

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday  
October 5, 2025

*When Life is Hard...*

*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.

Continuing with the set from last week, the three pieces in E Minor are followed by three pieces in E Major and a short "Amen."

*About Hymn 39*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

César Franck

L'Organiste, Pieces in E: Non troppo lento,  
Allegretto, Poco allegretto, Moderato

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

New every morning are God's mercies.  
**Each dawn brings possibilities for renewal.**  
Though yesterday's troubles may weigh heavy,  
**the faithfulness of God upholds us.**  
We need not know what tomorrow brings.  
**For today, Love is with us.**  
Let all who are weary in spirit be revived.  
**For the steadfast love of God will never cease!**  
Come let us worship God.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Gracious One,**  
**there are days when we are overwhelmed**  
**by the challenges before us.**  
**Life can feel so heavy when the future is unclear.**  
**When it is so, gather us together for remembering.**  
**You, the God who makes a way out of no way,**  
**are working to birth new worlds among us. 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 39

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

## 39

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

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*Refrain*

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude.  
**Too often our hands are passive  
and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy.**  
**Too often our lips are pursed tightly,  
unwilling to speak words of love.**  
Too often we are indeed separated  
and alienated from our better self,  
separated and alienated from God.  
**Let us confess our separation and alienation.**  
Let us join together in our prayer of confession.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Caring and compassionate Creator,  
We enter this place set apart for your worship,  
knowing that we have failed to see you in other places.  
We have ignored your beauty around us,  
in earth and sky, in plants and creatures,  
in people who surround us.  
We have chosen to live more by our fears  
than by our faith,  
to be weighed down by what we do not have,  
rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us.  
In these moments together, draw us so close  
that we cannot help but know every day  
that you are with us, wherever we go.  
Enlarge our capacity to care,  
so we may see you in all whom we meet.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

*(Silent confession)*

## Kyrie

James MacMillan

*About the Kyrie*

(Organ introduction) **4** 1st-Choir/2nd-Congregation

Lord, have mer- cy, Lord, have mer- cy.

mer- cy. Christ, have mer- cy, Christ, have mer- cy.

All sing  
mer- cy. Lord, have mer- cy, Lord, have mer- cy.

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.

## 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.

## \*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.**

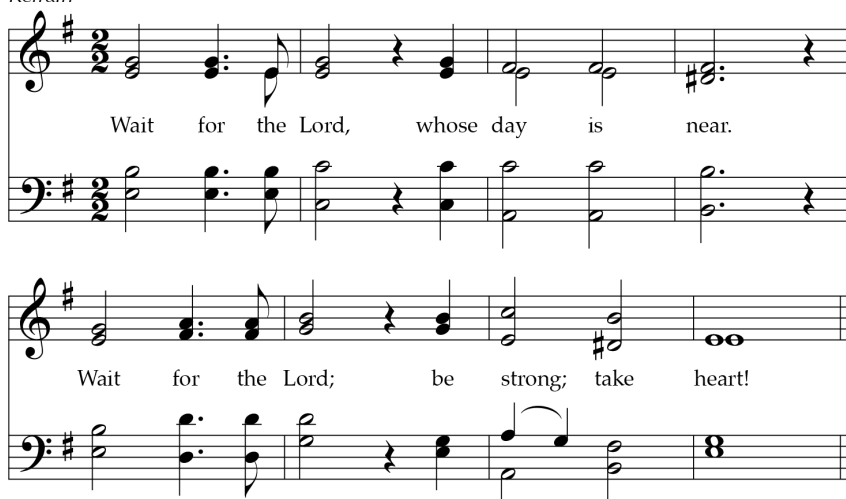
### 2 Timothy 1:1-14

*(New Testament, pages 212 in your pew Bible)*

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

## Psalm 37: 1-9

*Refrain*



### ***Refrain***

Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.  
For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.  
Put your trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.  
Take delight in the Lord,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.  
Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,  
and see what God will do. ***Refrain***

The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.  
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.  
Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.  
For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.  
*Refrain*

## **Luke 17:1-6**

*(New Testament, page 80 in your pew Bible)*

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

**SERMON**

"When Life is Hard"

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love  
God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the  
cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of  
the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord  
and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom,  
and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and  
new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

Anthem  
8:30 AM

Victor C. Johnson

Sing Alleluia!

