

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2026



LIVING OUT THE WORD
LOVE • RECONCILE • SHINE • TRANSFORM

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.

This movement precedes the famous Widor Toccata often heard on Easter Sunday. The Adagio uses the undulating string stops on the organ with a melody in the pedal-line.

PRELUDE

Antonin Dvorák
arr. by Drummond Wolff
Largo from New World Symphony

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

(Psalm 27:1)

As we behold the beauty of God's temple,
we see God's face.

God is our shelter and our shade.

We will sing to the God of our salvation!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**O God, our light and our salvation,
shelter us in your love.**

**We come with shouts of joy
to worship you this day.**

**We come with song and music
to celebrate your love.**

**We come with longing
to seek your presence.**

**Be with us now, God,
as we sing your praises. 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.)*

About Hymn 321

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 321

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's One Foundation 321



1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tress, dis - tress,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.



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CALL TO CONFESSON

Christ calls us to follow, knowing that we are human.
Jesus knows we are not perfect.
He knows we will not always get it right.
He asks we try, learn, and try again.
Let us go to God, telling how we have tried and failed,
that God may teach us what we must learn.

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**“Christ, our Messiah,
you call us to fish for people,
but we are hesitant to leave our boats.
We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard,
believing they make us secure.
We are afraid to put our trust in you,
afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.
Forgive us.
Transform our fear into faithfulness,
and enable us to walk with you,
that we may be part of your work in the world.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

James MacMillan

(Organ introduction) 4

1st-Choir/2nd-Congregation

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

1st-Choir/2nd-Congregation

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

All sing

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

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

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

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.

ACT OF PRAISE

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker

(The congregation sings with the choir.)

Refrain



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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God!
Our ears are open.

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

God Is My Strong Salvation 841

(Psalm 27)

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (G)

Fm Cm Fm Cm Fm Cm A♭

1 God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?
 2 Place on the Lord re - li - ance; my soul, with cour-age wait;

(Em) (Bm) (D) (G) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (Em)

Fm Cm E♭ A♭ Cm Fm Cm Fm

In per - il and temp - ta - tion my light, my help, is near.
 God's truth be thine af - fi - ance, when faint and des - o - late.

(Bm) (G) (D) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (G)

Cm A♭ E♭ Fm Cm Fm Cm A♭

Though hosts en - camp a - round me, firm to the fight I stand;
 God's might thy heart shall strength - en; God's love thy joy in - crease;

(Em) (Bm) (D) (G) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (Em)

Fm Cm E♭ A♭ Cm Fm Cm Fm

what ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand?
 mer - cy thy days shall length - en; the Lord will give thee peace.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Preserving the author's intention, his abbreviated paraphrase of Psalm 27 appears here in two eight-line stanzas, the first containing general affirmations and the second assurances to his fainting soul. This sense of resolution is strengthened by the sturdy shape note tune.

TEXT: James Montgomery, 1822, alt.
 MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964
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Isaiah 9:1-4*(Old Testament, page 638 in your pew Bible)***The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!****Psalm 27, Hymn 841**

All Sing

WEDLOCK

Matthew 4:12-23*(New Testament, page 3 in your pew Bible)***The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!****SERMON**

"Nothing left"

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)****HYMN 316**

TWENTY-FOURTH

Where Charity and Love Prevail

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Christ calls us to be disciples.
 In forming his people and sending them into the world,
 Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
 They were to share the joy of his companionship,
 to understand and obey his teachings,
 and to follow him in life and death.

We confess that Christians today
 are called to discipleship.
 Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
 is God's undeserved gift to each of us.
 It is also God's demand upon every one of us,
 never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.
 Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
 we strive to become more faithful and effective
 in our daily practice of the Christian life.

