

Twenty-Second Sunday  
after Pentecost  
Holy Baptism  
November 9, 2025



*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.

## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

Charles-Marie Widor

Symphonie V: Allegro cantabile

### INTROIT (11:00 AM)

Jesus Loves Me

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

God created us all as unique people,  
**and God loves us all as God's children.**

Our differences both challenge us and strengthen us,  
**and God calls us to be the body of Christ in the world.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**God of grace,  
you have given us eternal comfort and good hope.  
You have shown us the glorious splendor  
of your majesty  
and the wonder of your works.  
Join our work with your own,  
that by the grace in which we trust,  
we may be brought to the resurrection  
in which we hope,  
by the faithfulness of your wondrous love. 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 267

MADRID

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

## 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

In Jesus Christ,  
God moves towards us with open arms,  
welcoming our confession,  
and offering a fresh start.  
Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion, you have shown your love  
in works of healing, forgiveness, and justice,  
and by giving yourself to us and for us,  
in your death and resurrection.  
Yet, we forget the voices of our neighbors,  
friends, and community.  
We close our ears, hearts, and minds  
and we think about ourselves before we think  
about others.  
Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to follow your example.  
Help us to walk with others as you walk alongside us,  
and celebrate the beautiful diversity  
of your creation in the world. Amen.**

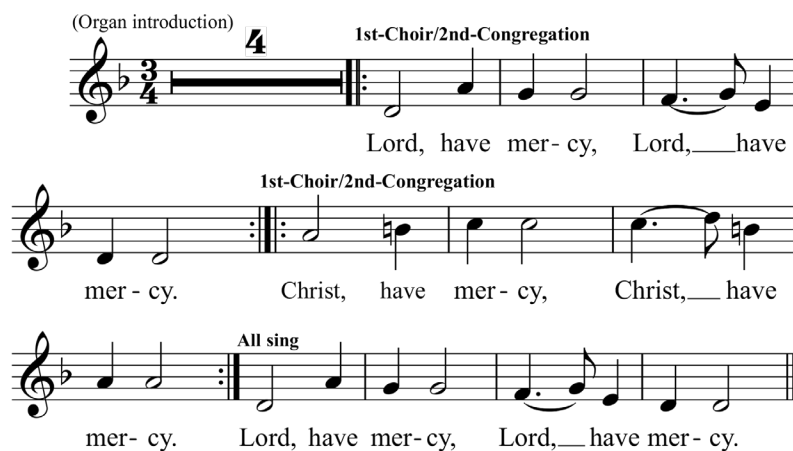
(Adapted from *A Liturgy of Compassion*, 2008 Sacredise)

*(Silent confession)*

## Kyrie

James MacMillan

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



Lord, have mer- cy, Lord, \_\_ have  
mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, \_\_ have  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, \_\_ have mer - cy.

## *Call to and Prayer of Confession*

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

## *About the Kyrie*

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

### *Assurance of Pardon*

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

### *Act of Praise*

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God's praise in response to the Assurance of Pardon as the last phrase.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Lord help us to live as your called children.  
For if anyone is in you they are a new creation..  
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
**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**

John Weaver

Glory to God in the Highest

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace  
to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

## **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

*(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship pad,  
which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Faithful God, how blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit  
so that we may glorify you  
in the company of the faithful;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

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

#### Psalm 98

*(Old Testament, pages 551 in your pew Bible)*

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

**Anthem** (11:00 AM)

Joseph Martin

Let Everything That Has Breath

Refrain

Let everything that has breath  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

Let everything that has breath  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

Let everything that has breath  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

Sing glory hallelujah; praise His holy name.

Praise Him on the cymbals, loud crashing cymbals!

Praise Him on the cymbals!

All things praise the Lord!

Praise Him with the timbrel, high sounding timbrel!

Praise Him with the timbrel!

All things praise the Lord! *Refrain*

Praise Him on the organ, smooth playing organ!

Praise Him on the organ!

All things praise the Lord!

Praise Him on the trumpet, strong joyful trumpet!

Praise Him on the trumpet!

All things praise the Lord! *Refrain*

**Luke 20:27-38**

*(New Testament, page 84 in your pew Bible)*

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

**SERMON**

Donovan Drake

"When faith gets in the way"

*(A moment for meditation)*

**\*HYMN 188**

**JESUS LOVES ME**

Jesus Loves Me!