Sing alleluia, alleluia!

Lift your voice and sing a joyful song of praise!

Alleluia!

Sing alleluia, alleluia!

Let your joyful songs of triumph now raise, alleluia!

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth now be glad.

Let the mighty waves of the sea clap their hands.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Clap your hands, sing alleluia, alleluia!

Sing alleluia, alleluia!

Lift your voice and sing a joyful song of praise!

Alleluia!

Sing alleluia, alleluia!

Let your joyful songs of triumph now raise, alleluia!

11:00 AM

Ron Nelson

Cause Us, O Lord

Cause us, O Lord our God,

to lie down each night in peace,

and to awaken to renewed life and strength.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, help us to order our lives by Thy council,  
lead us in the paths of righteousness.

Lord, be Thou a shield about us, protect us.

Save our world from sorrow, from hate, and from war.

Curb Thou within us the will to do evil.

Shelter us beneath the shadow of Thy wings.

Cause us, O Lord our God,

to lie down each night in peace,

and to awaken to renewed life and strength.

Amen.

### *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:



**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!**

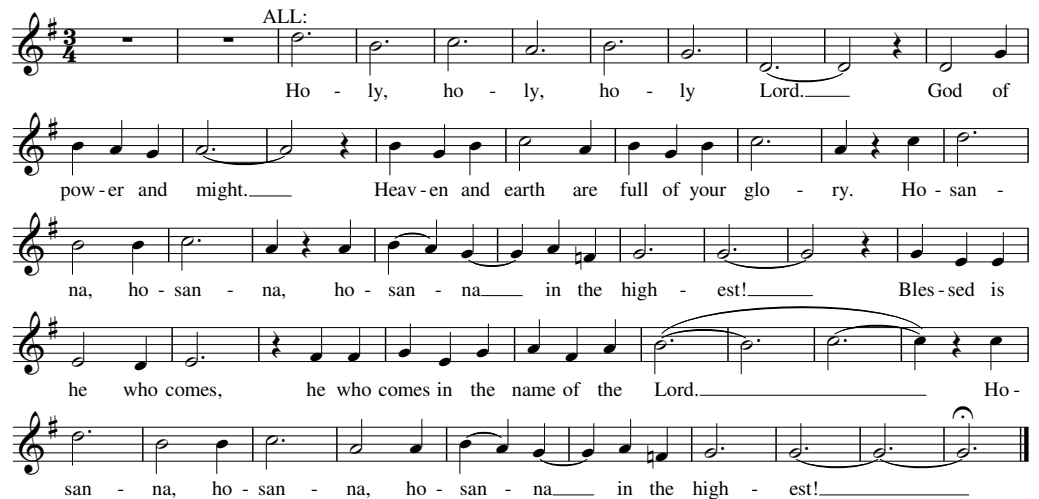
**\*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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.**

It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise  
for you looked upon all your hands wrought  
and called it good...

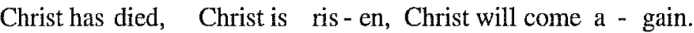
...Therefore we praise you, joining the faithful  
who hunger and thirst for righteousness  
and singing the hymn of your whole creation:



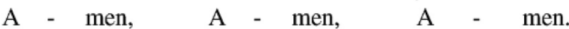
*(The congregation may be seated.)*

We praise you, most holy God,  
for Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh...

...Remembering all that you have done in Jesus Christ,  
we offer our lives to you with great thanksgiving  
as we share this feast of love and grace,  
and live in the power of your Son!