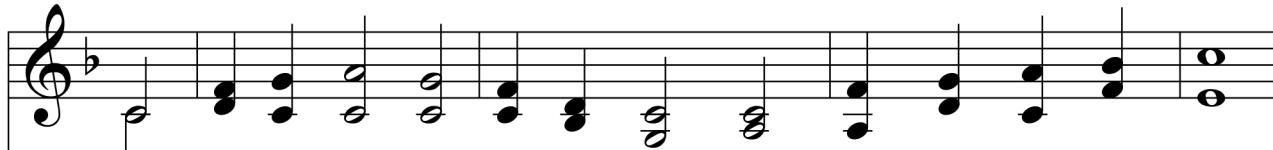
*(From A Declaration of Faith)***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

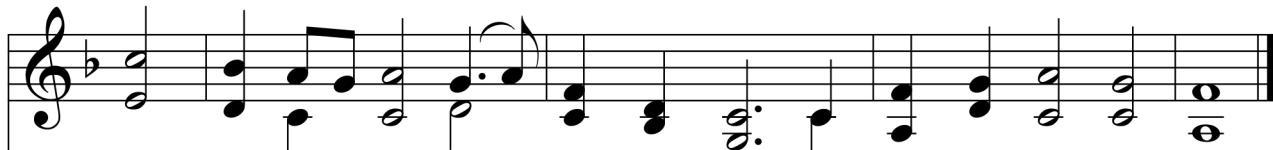
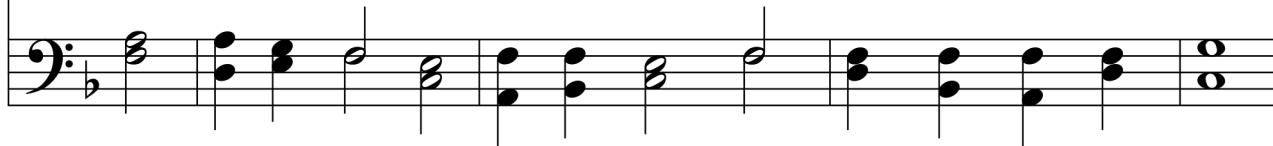
Scripture

The scriptures bear witness to the word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who "became flesh and lived among us." (John 1:14) Where the word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day.

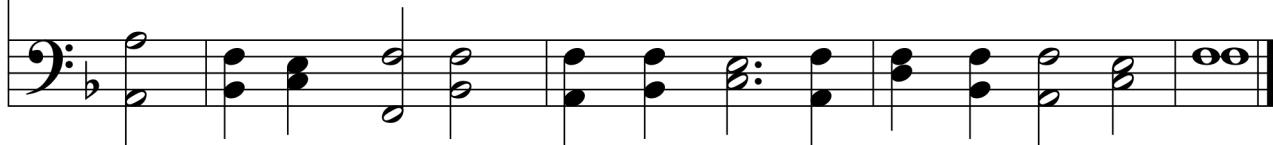
Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
4 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
5 Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.



This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

TEXT: Latin, 8th cent.; trans. Omer Westendorf, 1960, alt.
MUSIC: Lucius Chapin, 1812
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TWENTY-FOURTH
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THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Anthem
8:30 AM

SIYAHAMBA
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Offering

The collection of tithes and offerings takes place as a response to the Word. These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God proclaimed in the gospel.

To give, please scan the QR code below:



We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light

*We are singing, for the Lord is our light,
Oh we are singing, for the Lord is our light.*

The Lord is the strength of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may be near to destroy;
the Lord will be our light.

We are singing...

One thing have we asked of the Lord,
yes, this is the thing we seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord;
to live with God forever.

We are singing...

When burdens are heavy to bear,
our shelter is God alone.
Our feet are lifted high;
yes, high upon a rock.

We are singing...

We walk in the strength of the Lord,
God's love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear,
we sing a joyful song.

We are singing...

He Comes to Us

He comes to us as One unknown,
 without a name,
 as of old, by the lakeside He came,
 He came to those men who knew Him not,
 He speaks to us, He speaks the same word:
 "Follow! Follow! Follow thou me!"
 and sets us to the tasks which
 He has to fulfill for our time.

He commands.
 And to those who obey Him,
 whether they be wise or simple,
 He will reveal Himself,
 in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings
 which they shall pass through
 in His fellowship,
 and, as an ineffable mystery,
 they shall learn, shall learn,
 shall learn in their own experience
 Who He is.

O Morning Star, how fair and bright
 Thou beamest forth in truth and light!
 O Sovereign meek and lowly.

Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,
 My Lord and Master, Thou hast won
 My heart to serve Thee solely!

