

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026



GATHERING

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

**We will lay down
our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.**

As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,

**Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRELUDE

William Mathias

Fanfare

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

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

Matthew 21:1-9

(New Testament, page 23 in your pew Bible)

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

CHORAL INTROIT

(8:30 AM)

Hosanna to the Son of David

Hal H. Hopson

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

(11:00 AM)

Susan Eltringham

Sing a Joyful Hosanna

Joyfully we go to Jerusalem.
Let us go to honor Him. Let us hurry now, for we can't be late.
See him coming through the gate.

*Sing a joyful hosanna, wave your palm branches high.
Sing a joyful hosanna, our King is passing by.*

Joyfully he rides on a donkey gray, our friend, Jesus, on His way.
Can you see Him now? He is very near.
Hear the people shout and cheer.

*Sing a joyful hosanna, wave your palm branches high.
Sing a joyful hosanna, our King is passing by.*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**God of all the ages,
make us real or make us nothing.
As we sing "Hosanna!"
bring us to the foot of the cross.
As we wave palms, show us your tomb.
On this day of praise and passion,
help us to hold the tension between life and death
and to learn the mystery that you are in both.
Teach us to turn our faces toward you
and help us to bear witness,
that we might testify always to your faithfulness. Amen.**

HANDBELL FANFARE FOR PALM SUNDAY (11:00 AM)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196**

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

About Hymn 196

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century. TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.; MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry monk, 1861.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

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Refrain

Choir (or cantor) Congregation

Fling wide the gates! Fling wide the gates!

Choir (or cantor) Congregation

Wel - come the king! Wel - come the king!

Let the doors of righteousness be opened;
 we will go in and give thanks to the Lord.
 This is the gate of the Lord; it is opened for the righteous.
 We will give praise, for God has heard us
 and has come to save us. **Refrain.**

The stone, which the builders rejected as worthless,
 has become the cornerstone.
 This is your work, O Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
 Lord, you have made this day;
 let us rejoice and be glad. **Refrain.**

Send salvation, O Lord; Lord, grant us victory.
 Blessed be your name, O Lord.
 We bless you from your temple.
 Lord God, you have given us light;
 with waving branches we march around the altar. **Refrain.**

You are our God; we give you praise;
 we will proclaim your greatness.
 We will offer thanks because of your goodness;
 your love endures forever. **Refrain**

SCRIPTURE

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

Matthew 21:8-17

(New Testament, page 23 in your pew Bible)

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

SERMON

"One Day..."

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

ANTHEM

(11:00 AM)

A Lenten Love Song

Helen Kemp

Now Jesus went into the garden. The garden of Gethsemane.
He went there sad and very weary to be alone, to pray.

"Dear God, I am so sorrowful, is there no other way?

Dear God if it is possible, let this cup pass away."

Now Jesus went into the garden. The garden of Gethsamane.

The olive tree bent over Him, and heard Him sadly pray:

"Dear God, your Son is sorrowful, but knows your way is best.

Let love take hold of me!

Help me to be bold and free to do your will and rest."

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

(Where charity and love are found, God is there.)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery
which the Scriptures describe in various ways.**

**It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,
a shepherd's life given for his sheep,
atonement by a priest;**

**again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt,
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,
and victory over the powers of evil.**

**These are expressions of a truth
which remains beyond the reach of all theory
in the depths of God's love for humankind.**

**They reveal the gravity, cost,
and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.09

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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:



THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem
(8:30 AM)

Natalie Sleeth

Behold the Shepherd

Behold the shepherd on the hill;
He tends the flock while all is still.
He scans the height and probes the deep,
Content to suffer for his sheep.

Behold what burdens he must bear,
The wayward lambs within his care;
Behold him there, Bowed down with care;
He watches well while others sleep,
He tends the sheep.

Miserere nobis, Miserere,
Lord, have mercy,
Grant to him thy peace.

Behold his love for one and all,
His sacrifice for creatures great and small;
A lonely vigil he must keep to save his wayward sheep,
All we like sheep have gone astray,
But Christ would shepherd us always,
And for our sins in sorrow weep,
Content to suffer for his sheep.

Miserere nobis,
Miserere, Lord have mercy,
Grant to us thy peace.

(11:00 AM)

J.J.A. Roger-Ducasse

Faithful Cross

Faithful cross above all others,
One and only noble tree.
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit Thy peer may be.
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,
Sweetest weight is hung on Thee.
Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

**God of grace,
you have gifted us with life in Christ.
Today we bring the gifts of our work
and the gifts of our hearts.
May all that we bring and all that we are
be your means of grace in the world,
that all people may encounter your good news. 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.**

About Hymn 209

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune. TEXT: Samuel Crossman, 1664, alt; MUSIC: John Ireland, 1918.

SENDING

***HYMN 209** My Song Is Love Unknown LOVE UNKNOWN

***BENEDICTION**

About the Postlude

POSTLUDE Olivier Messiaen
Jésus accepte la souffrance

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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

Please be seated to listen to the postlude or exit quietly.

My Song Is Love Unknown 209

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

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Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact Rev. Stephanie Boaz by email at sboaz@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 in the church office.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

Rev. Stephanie Boaz
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Suzie Lane
11:00 AM Lynne Trost

Music

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

Alleluia | Kindergarten
Nancy Bieschke, Director

Gloria | First, Second Grades
Roberta Rodgers & John Semingson, Directors

Jubilate | Third - Fifth Grades
Ally Hard, Director

Andrew Hard
Accompanist

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Stephen Z. Cook
Guest Organist

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



**LIVING
OUT THE
WORD**

LOVE
RECONCILE
SHINE
TRANSFORM

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them.
Matthew 21:14

What was the purpose of the temple?

