



Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026
11:00 AM

 **LIVING** OUT **THE WORD**
LOVE • RECONCILE • SHINE • TRANSFORM

GATHERING

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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.

About Hymn 475

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

PRELUDE

Easter Bells

arr. Michael Ryan

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Let the righteous be joyful!

**Sing to God; sing praises to God's name;
lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds.**

Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose power is in the skies.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**God of seekers and dreamers,
speak to us now
as we wait for your promised word.
Protect your people, we pray.
The road ahead may be long,
but fill us with determination and courage.
Teach us to be your body with faith and love,
that we might serve one another
as companions on the way,
through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

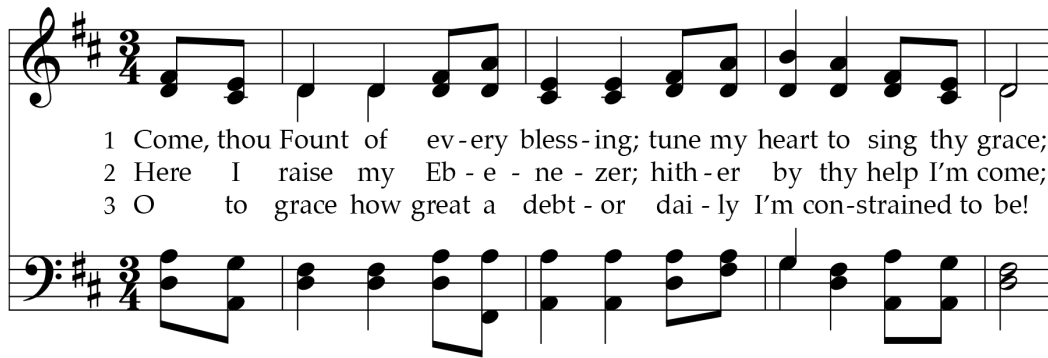
*(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality
in worship of Jesus Christ - the Living Word,
and the Bible - the written Word.)*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 475

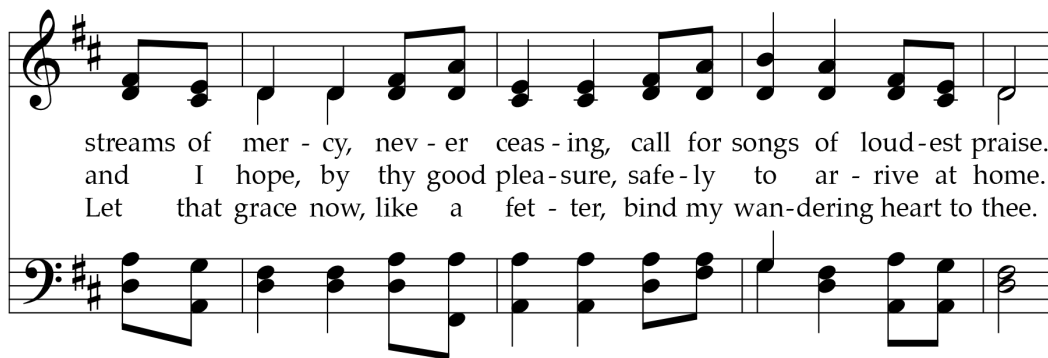
NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

