

Day of Pentecost
Holy Communion
May 24, 2026



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 277

This three-occasion hymn has been extracted from a much longer Latin original of 55 two-line stanzas. Though it is doubtful that the entire text was used much, selections from it have flourished for centuries. This celebratory tune is one of the composer's most effective. TEXT: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, c. 567-576; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

PRELUDE

Paul Manz

O That I Had a Thousand Voices to Praise My God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

God sent forth the Spirit, and all creation rejoiced.
God's breath filled the skies, the sea, the land, and all creatures.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

Let us sing to the Lord as long as we have breath.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**God of all creation,
we come at last to be united in the Spirit,
your gleaming fire among us,
setting our hearts ablaze.
We praise you with our whole being.
Live in us, that we may love with your love,
speak with your truth, and serve with your mercy.
Keep us faithful until the very end,
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 277

SALVE FESTA DIES

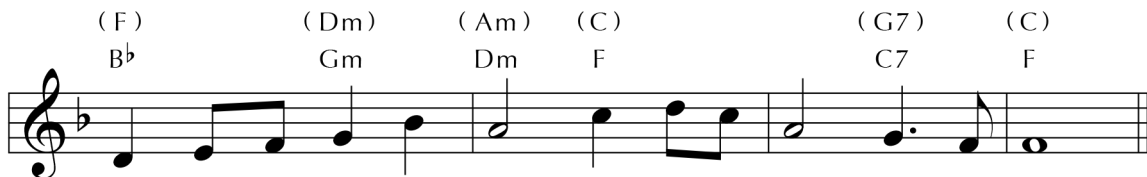
Hail Thee, Festival Day!
(Sing Pentecost text for verses 1 and 2)

277 Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Capo 5: (C) (G7) (Am)(D7) (G) (C) (D7) (G)
 Refrain F C7 Dm G7 C F G7 C



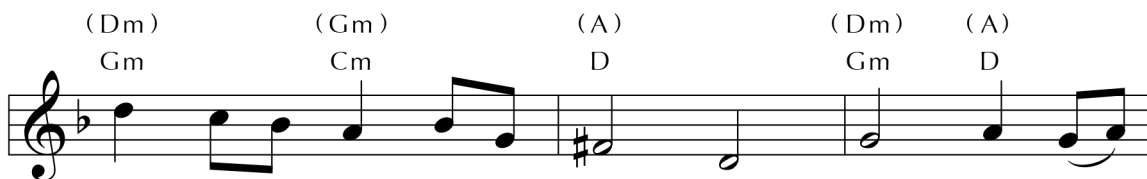
Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



(F) (Dm) (Am) (C) (G7) (C)
 B^b Gm Dm F C7 F
 day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.



(Dm) (A) (Dm) (Gm)
 Gm D Gm Cm
Easter 1 All the fair beau - ty of earth from the
Ascension 1 He who was nailed to the cross, is
Pentecost 1 Bright and in like - ness of fire, on
 3 God the Al - might - y, the Lord, the
 5 Spir - it of life and of power, now



(Dm) (Gm) (A) (Dm) (A)
 Gm Cm D Gm D
 death of the win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good
 rul - er and Lord of all peo - ple. All things cre -
 those who a - wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
 rul - er of earth and the heav - ens, guard us from
 flow in us, fount of our be - ing, light that en -



(Dm) (C) (Dm) (D7) (G) (G7)
 Gm F Gm G7 C C7
 gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:
 at - ed on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 Lord had fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
 harm with - out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - ens us all, life that in all may a - bide:

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

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JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

(F) (B^b) (C) (B^b)
 B^b E^b F E^b

Easter 2 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the au - thor of
Ascension 2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows a - dorned with the
Pentecost 2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 4 Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our
 6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and

(F) (C) (F) (Dm)
 B^b F B^b Gm

life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
 glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en its gates now un -
 glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en its gates now un -
 minds, great Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 Au - thor of con - cord, pour out your balm on our

(Am) (F) (Am) (E) (Am) (G)
 Dm B^b Dm A Dm C *to Refrain*

death, new life you give to us all:
 bars, fling - ing its in - crease of light:
 bars, fling - ing its in - crease of light:
 preme, on - ly be - got - ten of God:
 days; or - der our ways in your peace:

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Spirit helps us in our weakness,
for we do not know how to pray as we ought;
but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.
**And God, who searches the heart,
knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints,
according to the will of God.**

Trusting in the Spirit of truth,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples,
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.
We confess that we resist the presence of your Spirit.
We do not expect your word of grace,
do not speak the good news of your redeeming love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a desire to be faithful to Jesus Christ.**

(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. **All sing** 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 (Hymn 513)**

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation. **Refrain.**

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Acts 2:1-21

(New Testament, page 119 in your pew Bible)

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

Refrain


Lord, send out your Spir - it, _____ and re -
 new the face of the earth; _____ Lord, send out your
 Spir - it, _____ and re - new the face of the earth.