...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory are yours,  
Almighty God, 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.**

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

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. The pursuit of peace in the name of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith — a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

#### QUICK FACTS

Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God is with us ... and God in Christ is with us through the Sacrament of Communion, celebrated on World Communion Sunday. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us.



## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

J.S. Bach

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten (Hymn 816) BWV 642

#### Anthem

Carlton Young

8:30 AM Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Bread of the world in mercy broken,  
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken,  
And in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
Look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be thy feast to us thy token,  
That by thy grace our souls are fed.

Bread of the world in mercy broken,  
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken,  
And in whose death our sins are dead.

Bread of the world in mercy broken,  
Amen.

11:00 AM

David Ashley White

O Bread of Life from Heaven

O Bread of Life from heaven,  
To saints and angels given;  
O Manna from above!  
The souls that hunger, feed thou,  
The hearts that seek thee, lead thou,  
With thy sweet tender love.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

**\*HYMN 829**

OLIVET

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Felix Mendelssohn

Sonata IV: Allegro con brio

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

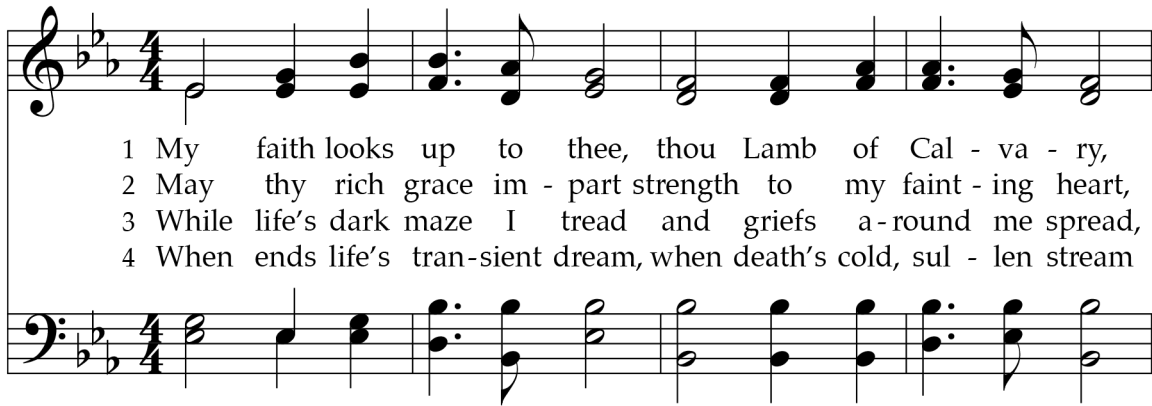
*About the Postlude*

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

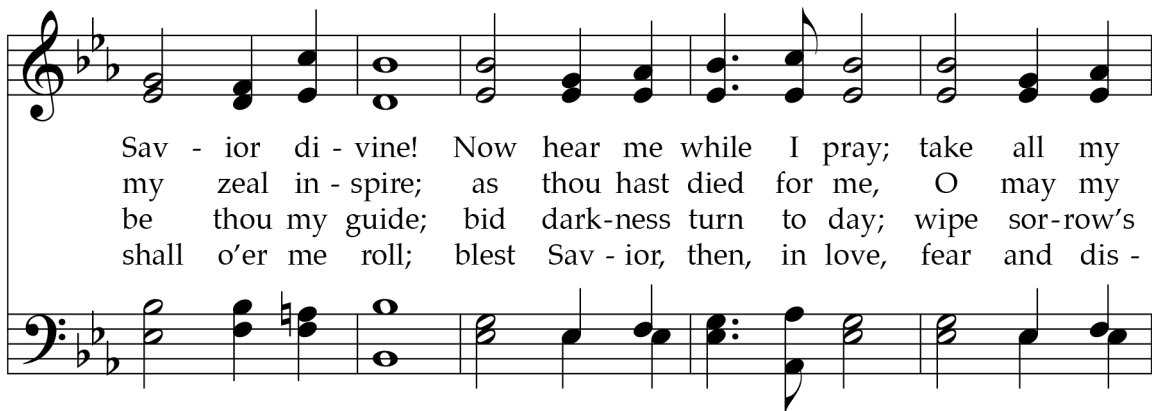
About Hymn 829

Originally a poem of private reflection, this text was offered to the composer when he asked the author if he had written anything that could be set to music for a new hymn and tune collection. This was the first tune written for these words and has proved the most enduring.