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Presentation**

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

**Obeing the word of our Lord Jesus,  
and confident of his promises,  
we baptize those whom God has called.**

**In baptism God claims us and seals us  
to show that we belong to God.  
God frees us from sin and death,  
uniting us with Jesus Christ  
in his death and resurrection.  
By water and the Holy Spirit,  
we are made members of the Church,  
the body of Christ,  
and joined to Christ's ministry  
of love, peace, and justice.  
Let us remember with joy our own baptism,  
as we celebrate this sacrament.**

**Questions to the Parents, Congregation, and Children of the Church**

**\*Profession of Faith**

Through baptism we enter the covenant...  
With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**



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

**William Carter  
Fuqua**

son of Amanda and  
Mark Fuqua



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

**Emerson Wiley  
Ralph**

daughter Evalyn and  
Will Ralph III

**Elizabeth Kingsley  
Clark**

daughter of  
Catherine and  
Sam Clark

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven;  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal and gracious God...lives and reigns forever. Amen.

### **The Baptism**

#### **Welcome**

Let us welcome these newly baptized into the household of God.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's  
Church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one  
in Christ.**

## Baptismal Anthem

8:30 AM

Barrie Cabena

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

Loving shepherd of Thy sheep,  
Keep Thy Lambs in safety keep,  
Nothing can Thy power withstand,  
None can pluck them from Thy Hand.  
Alleluia.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,  
Teach Thy Lambs Thy voice to hear:  
Suffer not their steps to stray  
From the straight and narrow way.  
Alleluia.

Where thou leadest I would go,  
Walking in Thy steps below,  
Till before my Father's throne  
I shall know as I am known.  
Alleluia.

11:00 AM

Tracey Craig McKibben

God Rejoices Over Me

Refrain

God rejoices over me.  
I can see God loves me.  
I can sing because I know,  
God rejoices over me.  
God rejoices over me.

When I'm fearful,  
God is there to calm my fears and  
hear my prayer.  
When I don't know what to do,  
God will guide me through. *Refrain*

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

Anthems

8:30 AM

Shaker Tune  
arr. Allen Pote

#### Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance then wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen for James and John;  
they came with me and the dance went on.

#### Dance then...

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
and left me there on a cross to die.  
I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.

#### Dance then...

They cut me down and I leapt up high.  
I am the life that'll never never die,  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

#### Dance then...

### 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:



## Prayer of the Norwegian Child

I lay me down upon the ground,  
 And think on my Lord Jesus;  
 Each flow'r and tree tells me of Thee,  
 And praises Thee, Lord Jesus.  
 Lord Jesus, think on me;  
 Make my soul like unto Thee.

I rest my head upon my bed,  
 And think on my Lord Jesus;  
 Send angels down to kneel around my bed each night,  
 Lord Jesus, think on me;  
 Make my soul like unto Thee.

*Doxology*

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

**\*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.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**We thank you for all the blessings of this life,  
 but most of all for your amazing love.  
 We offer these gifts to you and ask that you will guide  
 their use,  
 So that through the good this money will do,  
 we may serve you today and every day.  
 Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our debts,  
 as we forgive our debtors;**

and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

## SENDING

**\*HYMN 547**

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Dieterich Buxtehude

Toccata in F Major, BuxWV 157

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

*About the Postlude*

The Postlude is  
considered the final  
Alleluia of worship.

## Today @ Westminster

### Flower Dedication

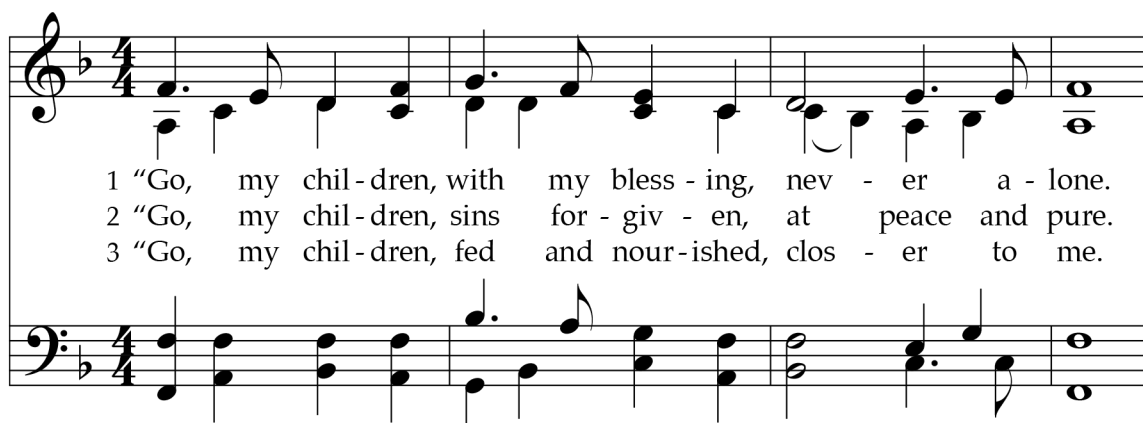
The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Emerson Wiley Ralph, daughter of Evalyn and Will Ralph by her grandparents.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God in gratitude for our grandchildren and for the joy of all eight of their baptisms at Westminster by Leslie and Gus Grote.

### Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel from Lauren and James Anderson gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a daughter, Isobel Jesse Coleman, on October 31, 2025 to Emily and Ty Coleman. Lily has been honing her skills as a big sister, and she is very excited to put them into practice with Isobel.

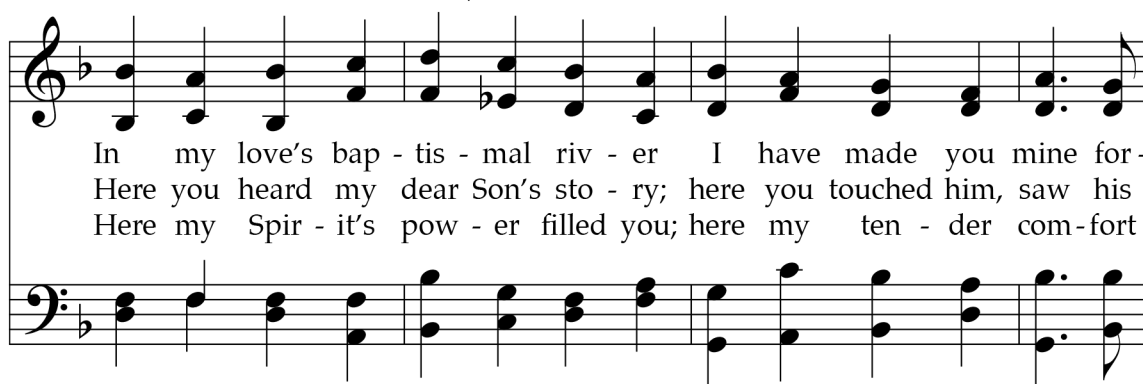
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



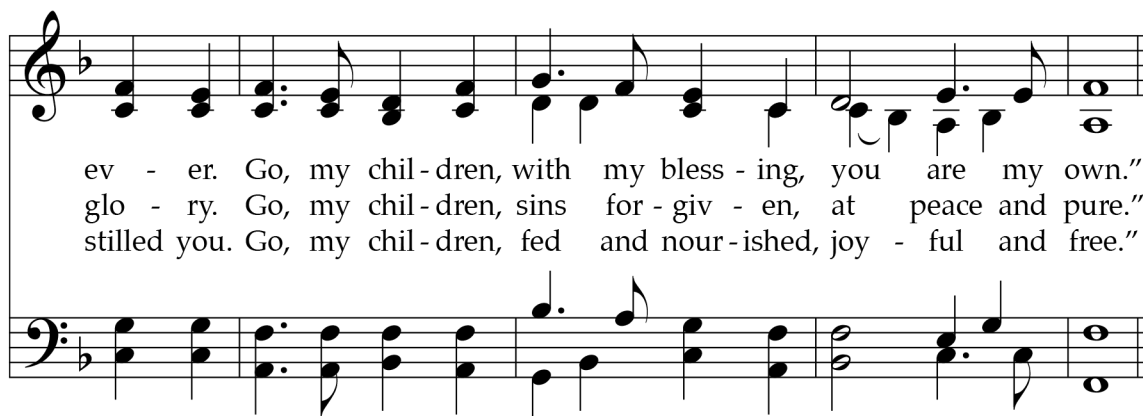
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

## Worship Leaders

### Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake  
Pastor

### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Davis Childers, Grace Maggart, Campbell Lyman,  
Field Boswell, and Carlisle Smith

11:00 AM Charlotte Munson, Caroline Wedemyer, Wynne  
Tompkins, Wells Liles, Scottie Hollett, Grace  
Gowen, Sallie Bernstein, Georgia Parsons,  
Ann Baker Lee, Ellie Coleman, James Warfield,  
and Catherine Bradley