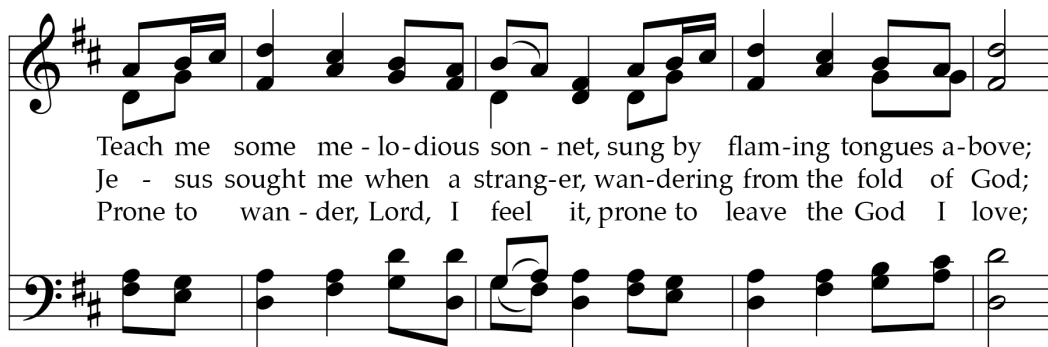
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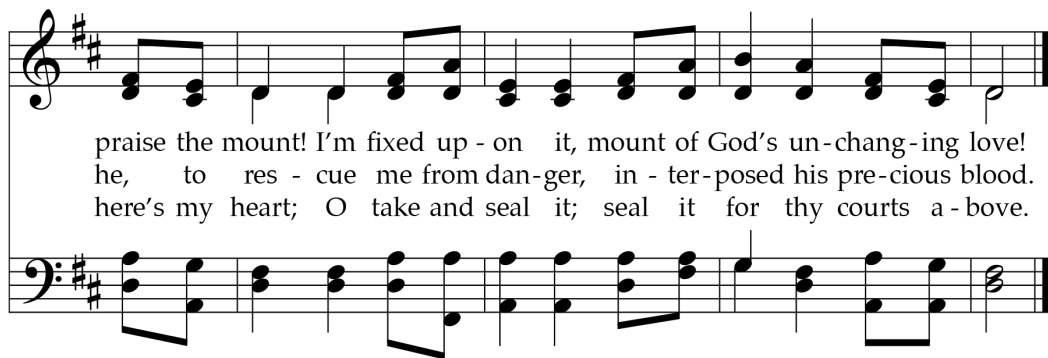
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Scripture tells us that our sufferings are known to Christ, that we can cast all our anxiety on Jesus, who restores, supports, strengthens and establishes us. Knowing this, let us come to God in a spirit of openness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ our Savior,
as you ascended, you left the work to us.
You called us to keep the movement going,
to witness to the ends of the earth,
to pray, to heal,
to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds,
to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us.
We have fallen short of this call.
We have hidden ourselves in fear,
sought our own comfort,
and resigned ourselves to the status quo.
Forgive us,
and strengthen us to do your will,
that we may be signs of your coming reign.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

James MacMillan

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

Lord, have mer- cy, Lord, ___ have

1st-Choir/2nd-Congregation

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

All sing

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.

Prayer for Illumination

A Prayer for Illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God’s word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us,
let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*(Please exchange the peace with the words,
“The peace of Christ be with you.”)*

***ACT OF PRAISE**

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.**

INTERLUDE

arr. Susan E. Geschke

Holy Manna

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Acts 1:6-14

(New Testament, page 505 in your pew Bible)

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

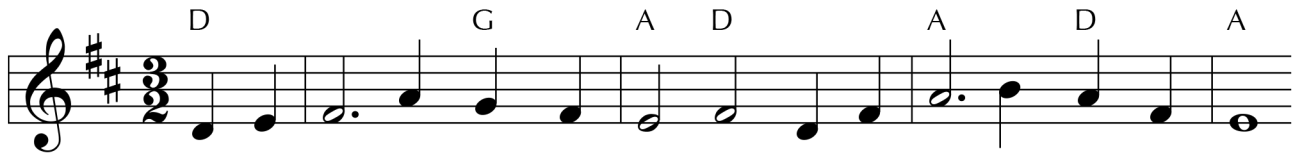
Psalms 68, Hymn 183

AUSTIN

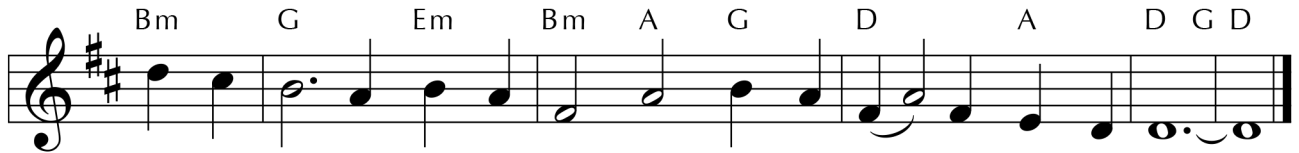
All Sing

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

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler 183



- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."
Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28–30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.