Thou art holy, Fair and glorious,
 all victorious, Rich in blessing,
 Rule and might o'er all possessing.

*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!

Doxology

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

*Prayer of
Thanksgiving*

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

About Hymn 846

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

In this Chorale Prelude for organ, Buxtehude presents the melody as a highly ornamented line in the soprano voice.

***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.

**God of majesty and light,
you hold the whole world in your hand.
So we give you our great praise that in Jesus Christ,
all people may see your glory.
We thank you for revealing Jesus to be your Son,
and for claiming our lives in baptism
to be his glad disciples.**

**By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us
that we may follow him with grateful hearts.
Take us and all we have to be useful in your service,
God of all nations,
in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
now and forever. 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 846**

DUKE STREET

Fight the Good Fight

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (Hymn 275) BuxWV 184

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

Fight the Good Fight 846

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

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Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

8:30 AM Julius Hooper
MLC Youth Ministry Resident

11:00 AM Hannah Norris
Youth & Missions Program Coordinator

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Sallie Bailey
11:00 AM Lisa Atkinson

Music

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

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

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 Marshall Crenshaw on his 70th birthday, by his family.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in memory of Faith Young and Barbara and Joe Haynes by their loving family.

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional.

Hearing Assistance

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

Large Print Hymns

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

Recorded Worship Services

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

Dial-a-Sermon

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

Childcare

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

Nursery - Room 146

Toddlers - Room 152

2s and 3s - Room 151

Copyright Information

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Our Mission

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

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

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



LOVE
RECONCILE
SHINE
TRANSFORM

"Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him."

Matthew 4:22

When have you had to leave something of value behind?

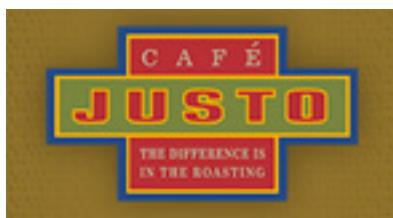
How does the cross of Jesus Christ draw people towards it?

What do you need to give up to follow Jesus?

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.

A congregational meeting will convene on Sunday, February 1, 2026 during the 11:00 AM worship service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is (1) hearing and acting on a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee; and (2) to act on any other matters arising out of the above.



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Scan QR code to order now, payment is by credit/debit card only. ***The deadline to order is Monday, January 26.***

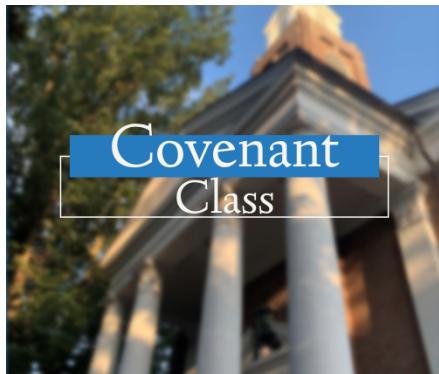
For questions, email: Janet Kuhn janetkuhn@mac.com or Marilyn Cornish gkcmhs@msn.com.





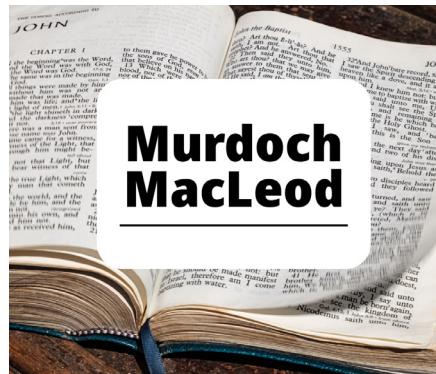
TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Chris Lovingood, Nations Ministry Center's Executive Director of the last 18 years, will present on the current status of being an immigrant in America. Westminster has played a vital role in Nations Ministry's growth since its founding and Chris looks forward to updating us on ways to continue serving together and having an extensive question and answer session.



Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

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



JOURNEYS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Journeys • Overlook Room

The Transforming Journey: Learning to talk about our faith

Led by Will Wellman

Join us for a four-week series. Will Wellman, with Ashley assisting, will lead us into an exploration of what it means to talk about our faith. We'll help parents probe their own faith so they're more equipped to share and talk about it with their children.