### Beadle/Acolytes

8:30 AM Max Schlosser  
11:00 AM Alex Mills

### Ushers

11:00 AM James Barnhart, Martha Boyer, and Jack Rohe

### Presenting Elder

8:30 AM Devin Childers  
11:00 AM Sydney DeWitt

### Music

8:30 AM Laudate Choir  
11:00 AM Children's Choirs  
Ally Hard, Conductor

### **Alleluia** | Kindergarten

Nancy Bieschke & Dave Goodridge Directors

### **Gloria** | First, Second Grades

Roberta Rodgers & John Semingson Directors

### **Jubilate** | Third - Fifth Grades

Ally Hard & Dale Nickell Directors

### **Chiming Children** | Handbells | Ally Hard Director

John Semingson  
Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell  
Organist and Associate Director of Music

### 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

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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.

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### **Retirement Reception for the Arnns** **12:15 PM • Parlor**

Today, we celebrate Sally Mae Arnn's retirement as Music Assistant, including the administration of our Children's Choirs, handbell director for Chiming Children, and Changing Gears (now Westminster Bells) for 35 years.

Sally Mae was in that position when I arrived as Director of Music Ministries 25 years ago. Sally Mae is one of the finest (and most fun) colleagues with whom I have ever had the privilege of working. She gave fully of herself to the nurture and care of both our children and adults during her tenure. I miss working with her every week, but am glad she and John can enjoy retirement together.

Speaking of "John of Arnn" (as the music folk fondly call him), John has always been there supporting Sally Mae and all our choirs by composing arrangements for handbells, choral anthems for both adults and children, and musicals. He composed at least three musicals for our Summer Music Camps. They are the best musicals we've done.

It is impossible to thank Sally Mae & John adequately, but please join us for refreshments and a time to celebrate them with appreciation and love at a reception in the Parlor immediately following 11:00 AM worship, Sunday, November 9. It is especially fitting on this "Children's Sabbath." Sally Mae played a major role in these annual worship services for many, many years. Thanks be to God for the ministries of both Sally Mae & John at Westminster.

They are a treasure! And don't worry! They aren't leaving Westminster, simply retiring from a long and fruitful tenure on staff.

Gratefully,  
John Semington, Director of Music Ministries





# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



**LIVING  
OUT THE  
WORD**

LOVE  
RECONCILE  
SHINE  
TRANSFORM

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him.”  
Luke 20:27-38

Luke's twentieth chapter has Jesus' proclamation of the Good News interrupted by people who seek to trip him up.

What are some essential things for a Christian to believe?  
Is it more important to have right belief or to love your neighbor?  
How and when do we let our theological beliefs get in the way of the Good News?

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## Update Your Membership Contact Info

Contact Hannah Boles, Membership Secretary, [hboles@nashvillewpc.org](mailto: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.



### Baptisms

**Baptism Sunday is the second and fifth Sundays of each month except during Lent.**

**If you would like more information about baptisms at Westminster, please contact Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526, [smaness@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:smaness@nashvillewpc.org).**

**If you would like to schedule a baptism, please contact Hannah Boles, 615.292.5526, [hboles@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hboles@nashvillewpc.org).**



# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

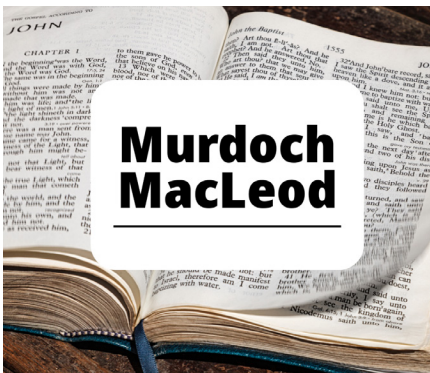


## Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

"How Luther and Calvin Connected Worship and Faith Formation—and the Musical Blessings That Continue to Flow to Us."

Luther and Calvin experimented with new approaches to many facets of church life, including both music and faith formation practices. The Psalms played a huge role. Gifted poets and composers produced songs still sung today.

Learning about these experiments may well give us new music we will learn to love—and pray. It also may help us encourage poets and artists today who work in counter-cultural ways to strengthen faith and Christian witness through their craft.



## 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

We are welcoming Sissy Wade this week to share things she learned while raising her children in the church. We would love for you to join us!

