

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025

GATHERING

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

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God.

Worship on the Lord's Day

Worship begins as the people gather - greeting one another, praying in silence, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

PRELUDE

César Franck

L'Organiste, Pieces in Eb: Andantino poco allegretto,
Molto moderato, Allegretto, Andantino, Moderato

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This day is a gift from the Lord;

May we receive this day as a gift and live it in faithfulness.

Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Reigning God, whose presence reassures us in times of uncertainty and fear, we pray for wisdom and courage to discern your purposes in every time and place. Help us to stand for the best we know, even if that evokes derision or betrayal. Keep us from being led astray by competing voices that compromise your intentions for us and all people. May we seek to be the church of Jesus Christ and never become weary of doing what is right. 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 463

FOUNDATION

How Firm a Foundation

463

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come to renew our relationship with God,
knowing we are often led astray by our busyness,
our greed, and our hope for gain without effort.
Sometimes arrogant, often putting our trust in things,
we neglect the spiritual dimension of our lives.
Let us confess our distracted ways.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

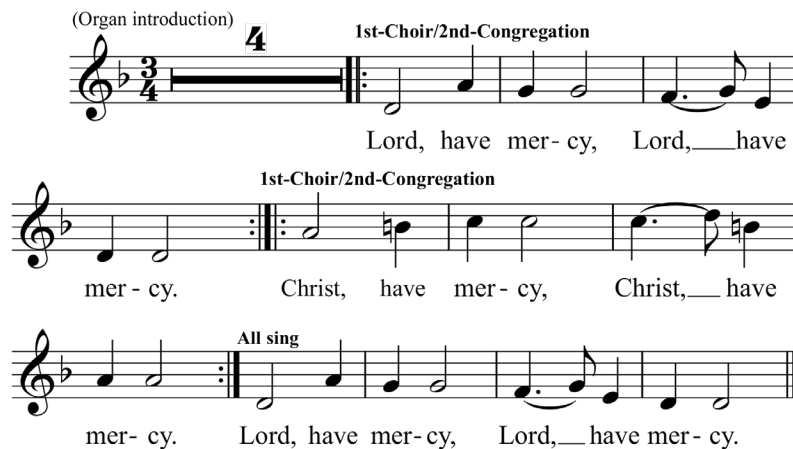
**O God, our salvation,
we confess that we have tried to live apart from you.
Our daily habits deny your reality.
We toil without seeking your will.
We work without giving our best.
We compete with others without valuing them as your
children or relating to them as our kin.
We follow fads and false leaders while neglecting
our faith. Forgive our misplaced trust,
our hesitation to take the risks of caring witness,
and our failure to empathize with others.
Restore our connections with You and all from whom
we are alienated. AMEN.**

(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.

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

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

GLORIA PATRI

(Singing together Hymn 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

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

arr. F. Thomas Simpson

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Luke 21:5-19

(New Testament, page 85 in your pew Bible)

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

*The verses will be sung by the Choir alone
and Refrains sung will be sung with the Congregation.*

Malachi 4:1-2

(Old Testament, page 890 in your pew Bible)

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

SERMON

"Hope is Now"

Stephanie Boaz

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 738**

MARYTON

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

About Hymn 738

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
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!"
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the
love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the
Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(From a Brief Statement of Faith)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

71 Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

Refrain

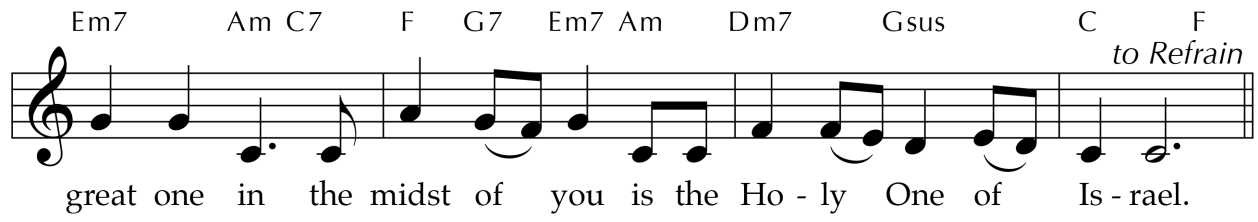
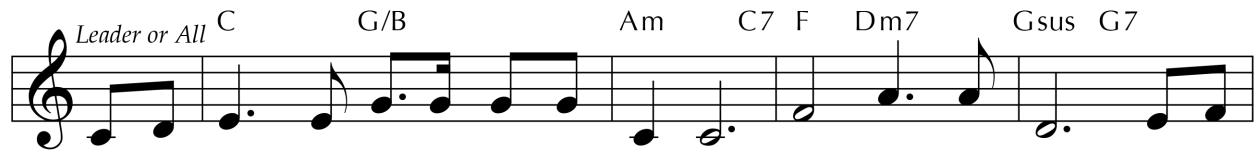
All C G Am F Dm7
 Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -
 fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -
 fense, and God will be my Sav - ior. C (F) *Fine*

Leader or All C G/B Am C7
 1 There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing
 F Dm7 Gsus G7 Em7
 from the springs of sal - va - tion and on that day you shall
 Am C7 F G7 Em7 Am Dm7 Gsus C F *to Refrain*
 say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call up - on God's name."