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MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992
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AUSTIN
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John 17:1-11

(New Testament, page 109 in your pew Bible)

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

SERMON "Who Hears a Prayer?" Donovan Drake

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

Adapted from *the Confession of 1967, 9.22*

INSTALLATION

A LITANY OF GIFTS (*Based on Rom. 12:4-8, 11-13*)

Rev. Evelyn Graham

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own
function, so all of us together with Christ are one body,
and we all belong to each other.

**We have different gifts according to the grace God has
given us.**

If your gift is to hear God's Word,
speak it out in faith.

If your gift is service,
live to serve others.

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,
teach what is true.

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;
**let officers work diligently for the people, and those who
serve the poor, serve gladly.**

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,
**serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering,
constant in prayer, supporting one another,
and welcoming all.**

STATEMENT ON THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Becky Campbell

We are called out by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ,
a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all.
Today we reclaim our historic calling
and reclaim the great ends of the church:

**The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of
humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship
of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

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PRESENTATION OF THE PASTOR-ELECT

Rev. Evelyn Graham

We remember with joy
our common calling to serve Christ,
and we celebrate God's call to our sister, Sarah,
to serve among us as pastor.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO PASTOR

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION

Ned Hildebrand

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Ashley Higgins

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Evelyn Graham

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR

Rev. Adam DeVries

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Evelyn Graham

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

arr. Alice Parker

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*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!**

Offering

Offerings received at ordination and installation services go to The Presbytery Assistance Fund to support Presbyterian pastors in times of financial need.

Doxology

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.**

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

**Great God, to you we give our thanks;
your steadfast love endures forever.
With gratitude we bring our gifts to you.
Bless us and our gifts,
that our lives and our resources
may be a source of healing and hope,
of joy and justice in our world. 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 463**

How Firm A Foundation

FOUNDATION

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

POSTLUDE

Dialogue, 4e Couplet from "Messe pour les Couvents"

François Couperin

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

About Hymn 463

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELIS, 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.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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."

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Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Dononvan Drake
Head of Staff

Assisting

Sophie Maness
Executive Director of Children's
& Community Life Ministries

Lay Liturgist

X Lucas

Music

Harvard Handbell Choir
Tinnabulation Handbell Choir
- Director, Jennifer Barnes

Westminster Choir

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Stephen Z. Cook
Organist

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Catherine Ann McDowell and William Neal Dickey, Jr. on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Summers Paul Lyle III by his family.

Hearing Assistance

We offer two options to assist with hearing during services. 1.) Download the Sennheiser MobileConnect app. 2.) Personal FM receivers with an earpiece. Receivers and instructions for both options are located in the Narthex and on the Welsh Dresser in the Parlor. Please see an Usher if you need assistance.

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

...And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.
John 17:11

How would you describe your prayer life?

What are some things that Jesus wants us to know in this prayer?

What does the following mean to you? – “Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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, sboaz@nashvillewpc.org, or by calling 615.292.5526.



Special Sunday Celebration

Join us in the Parlor after the 11:00 AM service as we celebrate the installation of Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff. Grab a cappuccino, latte macchiato or flat white plus a little snack before lunch.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Pastoral Transition: Important Informational Session June 7 • 9:45 AM Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Join us for the Transition Committee's informational session on our pastoral search process. This session will include the projected timeline and key steps of the search process, along with details on how your voice will be heard. Dr. Bill Wilson of the Center for Healthy Churches will speak on his experience helping congregations navigate pastoral transitions and answer questions on how he will support Westminster during this pivotal time.

thank you

Thank You to our Teachers and Shepherds

We are so very grateful to all of the volunteers who shared their energy, intelligence, imagination and LOVE with our children. Because of these folks our children feel loved and known at Westminster. It is an amazing gift to give.

Thank you! Please give them a hug, a handshake, a thank you when you see them.

Jaleen Rayburn
Camille Chaffin
Margaret Smith
Mary Prue Alley
Allison Braswell
Leslie Grote
Nancy McCanless
Susan Isaacs
Liz Story
Katie Ann McCanless
Catherine Bradbury
Meg Hudson
Jack Hudson
Pam Koban
Frank Wade
Barbie Draughn
Myra Leathers
Claiborne Ralph

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Lisa Wooley
Beth O'Shea
Kimberly Dillard
Caroline Montgomery
Susan Carey
Tiffany Hines
Molly Bonner
Claire Harris Kramer
Andy Kramer
Thomas and Betsy
Bernstein
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Holly Conner
Amanda Fend



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGRATS!!

The Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench and Dr. James Hudnut-Beumler will receive Excellence in Theological Education awards at the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) this summer.

Gench is the Herbert Worth and Annie H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond and Charlotte. Hudnut-Beumler served as the Anne Potter Wilson Distinguished Professor of American Religious History and the former Dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville.



MISSION

**Monday-Thursday
June 15-18**
**Help Make Our Refugee
Neighbors' Summer
Extra Special!**
9:00 AM - Noon

Provide activities such as pom-poms, knitting, oil painting, punch needling, marbleizing, etc for 45 middle schoolers? 4 groups of 10-11

Each group would have 1-2 Joy in Learning leaders and 1 NM staff person.

Leaders: Plan just ONE 2-hour activity you can repeat for all 4 groups.

Let us know if you can help with this request! Scan the QR code.



SUMMER

Starting May 22, the church office will switch to summer hours on Fridays.

The office will be open Monday - Thursday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

On Fridays, we will be open from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.



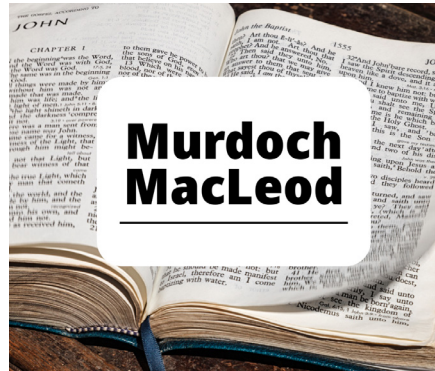
TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Guest speaker:
Charlotte Witvliet, Ph.D.
Senior Scholar, Belmont
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Whole Person Formation,
Mental Health & Flourishing
Professor of Clinical
Psychology and Character
Formation



Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's
gospel lesson.

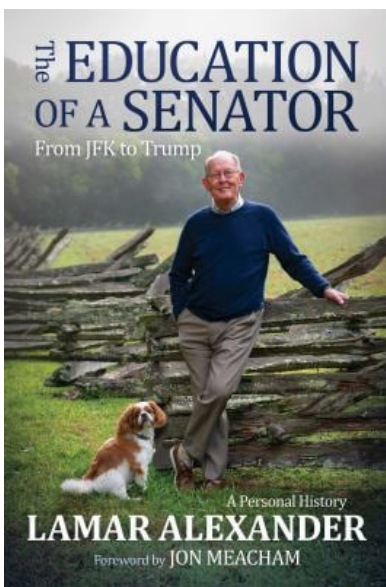
For more info, please
contact Paul DeWitt,
pdewitt@comcast.net.



Journeys • Overlook Room

Getting to know WPC.

Led by Janet Kuhn and
Andy Garcia and Howard
Lamar.



Join us for a conversation with Lamar Alexander. Led by Turney Stevens.

His new book is a behind-the-scenes story of the last sixty years of American politics, told with purpose and humor by a political legend who worked with ten presidents, made deals with both Obama and Trump, and believes that serving in public office is the best way to help the largest number of people and to keep our Republic from falling apart.

May 31
9:45 AM | Fellowship Hall

Everyone welcome.
Copies of his book will be available.



KOINONIA YOUTH MINISTRY



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9:45 AM •
Sunday School •
Koinonia Youth Café

Join us for Sunday School.



7:00 PM • Tuesdays
Open Gym

Join the Youth staff every Tuesday evening for a little basketball fun.



July 19 - 25, 2026
Montreat Youth Conference

Montreat Youth Conference affirms youth in their calling to be and to shape the church of Jesus Christ.

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.