What do you want in a church?

What does the world want in a church?

Update Your Membership Contact Info

Contact Hannah Boles, Membership Secretary, hboles@nashvillewpc.org, to update your contact info or your photo. Hannah can also help you to access the online church member directory.

Are you up-to-date on all the WPC news?

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

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





TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

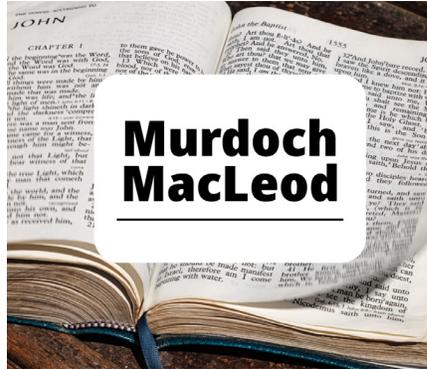
Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



Covenant Class • Goodpasture Hall

Unmoored: How and why organized Christianity in the United States is at sea and what can be done about it.

Across the four leading families of American Christianity—Mainline, Catholic, Evangelical, and Black Church—memberships are declining and participation is waning, especially among younger generations of American adults. One of the leading reasons for these trends is a crisis about how to live out the faith in a polarized and attention seeking culture. James Hudnut-Beumler, Vanderbilt professor emeritus, will speak from the findings of his forthcoming book and pose options for getting beyond the red, blue, and purple versions of the church toward something authentically Christlike in congregations and personal faith today.



Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

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



Journeys • Overlook Room

Join us today for Sunday School and fellowship



KOINONIA YOUTH MINISTRY



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**9:45 AM •
Sunday School •**

Mentor Breakfast
Fellowship Hall



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

Join us for fun and fellowship.



**Lenten Prayer & Community Hours
Wednesdays •
2:30 -4:30 PM •
Koinonia Youth Café**

Join us for reflection and refreshments
through the Lenten season.



MUSIC MINISTRY



Sunday Rehearsals

Children, Youth & Intergenerational Choirs

4:00 PM Rehearsals

Tintinnabulation

5:00 PM Rehearsals

Laudate

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.





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.



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank below:

colt	glory
heaven	king
miracles	praise
ridden	road
untie	village

Go to the _____ ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a _____ tied there, which no one has ever _____. _____ it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'

They went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owner asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the _____. The crowd of disciples began joyfully to _____ God in loud voices for all the _____ they had seen: "Blessed is the _____ who comes in the name of the Lord!" Peace in _____ and _____ in the highest!"



ANNOUNCEMENTS



April 2
Maundy Thursday
Service of Holy
Communion | Stripping of
the Chancel
7:00 PM
Laudate Youth Choir

April 3
Good Friday
Choral Service of
Darkness
7:00 PM
Westminster Choir

April 5 – Easter Sunday
7:30 AM Worship Service
Holy Communion
Brass Ensemble
Laudate Youth Choir

9:15 AM Worship Service
Brass Ensemble
Westminster Choir

11:00 AM Worship Service
Brass Ensemble
Westminster Choir



April 2
Maundy Thursday Dinner
5:45 PM • Koinonia Youth Café

Please join us for Maggiano's.
\$10/person and \$40 max for families
Registration closes Monday at noon.



Scan the QR code to register.



JOY IN LEARNING/CAFÉ



Join us for fun, food and fellowship in the Westminster Café or in a Joy in Learning Class. Please scan the QR code, where appropriate, for more info and to register.

OnGoing Events

Wednesdays

• **Watercolor Painting** | 10:00 AM - Noon | Westminster Café
Learn from each other. Come and go activity.



Thursdays

• **Fill My Cup** | Westminster Café

8:15 AM Meet and Greet | 8:30 AM Coffee/tea and percolating conversation
Come when you can. No sign ups necessary. Join other women in the Café to fill your spiritual cup. We will revisit the previous Sunday's scriptures.

Spring Specials in the Café



- Lemon-Ginger-Honey yummy hot or refreshing cold drink!
- Vietnamese/Mexican Coffee (cold brew with creamy sweet milk)
- Original or Dirty Chai Latte
- Cold Brew

A huge THANK YOU to our amazing hosts and bakers who give of their love, time, and energy to create a delicious and welcoming place for folks to meet!



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Plant A Tree

Order a tree through Green Interchange and then make plans to pick it up at the WPC North Entrance on Saturday, April 26, from 9:00 AM to noon.

Reserve your trees or make a donation by scanning the QR code. Specify WPC as the pickup spot. Plant the trees or give them to others to enjoy.



Golf Classic

Looking for a fun way to serve and play at the same time? Support Preston Taylor Ministries by signing up for their Golf Tournament which will take place on March 30th. You can make a difference in the lives of the children and youth PTM serves, helping them to discover and pursue their God inspired dreams.



FaithWorks - Sign Up Now

April 25
8:00 AM -12:00 PM
12:00 PM • Lunch

Please join us for our annual day of service, where we go out as a whole church into the community to serve. All ages and stages are welcome. This year, we will add a Rise Against Hunger event (pack 10,000 meals) along with Habitat, WHC and PTM.



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