Leader or All Am Em F
 2 Make God's deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re -
 G7 C Dm7 C Am Em F
 mem-ber that the Lord is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord,

This text is a slightly altered form of an adaptation of Isaiah 12:2–6 that appears as a canticle for Morning Prayer in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church. This selection is identified there as The First Song of Isaiah, a title that influenced the tune name.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL



738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

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:



Doxology

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

8:30 AM

Jay Althouse

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

11:00 AM

J.S. Bach

Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring

Jesu, joy of our desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd.
With the fire of life impassion'd.
Striving still to Truth unknown,
Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

***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.

**Great and giving God,
we know every good and perfect gift comes from you.
In return, we give these offerings and pray they
will not only supply the needs of others but also
overflow with many thanksgivings to you.
Thank you for our many blessings. Lord, show us how to
use what you have given us to be a blessing to others. In
the name of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Singing together)

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

SENDING

***HYMN 295**

SINE NOMINE

Go to the World!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Prelude & Fugue in C Major, BWV 553

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

About hymn 295

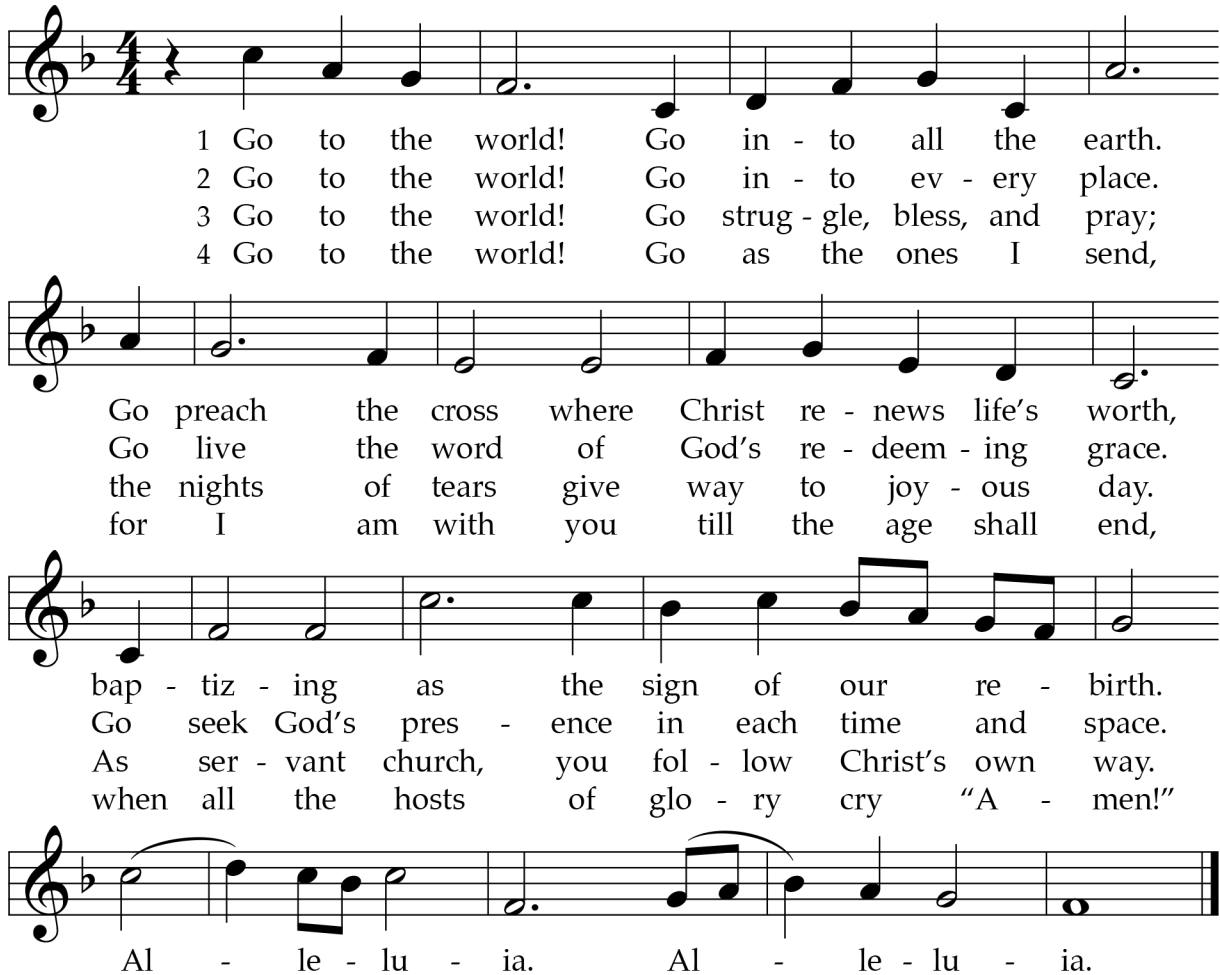
Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Stephanie Boaz
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Liturgist

