



**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Holy Communion**  
**May 17, 2026**  
**8:30 AM**

Cover photo by  
Eric Baldwin.

*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.

## GATHERING

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

#### PRELUDE

arr. Michael Ryan

Easter Bells

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Jesus Shall Reign

#### \*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

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

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 (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.)*

**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!**

All Sing

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

**John 17:1-11**

(New Testament, page 109 in your pew Bible)

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

**SERMON**

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*

**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.

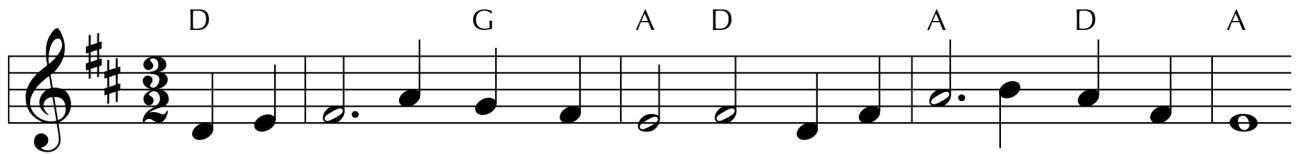
*Offering*

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.

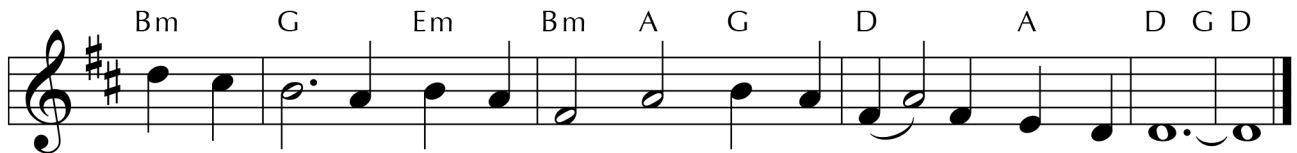
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# Come to Me, O Weary Traveler 183



- 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.

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*

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

**\*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!**

**\*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

Blessed are you, O Lord our God...  
...you have promised never to forsake us.

Therefore, joining the song with the saints of every age,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

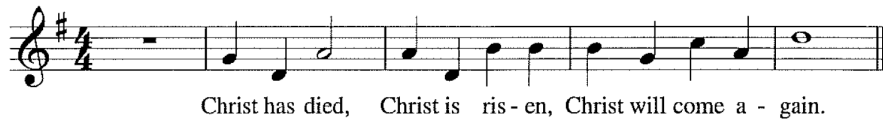
ALL:

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.)*

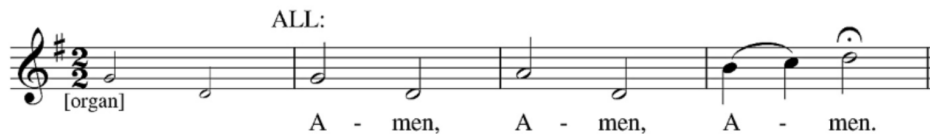
Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior...  
...we bear witness to this good news of great joy.

Remembering your goodness and grace,  
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude  
as we share this joyful feast,  
and proclaim the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...  
...into the glory of your new creation.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we bless you, God of glory,  
now and forever.



## **\*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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Music during Communion François Couperin  
Récit de Cromorne from "Messe pour les Couvents"

The bread served in  
today's communion  
is gluten-free.

**Anthem**

Prospect, A Southern Folk tune  
Arr., David N. Johnson

The Lone, Wild Bird

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight  
Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.  
And I am thine! I rest in thee.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in thy hand,  
The sea's dark deep and far off land.  
And I am thine! I rest in thee.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight  
Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 463**

**FOUNDATION**

How Firm A Foundation

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

François Couperin

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

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*\*(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

Tom Wyllly

#### Communion Preparation

Suzie and Richard Lane

#### Music

Harvard Handbell Choir  
Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir  
- Director, Jennifer Barnes

Chamber 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](http://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.”

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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, [sboaz@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:sboaz@nashvillewpc.org), or by calling 615.292.5526.

