteers needed for Nueva Vida Food Pantry

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Teen and adult volunteers will load grocery baskets full with USDA foods for 60 hungry families at Nueva Vida food pantry located at Glencliff Presbyterian Church 416 East Thompson Ln. Call or text Renee at 615-972-5020 if you or your family would like to volunteer.





Learn More About Matthew 25

Friday, October 10

Tour and Lunch at the Nonprofit Matthew 25 Ministry

9:15 AM • Meet in the Café Courtyard Matthew 25 empowers homeless veterans and men to restore their lives. Join us for a tour and then eat lunch at a local restaurant.

Contact Beth Drake, beth@westminsterjoy.org.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 28 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Choir Rehearsals 5:00 PM Choir rehearsals 6:00 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study Monday, September 29 10:00 Aм Tai Chi 11:45 AM Centuring Prayer 5:00 PM Pickleball Tuesday, September 30 7:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 AM Westminster Café 9:15 AM Harvard Handbells Wednesday, October 1 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Westminster Café 9:30 AM Westminster Bells 10:00 AM Tai Chi 4:00 pm Musik Garten Café Open Activities 5:30 рм Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30 PM Westminster Academy 7:00 PM WPC Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball Thursday, October 2 8:00 AM Westminster Café 8:15 AM Fill Your Cup 9:30 AM WPC Blood Drive Women's Bible Study Mid-Morning Mom's Group Thursday Morning Theology 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting Friday, October 3 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Westminster Café 10:00 AM Tai Chi 5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, October 4

11:30 AM AA



Thursdays
Starting October 2

Fill Your Cup

Westminster Café 8:15 AM • Meet and greet 8:30 AM • Coffee/tea and percolating conversation

Do you ever listen to the sermon and long for a meaningful followup conversation?

Join other women in the Café where you can fill your coffee cup, enjoy a tasty homemade goodie, then gather around to fill your spiritual cup. We will revisit the previous Sunday's scriptures, reflect on the sermon, and discuss the probing questions in the bulletin.

Come when you can. No sign ups necessary.

A weekly email will include the link for the scriptures, a discussion with Westminster's ministers and the questions found in the Sunday bulletin. All women are welcome whether you attended a Westminster service or not.

Coordinators: Mary Wheeler and Ann Schulze

MINISTRY TEAM



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WPC Blood Drive

Give **Blood.** Save a **Life.**

October 2 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Goodpasture Hall

Register here:



Please scan the QR code and use the code WestminsterPres 19.