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

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Fran Linley
11:00 AM Nathan Scott

Beadle/Acolytes

11:00 AM Matthew Mills

Music

Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir
Jennifer Barnes, Director

8:30 AM Laudate Choir

11:00 AM Westminster Choir
Keith Sorrels, oboe

Susan Kelly, Conducting

Dale Nickell
Organist and Associate Director

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our beloved grandson, John Reid Comita, by Suzanne and Terry Allen.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Don Reed, and Ron and Fran McNemar 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

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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

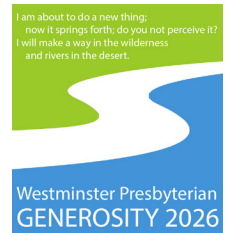
Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact one of the pastors on staff by calling 615.292.5526, the church office.

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There are just seven days left in our church pledge campaign and now is the time to act! If you've already made your pledge, thank you for your support. If you haven't, we urge you to prayerfully consider making a commitment. God is doing an incredible "new thing" at Westminster, and we are truly blessed by the many missions and ministry opportunities available to us.

DAYS

To continue this vital work, we are asking for a 4% increase in your pledge. With our dedicated staff, impactful missions, and inviting facilities, we believe that together we can achieve great things. Let's answer God's call and make a difference in our community!



On the cover

The Lord is My Light

An abstract impression inspired by the music of the Taizé community. Created by Mike Moyers.

"It is an honor and a joy to share my work with you. For years, I have illustrated, designed and directed many book covers, ads, logos, commercials and campaigns. However, my deeper side is the life of a fine artist. I love to paint with the palette knife to keep my work loose, textured and bold. You will see that I paint all kinds of subjects. My deepest passion, however, is to use fine art to communicate matters

of faith.

from: <https://www.mikemoyersfineart.com/about>

Moyers, Mike. *The Lord is My Light*, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

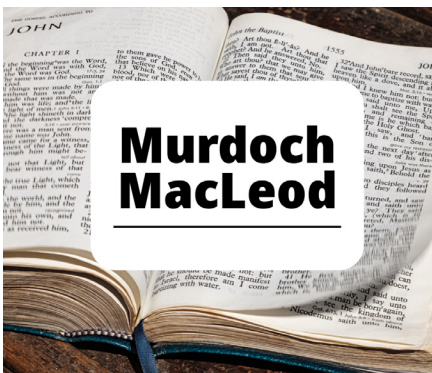


Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Whose City on a Hill? Exploring a Biblical and Civic Idea.

"A city on a hill" is a phrase from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, but has been used by Christian communities and by American politicians in different, and sometimes overlapping ways. Drawing on both its original context and the history of its interpretation we will explore this idea.

Led by The Reverend Edwin David Aponte, Dean of the Theological School and Professor of Religion and Culture at Drew University. Previously, Aponte served as Executive Director of the Louisville Institute. He was on the faculty of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, served as academic dean at Lancaster Theological Seminary, and Christian Theological Seminary. He is a Minister of Word and Sacrament and a member of the Presbytery of the Highlands of New Jersey. Aponte serves as co-moderator of the General Assembly Special Committee to Write a New Confession, Presbyterian Church (USA).



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

Family Mission Statement Week 2 - continuation from Part 1 earlier this year, but don't worry, you can easily catch up if you weren't there for the first one!

Led by Ashley Higgins

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



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Children, Youth & Intergenerational Choirs

4:00 PM Rehearsals

Gloria
Alleluia
Jubilate
Tintinnabulation

5:00 PM Rehearsals

Laudate Choir
Chiming Children



For men in their late 20s to early 50s
Men's Bible Study: Scripture for Today
7:00 PM | Magnolia Room

Meeting Dates:
November 16, 30

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



December 3
Wednesday Night Dinner
Breakfast with Troy • Café

Come in your jammies and feast on your favorite breakfast foods. Afterwards, we will make Advent wreaths. *Everyone welcome!*

Scan QR code to register.