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

**Please contact Sylvia Leins, [srleins@yahoo.com](mailto:srleins@yahoo.com) to receive one or add someone you know to the list for the next Communion Sunday.**



# 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

Roberta Rodgers  
Emily Ogden  
Lisa Wooley  
Beth O'Shea  
Kimberly Dillard  
Caroline Montgomery  
Susan Carey  
Tiffany Hines  
Molly Bonner  
Claire Harris Kramer  
Andy Kramer  
Thomas and Betsy  
Bernstein  
Rachel Gilmore  
Brandon Clingman  
Boone Lancaster  
Sara Ludlam  
Lisa Quillman

Jennifer Osborne  
Mollie Brookshire  
Blake Brookshire  
Caroline Tompkins  
Arren Beach  
Mark Hardison  
Brent Pennington  
David Simcox  
Ned Munson  
Ellie Keiper  
Courtney Robers  
Shelby Bailey  
Kathleen Simcoe  
Beville Dunkerley  
Jennifer Caver  
Jennie Rebecca Springer  
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 227<sup>th</sup> 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.



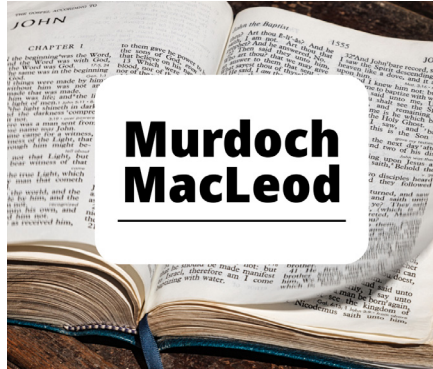
# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



## Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

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



## Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's  
gospel lesson.

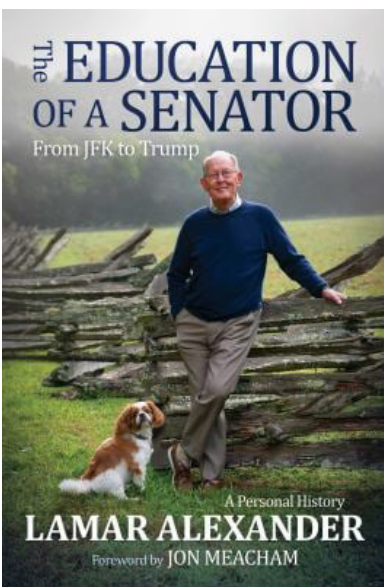
For more info, please  
contact Paul DeWitt,  
pdewitt@comcast.net.



## 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



## YOUTH TEAM

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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**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in room 292**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

t	d	p	g	l	i	f	e	n	h	f	v	a	d	h	w	r	p
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# MUSIC MINISTRY

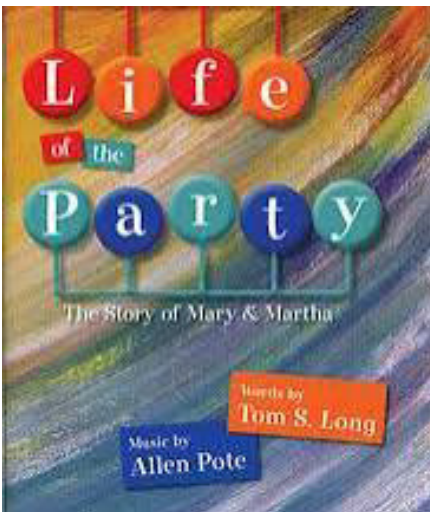


## Sunday Rehearsals

### 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](mailto: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!







# 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?

If you had up to  
**\$500**  
to bless others,  
*what would you do?* 

**THE HANDS ON MISSION MINI-GRANTS  
ARE HERE TO HELP TURN IDEAS INTO ACTION.**

### MINI-GRANTS INCLUDE:

-  **Up to \$500** to support your idea
-  **Encouragement** and brainstorming help
-  **Opportunities** to partner with others
-  **Open to members of all ages** – individuals, families, youth, and groups



**Apply for a Hands On Mission Mini-Grant Today!**



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 Social | Parlor Courtyard**

**7:15 pm Concert | Sanctuary**