NEW MEMBER & INQUIRER CLASS

January 25 - March 8 New Member & Inquirer Class Goodpasture Hall

Only six classes but will account for the Congregational Meeting and an additional week built in for possible weather. If you'd like to sign up for the class, please fill out in the the friendship pad or contact Stephanie Boaz, sboaz@nashvillewpc.org.



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.



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.

What does dark feel like? Are you afraid of the dark?



How does it feel to turn on a light?

If Jesus were a light what do think that light shows us?

Living Out *the* Word

Following Jesus

Word Search

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

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Andrew

boat

casting

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Galilee

good news

James

Jesus

John

nets

Peter

sea

Simon

Zebedee

MUSIC MINISTRY



Sunday Rehearsals

Children, Youth & Intergenerational Choirs

4:00 PM Rehearsals

Gloria
Alleluia
Jubilate
Tintinnabulation

5:00 PM Rehearsals

Chiming Children
Laudate Choir

Music Camp 2026

Enroll your kids for Music Camp 2026, June 8-14!

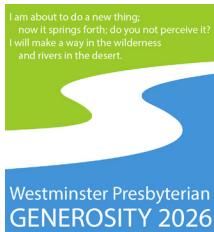
Music Camp is a fun-filled week of singing, games, arts & crafts, costumes, and performing a biblical musical for the congregation on Sunday with opportunities for acting roles with lines and solos. All children, rising grades 1st-7th, are welcome, even if they are not currently involved in Children's Choir.

This is an amazing opportunity for them to socialize, have fun, and present a high-level Musical with professional instrumentalists, costumes, staging, and props! It also strengthens their involvement in Church Choir throughout the entire year with their overall musical development.

Please register by February 1 on the church website and mark your calendar with the rehearsals and camp schedule!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are deeply grateful to those who have already made a commitment for 2026 and helping us make our \$3.8 goal. Your faithfulness and generosity play a vital role in sustaining the life and ministries of Westminster.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to submit your pledge, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. Your commitment helps shape our congregation and supports the ministries we hold dear, and it is received with deep appreciation. Pledge cards are available in the Parlor.

Thank you for being such an important part of our church community and for the many ways you help us live into God's work together.

Spring Celtic Spirituality Study Trip Spaces Available ***Only a few spots remain...***

This Spring, from April 19-30, Westminster is offering a Study Trip/pilgrimage on Celtic Spirituality: Wales and Scotland. It is an opportunity to discover the roots and practices that have sustained faith in north Wales and western Scotland, including Iona. Rev. Guy Griffith and Keith Cole are leading the trip and have room to take six more to Iona. Contact either one of us for more information.

Scan QR code for brochure and registration form.



February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 18, 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Musik Garten

Music and movement can have a dramatic effect on babies, toddlers, and older children. Some studies indicate that early music instruction positively impacts language and literacy development; others point to improved pattern recognition skills which are the basis for mathematical learning; still others reveal the social and emotional benefits of being involved in music. Given our long-standing reputation as the leader in the field of affordable early music education, Musikgarten can give your child a learning advantage for life.

Scan the QR code to register.





Westminster Presbyterian Church

Life Together 2026 Conference

Saturday, February 28
8:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Nashville, TN



Meredith Miller
Author of *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From*

Scott Hearon
Co-Founder and Executive Director of The Coaching Coalition, Leadership Advisor and Partner at Council Leadership

Erin Loechner
Author of *Chasing Slow* and *The Opt-Out Family*



We were created to do life together.
Our friendships, families, and communities flourish more fully when we choose to live them in deep relationship with God and one another.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



January 28
Westminster Academy
6:30 PM
Overlook Room

Please join us as we read Daniel Mason's *North Woods*, with Sue Tully Trout.

North Woods is a 2023 historical fiction novel by Daniel Mason that tells the story of a single house in a New England forest over 400 years, following its many inhabitants, both human and non-human, through different eras. The narrative shifts in form and perspective, using letters, field notes, and other formats to connect generations and explore themes of love, loss, nature, and history through the lens of the house itself, which acts as a central, silent witness.