KOINONIA YOUTH MINISTRY



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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 Hannah Norris, hnorris@nashvillewpc.org, for more info.



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 7 Youth Bake Sale

Parents, Students, Friends of the Youth Ministry: We need your best bake goods for our Bake Sale Fundraiser. Please let us know what you plan to bake by scanning the QR code.

You can drop off your items at the church on Saturday, December 6 between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM during our Bake Sale Prep Day, and we will separate & package them for you

You can bring items already packaged on December 7th in the Parlor.

Suggested Items include: Sweet Items (Cookies, Brownies, Rice Krispies, Bars, Fudge); Savory Items (Cheese straws, Pecans, Granolas). Scan the QR code to let us know you are baking something.



What: Westminster Youth Winter Retreat

Who: Youth (6th-12th grades)

When: January 16 - 18, 2026

Where: Banner Elk, NC

Cost: \$450 (\$100 deposit due at registration). Alternative payment plans & scholarships available.

Included: Ski rental, Lift Tickets, Lodging, Tubing, Some meals

Scan QR code to register and pay.



November 22

Youth Staff Meet & Greet

**4:30 to 6:00 PM • Hors d'oeuvres and Happy hour
Orndorff Home**

Less than two and half months ago, Westminster hired a brand new Youth staff. Throughout the fall, they've been welcoming kids to Sunday School, leading Sunday night Youth Group, going to weekly small groups around town, and cheering for our youth at plays, games, concerts, meets, and matches.

Two and a half weeks ago, Hannah Norris returned from maternity leave. Now that our full youth staff is up and running, we'd love for you to reconnect with or meet them if you haven't already. Come as you are for hors d'oeuvres and happy hour. Meet our youth staff. Hear a brief update about plans for 2026 in the youth ministry. And enjoy time with other Westminster parents. Please RSVP to Hannah at hnorris@nashvillewpc.org.



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.



LIVING OUT THE WORD

QUESTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES:

I think Hope and Gratefulness go together.
To see HOPE I think we have to notice first.
What do you notice at home, at school that is good? Make list.
See how much you can put on your list.
It might be people, things, places, it can be anything!! How much goodness do you notice in your day?
Draw a picture of what HOPE might look like.

The Great Day of the Lord

Y	M	G	Y	Y	H	K	X	V	Z	W	D	X	W	J	U	G	Z
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WORD SEARCH

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

calves
day
healing
Lord
stall
sun
wings

coming
great
leaping
rise
Stephanie
Westminster



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sundays, November 30th – December 21st
Advent, Incarnation, and the Call to Community
9:45 AM Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Advent is often spoke of in multiple tenses—past, present, & future. It is a season when the church looks backward to celebrate the birth of Christ, looks to the present for signs of Christ among us, and, lastly, looks forward in anticipation of Christ's return.

This class will explore these various “tenses” of Advent through a theological and Biblical examination of incarnation and community. We'll discuss the meanings of Advent and how this season calls us to a new, shared life in Christ. All are welcome!

Led by Will Wellman

November 18
Westminster Book Group
9:30 AM • Fellowship
10:00 AM • 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 on the 18th.
Everyone welcome!

Upcoming Events

Sunday
December 7

7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Service for Hope and
Healing

Friday
December 12

7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Light in the Darkness
Concert

Thursday
December 18

11:15 AM | Goodpasture

Westminster Bells
Christmas Program



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.



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.



Do you receive the Joy in Learning Newsletter?

It's the best way to sign up
before classes are full!

Scan the QR code to register.
*Scroll to the bottom of the
page.*





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.



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, know you can!



Needed: Knitted and crocheters to make dishcloths and scrubbys.

For many years, a bag with a bottle of Palmolive dish soap, a knitted dishcloth, and a crocheted/knitted scrubby have been given to homes that Westminster Home Connection has worked on. The thank you notes have been heartwarming! If you can help, please let Beth Drake, beth@westminsterjoy.org, know you can!



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. Scan QR code for more info.





MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Room In The Inn

Westminster is now hosting Room In The Inn guests. Many opportunities for engagement for singles, families, or small groups Wednesday nights through March 25, 2026 are available. We have many great opportunities to spend time with Westminster friends and 14 homeless male neighbors. Please scan the QR code to sign up.



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.

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 16

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Children's Choirs Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Tintinnabulation
Laudate Choir Rehearsal
Chiming Children
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 19

- 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 20

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

Friday, November 21

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

Saturday, November 22

- 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.

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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