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



# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



## Children, Youth & Intergenerational Choirs

4:00 PM Rehearsals

Gloria  
Alleluia  
Jubilate  
Tintinnabulation

5:00 PM Rehearsals

Chiming Children  
Laudate

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

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

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

*Meeting Dates: November 9, 23; December 14*

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](mailto:dana.m.hildebrand@gmail.com)



## Second Sunday Celebration

**Need a little boost to stay awake for the  
11:00 AM service? Grab a cappuccino, latte  
macchiato or flat white plus a pastry in the  
Parlor from 9:30 - 11:00 AM.**



# KOINONIA YOUTH MINISTRY

**Basketball Registration Due Today**



## 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**

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

**Small Groups Throughout the Week**  
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**

**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 Children's Sabbath. That means fourth and fifth grade children help lead worship, and the children's choirs will all be singing at the 11:00 AM service.

Do you know any of these children?

What part might you like to have when you are old enough?

Draw a picture of a child (maybe you) leading worship.

## Luke 20:27-38

## Word Search

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

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| Abraham  | Alive     |
| Children | Christian |
| God      | Good      |
| Marry    | Moses     |
| News     | Teacher   |
| Wife     |           |

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Financials

Each month, the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses.

If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact:

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mkoban@prodigy.net

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Jo Ann McFarlin, Administrator  
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October 2025

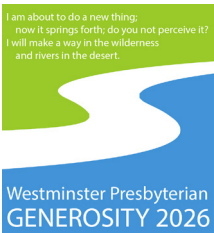
Year to Date

Income: \$3,306,237

Expense: \$3,253,875

Net Income (loss):

\$ 52,362



At Westminster Presbyterian Church, we embrace Jesus' heartfelt call to "Let the children come unto me," Your generosity reflects a commitment to providing resources and programs that support their growth, ensuring they feel valued and empowered. We believe that when we invest in our children, we are not only shaping their lives but also enriching the entire congregation. Together, we are building a foundation of faith that will carry forward, as our children learn to embody Christ's teachings of love, compassion, and service in their everyday lives. Our children show how God is doing "new things" for all.

Please support the ministry of our children through your pledge. Scan the QR code to make your 2026 pledge or use the card and envelope in the pew and place in the offering plate.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## November 9 Study Trip Information Meeting

Associate Pastor for Adult Faith Formation, Guy Griffith, and Keith Cole are planning a study trip "The Roots of Celtic Christianity: Wales and Scotland" for April 19-30, 2026.

There will be an information meeting for those interested in learning more or participating in the trip on Sunday, November 9th, after the late service at 12:20 PM in the Overlook Room.

For more info, please contact Guy Griffith, [ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org).

## November 10 Women's Covenant Group 11:30 AM • BYOLunch 12:00 PM • Presentation Goodpasture Hall

Jared Grimble  
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For questions, please contact:

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## November 18 Westminster Book Group 9:30 AM • Fellowship 10:00 PM • Presentation Goodpasture Hall

*Sister, Sinner*  
by Claire Hoffman

Led by Carole Bucy

On a spring day in 1926, Aimee Semple McPherson wandered into the Pacific Ocean and vanished. Weeks later she reappeared in the desert, claiming to have been kidnapped. A national media frenzy and months of investigation ensued. Who was this woman?

Learn more about on the 18th. **Everyone welcome!**



# 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.



## Starting in January 2026 Winter Watercolor Classes

Beginners  
Instructor: Nancy  
Beveridge

Experienced  
Instructor: Missy Perry  
Scan QR code for dates,  
times and costs.



## Ann's Saturday Baking Classes

Choose a day!  
Saturday, November 22 or  
Saturday, December 20  
9:00-11:30 AM  
Limit: 12 bakers in each  
class  
\$15.00 per person

Bring your grandchild,  
nephews, nieces, or  
friends. Eight years old  
and up.



## 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.





# WESTMINSTER CAFÉ

**Café Hours**  
**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.**



**Thursdays**  
**Fill My Cup:**  
**A Post-Sermon**  
**Reflection Study**

8:15 AM • Meet and Greet  
8:30 AM • Percolating conversation. Come when you can. No sign up necessary. We will revisit the previous Sunday's scriptures, reflect on the sermon, and share thoughts about the probing questions in the bulletin. Let us know you are coming.



**November 18, 19**

**Helping Westminster**  
**Home Connection**

**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!



**December 5**  
**A Joy-Filled Gathering**  
**of Songwriters and**  
**Painters**

**6:00 PM • Doors Open**  
**7:00 PM • Performances**  
**Westminster Café**

**Learn more about**  
**artists and register for**  
**event by scanning QR**  
**code.**





# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



## Room In The Inn

Room In The Inn resumes at Westminster November 12, 2025, with many opportunities for engagement for singles, families, or small groups Wednesday nights through March 25, 2026. We have many great opportunities to spend time with Westminster friends and 14 homeless male neighbors. Please scan the QR code to sign up.