O bless the Lord, my soul;
 O Lord, how great are your ways!
 How many are your works, O Lord!
 The earth is full of your glory! **Refrain**

You take back your spirit, they die,
 returning to the dust.
 You send forth your spirit, they are created.
 You renew the face of the earth! **Refrain**

May the glory of God be forever;
 may the Lord rejoice in all works!
 May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to God.
 I find my joy in the Lord! **Refrain**

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

Numbers 11:24-30

(Old Testament, page 129 in your pew Bible)

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

SERMON

"Can you believe it?"

Ashley Higgins

Breath & Fire
 By Lauren Wright
 Pittman
 Sanctified Art
 "I was struck by the
 elemental nature of the
 imagery in the Pentecost
 narrative. Tongues of fire
 and a violent wind tear
 down the walls that
 divide, and the Spirit
 pours out upon all flesh.
 I thought of this
 experience as a collision
 of foundational symbols
 of our faith: fire,
 wind, and water."

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

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:



***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage: to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

Arr. Moses Hogan

Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit,
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit,
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit...

On the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out His mouth came fire and smoke.

Down in the valley, on my knees,
asked my Lord have mercy please.

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit...

Jerdon river, chilly and cold,
chills the body not the soul.
All around me looked so fine,
asked my Lord if all was mine.

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit...

Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back.
St. Peter waitin' at the gate,
said come on sinner, don't be late.

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit...

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Doxology

**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!**

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

***PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

***INVITATION**

***GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy...
...In every age your Holy Spirit has led us in your ways.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

ALL:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of
 pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is
 he who comes, he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty,
 and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...
 ...he broke the power of death, and led the way to eternal life.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...
 ...and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your
 eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
 now and forever.

ALL:

[organ]
 A - men, A - men, A - men.

*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,**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529

G Em Am C D G/B

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

Am Dsus D G C Am D G

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

Em D/F# G Am Dsus D G C Am

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

D G Em C G/B Am D G

lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Ashley Higgins
Associate Pastor for Young Families

Assisting

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith
Associate Pastor for
Pastoral Care and Teaching

Lay Liturgist

8:30 AM Ann Neely
11:00 AM Keith Cole

Communion Preparation

Tom Bayersdorf

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir
11:00 AM 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 with gratitude for our many blessings by Beth and Jim Felch.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bernard Rossiter O'Shea by his family.

Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a son, *Arthur William Rund*, on May 18, 2026, to Emily and Joe Rund. Susan and Mike Hassell are thrilled grandparents.

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

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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 Rev. Stephanie Boaz, sboaz@nashvillewpc.org, or by calling 615.292.5526.

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.



Communion kits are available for seniors living in a residency or independently.

Please contact Sylvia Leins, srleins@yahoo.com to receive one or add someone you know to the list for the next Communion Sunday.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Please join Guy D. Griffith for a narrative on the recent trip to Wales and Scotland.

Next Sunday

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.

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Journeys • Overlook Room

Fellowship Sunday

Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

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

Youth

Donuts & Devos 9:45 AM Koinonia Youth Café

Drop in and stay for a few minutes or the whole hour.

Everyone welcome!

Children

Sunday School

No Sunday School today. Childcare is available. Worship bags are located by the doors going into the Sanctuary. Summer Sunday School begins May 31.

Childcare

Room 146
Nursery

Room 152
Toddlers

Room 151
2s and 3s



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Westminster Café

- 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.



Westminster Book Group

- May 26 | 9:30 AM | Goodpasture Hall
- We will discuss *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters.



Summer Book Study

- Starts June 4 | 9:30 AM | Overlook Room
- We will discuss *Sacred Journey* and *Telling the Truth: The Gospel and Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale* by Frederick Buechner.



Music Camp

- June 8 - 14 | 8:30 AM • Fellowship Hall
- Not too late to sign up! The children will present *Life of the Party*.



A NEW Adult Network

21 to 121 years old. Singles or in a relationship.

GAME NIGHT

Thursday, June 11, 2026

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Westminster Cafe



Maggianno's Dinner for \$15.00
Mafia, Fishbowl, Cards, Board games, and more!





westminsterjoy.org or call the church office .

Small Acts. Big Love.

— *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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what would you do?



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You don't have to do something huge to make a real difference.
Maybe your "what if" is someone else's answered prayer.



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 Sundaes | Parlor Courtyard

7:15 pm Concert | Sanctuary