LIVING OUT THE WORD

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

WORD SEARCH

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

eternal
glorify
heaven
life
pray
son
world

father
God
Jesus
name
protect
words

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MUSIC MINISTRY

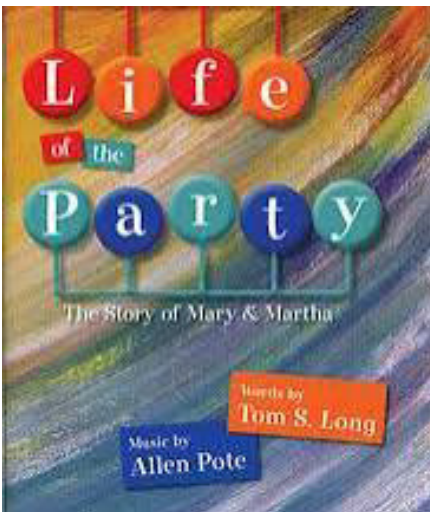


Sunday Rehearsals

Children, Youth & Intergenerational Choirs

4:00 PM Rehearsals
Tinnabulation Handbell Choir

5:00 PM Rehearsals
no rehearsals



Music Camp 2026 - Rehearsals Continue Sunday 4:00 PM • Second Floor Choir Suite

This year, the children will present *Life of the Party*. This musical for young voices from the writing team of Allen Pote and Tom Long is a humorous telling of the stories of Mary & Martha. Family conflict, making time for Jesus in the midst of hectic lives, and trusting God when things get tough are the themes that are addressed. Not too late to sign up. All children, rising grades 1st-7th, are welcome, even if they are not currently involved in Children's Choir.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



May 26

Westminster Book Group

9:30 AM • Fellowship

10:00 PM • Presentation

Goodpasture Hall

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters. It was a midsummer day when Joe and his family arrived in Maine to pick blueberries for the summer season. Joe's family were Mik'mags, or indigenous people from Nova Scotia. A few weeks into the picking, Joe and Ruthie, his sister, were playing on their favorite rock when Joe suddenly he could not find Ruthie. She seemed to have disappeared without warning.

Joe is a narrator for much of his family's story of the years ahead and remains unable to accept Ruthie's mysterious disappearance. Despite their shared grief, Joe's family also find support through the love of family and shared memories. The local policeman didn't help in the search for Ruthie. Also, Ruthie's parents were discriminated against as "transients."

But this is a novel with two story lines.

Join us and find out the twist in the second story line.

June 4 - Aug 13
Summer Book Study
9:30 AM
Overlook Room

Join us this summer as we get to know the writing of Frederick Buechner, a prolific author and Presbyterian minister.

We will read two of his books:

***Sacred Journey* is a compelling memoir wherein Buechner describes his life growing up as he wrestles with loss, identity and faith. More than a traditional conversion story, this book invites readers to "listen to their lives" and discover the sacred within their own stories.**

***Telling the Truth: The Gospel and Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale* presents Buechner's vision of the gospel as tragedy that confronts sin, comedy that proclaims grace, and fairy tale that awakens wonder at God's redeeming truth. He writes with both challenge and whimsy about the central, transformative story of redemption through Christ.**

Reach out to Sarah Bird Kneff for more information skneff@nashvillewpc.org.



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.

Tuesdays

May 19, 26

Hand-Building Open Studio for Experienced Potters

5:00 - 8:00 PM

\$50.00 for 4 days (includes all supplies)



Fridays

May 22, 29 & June 5, 12, 19

Ikebana Containers

9:15 - 11:45 AM

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

\$60.00 for all days, including supplies



Wednesdays

June 3, 10, 17, 24

Open Studio - Pottery Throwing

4:30 - 7:00 PM

\$50 for a four-week session. All supplies, including clay and glazes, are provided. These Open Studio times do not have a designated teacher, so we learn from each other!







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— *A Different Kind of Summer* —



WHAT IF THIS SUMMER...

-  Could be a different kind of summer?
Not just busier, more meaningful.
-  What if compassion became action?
-  What if one small act could make a real difference?
-  What if God is nudging you to use your gifts for good?

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Questions or ideas?

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Save the Date

**The concert originally
scheduled for February
will happen in June
thanks to the ice storm.**

**We hope you will join
us for a rousing
concert by the Laudate
Youth and Westminster
Choirs featuring Robert
Ray's Gospel Mass.**

June 4

Mardi Gras at Westminster

6:30 pm Ice Cream Social | Parlor Courtyard

7:15 pm Concert | Sanctuary