## Volunteer Opportunities

Starts November 13

James Lawson High School is looking for math tutoring volunteers on Thursdays from 11:50 AM - 12:35 PM. Educational experience preferred.

Vols are also needed for the Community Resource Room. Contact Jackie Shrager, [jshrager@gmail.com](mailto:jshrager@gmail.com), 615.310.3285, if interested.





# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Johan and Allie  
Backstrom



Mike and Annette  
Crout



Meg and Gibson  
Gardner



Danny Gooby



Jane Gooby



Kathy and Rick  
Gooby



Abby Harris and  
Drew Lilliston



Richard Higgins



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Caitlin, Andrew and  
Paige Huyck



Dan Johnson and  
Emily Merkel



Barbara Johnston



Bob Marraccini



Hunter Mobley  
& Bradley Hickman



Ava Rucker



Liz, Matt and Minnie  
Tome



Laura, Will, Margaret  
and Alice Weir

***The next New Member  
and Inquirers class*** will  
meet in the winter of 2026.

For more info, please  
contact Stephanie Boaz,  
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or Guy Griffith, [ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org).



# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



## Help Our Neighbors

In light of the SNAP crisis, there is a need to help support the Martha O'Bryan Center Food Ministry. They are the busiest food bank in the city and have partnered with Second Harvest. Due to the location in public housing and close to Downtown, they are experiencing a high demand for food.

The cessation of SNAP food support will be dramatically escalated starting November 3, 2025. Here is how YOU can help:

- Drop off Donations: Bring food items from the list below to the food bank any day of the week, Monday - Friday, from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
- Ship Directly to: Martha O'Bryan Center Attn: Tasha Cartwright 711 South 7th St. Nashville, TN 37206 615.254.1791.
- Donate Money: SHARE YOUR RESOURCES. All gifts designated for food relief will go toward shortages in the food pantry.
- Volunteer: We need YOU to volunteer your time by helping to stock shelves and prepare food boxes.

Please contact Toshi Boissiere at 615.254.1791 ext. 217 for volunteer opportunities.

If you are taking food directly to the food bank, the following items are in need:

Boxes of cereal, Peanut Butter, Loaves of Bread, Milk refrigerated or shelf-stable, Soups, Ground beef, Chicken.

If you are bringing food to the church, the following items are in need:

Proteins: Peanut butter, canned or dried beans, lentils, canned chicken, tuna

Whole Grains: Brown rice, whole-grain pasta, and whole-grain cereals or oats.

Canned Goods: Vegetables (preferably low-sodium), Fruits (packed in juice or water, not syrup), Soups, stews, and chilis (low-sodium)

Cooking Staples: Cooking oil, and spices like salt, pepper, and other dried herbs.

Healthy Snacks: Granola bars, nuts, and dried fruit (with no added sugar).

For more info, please contact Tom McDow, current Board member, Martha O'Bryan.

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

## Sunday, November 9

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 12:15 PM Trip Info Meeting  
Sally Mae Reception
- 4:00 PM Children's Choirs Rehearsal  
Tintinnabulation
- 5:00 PM Laudate Choir Rehearsal  
Chiming Children
- 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

## Monday, November 10

- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 11:30 AM Women's Covenant Group
- 11:45 AM Centuring Prayer
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

## Tuesday, November 11

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

## Wednesday, November 12

- 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
- 6:00 PM RITI
- 7:00 PM WPC Choir Rehearsal  
Men's Basketball

## Thursday, November 13

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study  
Thursday Morning Theology
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

## Friday, November 14

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

## Saturday, November 15

- 11:30 AM AA



### 2026 Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers

Reserve your date now to provide arrangements in the Sanctuary or Parlor in 2026.

Celebrate your friendships and honor your loved ones with arrangements provided by our talented Flower Guild members.

Email or call Terri Eckert to select your special Sunday. Please note that reservations for flowers do not carry over from year-to-year. (teckert@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526).



**Poinsettias will once again** grace our Sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship services.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a friend or family member, please place your order online, complete a form available at the Information Desk or email Terri Eckert at [teckert@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:teckert@nashvillewpc.org).

A donation of \$10 per name is requested. The deadline for submitting names to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins is Sunday, December 7, 2025.



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