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee 829



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran-somed soul!

## Today @ Westminster

### Worship Leaders

#### Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake  
Pastor

#### Liturgist

Rev. Stephanie Boaz  
Associate Pastor of Congregational Care

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Suzie Lane  
11:00 AM Kelly Christie

#### Beadle Acolyte

8:30 AM Ben Lee

#### Communion Preparation

Lee Lee Dietz, Rachel Gilmore,  
Debbie and Mike Sandwith

#### Music

8:30 AM Laudate Choir  
11:00 AM Westminster Choir

John Semington  
Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell  
Organist and Associate Director of Music

### Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ward DeWitt, Jr. and Bob and Pat Richardson by their families.

#### 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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."  
Luke 17:5-6

When have you witnessed great faith?

How does having faith change things?

When are you least and most likely to call upon your faith?

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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 - Last Day

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).



**Communion kits are available for seniors living in a residency or independently.**

**Please contact Sylvia Leins, [srleins@yahoo.com](mailto:srleins@yahoo.com) to receive one or add someone you know to the list for the next Communion Sunday.**



# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

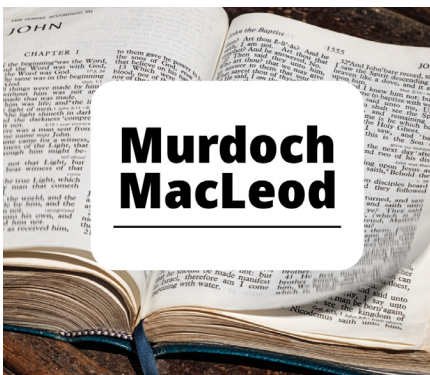


## Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Isn't it funny that the magical duo of Pitch and Teller think they have a schtick to make you stick around for a show and tell on Westminster Communications? In class today, we pull the curtain on:

- How QR codes can get you out of a jam.
- Join us as we time-travel using our new paper and online pictorial directory.
- We'll make your fear of QR codes disappear!
- We are about communicating a Word that won't disappear in a puff of smoke.

Join us for a fun class that will leave you entertained, inspired, and equipped to be a better you. Because when it comes to church communications, the goal isn't just to perform... it's to truly connect!



## Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, [pdewitt@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:dkschwaber@gmail.com).



## Journeys • Overlook Room

*Creating a Family Mission Statement*

Led by Ashley Higgins, Sophie Maness.

For more info, please contact Krissie Self, [krissiebsself@gmail.com](mailto:krissiebsself@gmail.com).



# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



## **Starts September 14** **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.

For more info, please contact:

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Ken Larish  
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Stephanie Boaz,  
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Guy Griffith  
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## **Children, Youth & Intergenerational Choirs**

4:00 PM Rehearsals

Gloria  
Alleluia  
Jubilate  
Tintinnabulation

5:00 PM Rehearsals

Laudate Choir  
Chiming Children



*For women in their late 20s to early 50s*  
**Women's Bible Study:**  
**The Anchor That Holds**  
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

For more information, contact Dana Hildebrand, dana.m.hildebrand@gmail.com.



# 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:



### LIVING OUT THE WORD

Today is a communion Sunday. That means we have little pieces of bread and grape juice. EVERYONE is welcome to take communion. It is a reminder of Jesus' love for us. Even though the amount we eat is small. Jesus' love is BIG!

When have you felt loved?  
How do you like to show love?  
Draw a picture of love.