January 27
WPC Book Group
9:30 AM | Fellowship
10:00 AM | Presentation
Goodpasture Hall

Led by John Bailey

Jonathan Rauch, author of *Cross Purposes*, asserts that religion of mainline Christianity (the Presbyterian Church in the US and others) has become 'too thin to provide meaning and morals to the culture and thus to reliably support democratic society'. We will discuss Rauch's assertion and his suggestions as to what might be done to correct the apparent dysfunction in our society and its present government. Rauch, a life-long atheist says: 'Don't be afraid. Imitate Jesus.'



February 17

Mardi Gras at Westminster

**6:30 PM Pancake Dinner
Fellowship Hall**

7:30 PM Concert | Sanctuary

Join us for a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper followed by a rousing concert by the Laudate Youth and Westminster Choirs featuring Robert Ray's Gospel Mass. The choirs will be accompanied by piano, bass, and drums.

This Mardi Gras concert is a fundraiser for our two choirs to serve as the choir in residence at Norwich Cathedral in Norwich, England, July 19-25, 2027. The building of this Cathedral began in 1100 A.D. and many of us know the writings of their ancient mystic, Julian of Norwich. The choir will sing Evensong daily and serve as the choir for Sunday morning worship that week. Norwich Cathedral has one of the finest Cathedral choirs in the UK and it is an intergenerational choir with children and youth serving as trebles for the choir. *This is a great honor for our choirs, but we do need the help of Westminster to get there.*

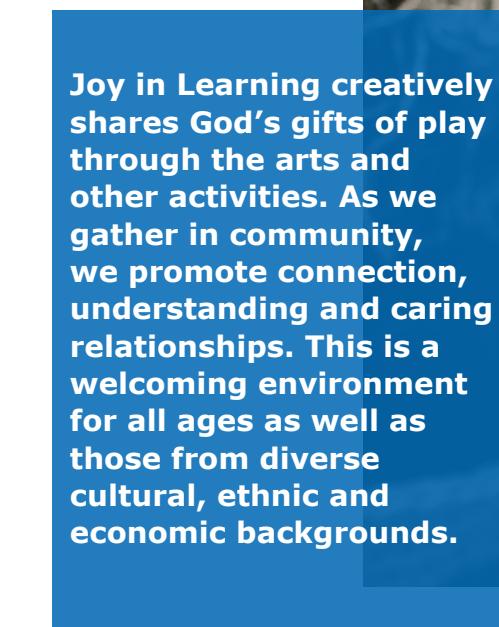
Please plan now to join us for a delicious and fun Mardi Gras celebration Westminster style.

**Reservations required.
Please scan the QR code.**

**\$30 per person.
Children 12 and under eat free.**



JOY IN LEARNING



February 5, 12, 19, 26
Pottery Hand-Building
9:15-11:45 AM
\$40 • Limit: 8

Leaders: Sally Gracey,
Joan Coode, and Jill Sink

Participants must have completed a beginner's pottery class. Scan QR code to register.



Fridays, February 6, 13,
20, 27
Glazing 101
10:00 AM - Noon

Scan the QR code for more info and times.



Saturday, March 7
Anne's Baking Class
9:00 AM - Noon
\$20 per person
Limit: 12 per class

Led by Ann Schulze

Scan the QR code for more info and times.



Food & Faith

Informing faith communities, connecting our strengths, & coordinating our efforts into lasting solutions to hunger

Saturday, February 21
8:30 am -1:00 pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church
3900 West End Ave. Nashville, TN 37205

Event Schedule

8:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Panel The Food landscape of Nashville
10:00 AM	Brief Panels with Discussion - Community Gardens & Orchards - Hot meals (Soup Kitchens) - Supplemental Food (Food Pantries) -Advocacy
12:00 PM	Closing Conversations, Commitments and Lunch (provided by Nashville Food Project)

Interested in local hunger and food insecurity issues?

Wondering how you can help?

Join us for this year's Food and Faith event at Westminster. The event will focus on helping faith communities understand the realities of food insecurity in the greater Nashville area and highlighting the many ways they can be part of the solution. We will hear from a number of local speakers who will lead discussions on topics including the food landscape of Nashville, community gardening, orchards, hot meals, food pantries, and advocacy. We hope you'll join us as we come together as a community to seek sustainable, long-terms solutions to hunger. The event is free and breakfast and lunch will be provided—please register online.