## World Communion Sunday

## WORD SEARCH

T	B	B	R	E	A	K	C	Q	C	G	G	L	B	Z	N	A	B
W	H	C	A	G	G	C	F	V	O	H	Y	T	I	R	Z	D	C
O	X	O	B	B	B	R	E	A	D	F	R	F	Z	N	E	V	K
R	H	A	A	H	Y	V	W	W	F	O	C	I	D	O	T	A	A
L	E	G	I	S	T	L	R	G	M	L	K	R	S	Q	J	B	D
D	S	I	B	I	X	U	P	L	J	L	X	P	E	T	P	B	L
J	I	F	W	I	N	E	A	O	O	O	X	K	O	S	Y	V	K
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J	X	S	X	B	T	G	J	E	L	T	A	S	T	E	U	U	R
M	Y	R	M	B	S	P	I	R	I	T	K	N	O	I	P	W	Y
D	V	Y	L	Y	J	M	K	B	T	Q	S	X	J	W	Z	X	W
E	N	F	Y	O	M	P	R	X	C	V	H	Q	T	L	F	T	N

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

bread  
Christ  
follow  
globe  
taste  
world

break  
cup  
gifts  
spirit  
wine



# KOINONIA YOUTH MINISTRY



## YOUTH TEAM

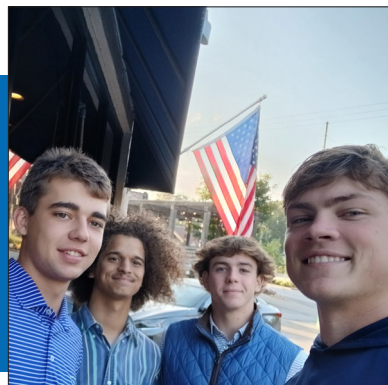
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## 9:45 AM • Sunday School • Koinonia Youth Café

Sunday School for sixth, seventh graders and high schoolers.

Confirmation Class for eighth graders.

## 6:00 PM • Youth Group • Koinonia Youth Café

GROG!

All grades are encouraged and welcome to come!

## Small Groups Have Started

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

Please contact Jessie, Julius or Nathan for more info.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**October 8**

**Westminster Academy**

**6:30 PM • Overlook Room**

"Here was simple goodness, natural and without effort, and he thought it beautiful." W. Somerset Maugham was one of the 20th century's great British novelists, and *Of Human Bondage* was his masterpiece. It's a highly autobiographical and deeply humane portrait of a young man's search for meaning, filled with instantly memorable characters and scenes from European life at the turn of the century--Paris in the throes of the impressionist craze, London from the slums to the ballrooms of the good and the great. The book is also, and perhaps most importantly, a sustained meditation on what is truly good and worthwhile in life. That's the theme we'll be focusing on in this class. Maugham's alter-ego, Philip Carey, tries on all sorts of ways of looking at the world, coping with its suffering and injustice, and finally loving what is best in it. As Christians, we'll find many of the approaches Philip takes resonant, exciting, and challenging by turns. Over the course of three discussions, we'll read the novel together and explore how its portrayal of frustrated love and ultimate fulfillment can help us understand our own calling.

For the best experience, participants should come with the Vintage International edition and read Chapters 1-40 for the first class (but those who have not read are still welcome). <https://a.co/d/82S6QsU>

Spencer A. Klavan is a writer, lecturer, and podcaster. He holds a Ph.D. in Classics from Oxford University, and he teaches Greek literature at the college level. His latest book, *Light of the Mind, Light of the World*, is an exploration of the history of science from a religious perspective. He and his husband, Josh, are members at Westminster.



# 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. Contact Kate Griffin, [kwpgriffin@yahoo.com](mailto:kwpgriffin@yahoo.com), 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](mailto:beth@westminsterjoy.org).



# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



## **James Lawson High School Ninth Grade Professionals Day October 21**

If you have a couple hours to spare on October 21, we invite you to inspire the ninth graders at James Lawson High School and help with their career choices. You can decide what topic you would like to focus on, but some possible ideas include:

- Career and college readiness: My first job/how to interview, dress, speak, etc./types of degrees certifications-doctorates/What do I need to do to get a job in...
- Financial literacy
- Conflict Resolution
- Mental health
- Leadership and motivational speakers

Please scan the QR code to signup to be a speaker.



# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

## Sunday, October 5

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 12:15 PM Communion@Home Luncheon
- 4:00 PM Choir Rehearsals
- 5:00 PM Choir rehearsals
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study Dinner

## Monday, October 6

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

## Tuesday, October 7

- 7:00 AM Daybreak Believers
- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:15 AM Harvard Handbells

## Wednesday, October 8

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 8:15 AM Photini's Well
- 9:30 AM Westminster Bells  
Inspired Book Study
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 4:00 PM Musik Garten
- 6:30 PM Westminster Academy
- 7:00 PM WPC Choir Rehearsal  
Men's Basketball

## Thursday, October 9

- 7:00 AM Disciple I
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study  
Mid-Morning Mom's Group  
Thursday Morning Theology
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

## Friday, October 10

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

## Saturday, October 11

- 11:30 AM AA

## October 13

### Women's Covenant Group

**11:30 AM • BYO Lunch**  
**12:00 PM • Presentation**  
**Goodpasture Hall**

Led by Stephanie Boaz

*Ministry is a Team Sport*

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

## October 28

### Westminster Book Group

**9:30 AM • Fellowship**  
**10:00 AM • Presentation**

*My Side of the River: A Memoir* by  
Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez

Presenter: Guy D. Griffith

Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona, as the daughter of Mexican citizens who periodically lived and worked as immigrants in the United States. As her parents' visas expired, they were forced to return to Mexico, leaving Elizabeth responsible for her younger brother, as well as her education. Armed with only her passport and sheer teenage determination, Elizabeth became what her school would eventually describe as an unaccompanied, homeless youth, one of thousands of underage victims affected by family separation. Her memoir relates the impact of law and U.S. immigration policy which encouraged seasonal labor but separated families like hers.

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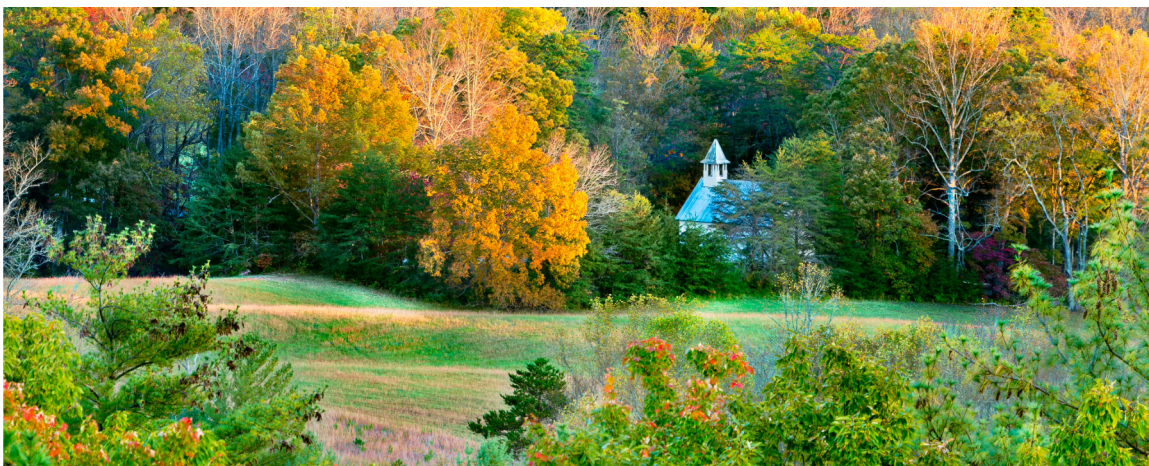
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# Faith & Food

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

**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.**

**Everyone  
Welcome!**

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,  
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