

A close-up photograph of a pink lily flower. The petals are light pink with darker pink spots. The center of the flower shows several stamens with orange-brown anthers and green filaments. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the flower and some green leaves.

**Second Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
June 7, 2026**

Life Lessons

Cover photo by
Donovan Drake.

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.

GATHERING

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Georg Böhm

Allemande, Sarabande, and Courante in f minor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God and bless God's name.

For the Holy One, our God, is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

(Psalm 100, vs. 4-5)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

God of all, thank you for your many blessings.

Your mercies are new every morning,

your grace is sufficient,

and you remain present in times of trouble.

Your words alone can heal us,

your love saves us, and your name makes us whole.

Revive our faith,

resurrect our hope,

and renew our commitment to love one another,

that we may offer you gratitude. 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 49


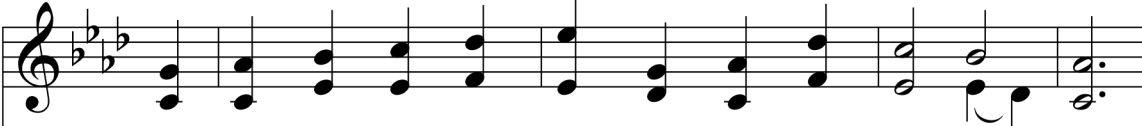
LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise



49 The God of Abraham Praise





1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;


the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him,
we dare to approach God with confidence.

(Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16)

In faith and penitence let us confess our sin
before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have shown us the path love takes –
responsive to the needs of others, open to everyone,
willing to suffer and endure.

We confess that we desire a different path – one where our
interests are protected, our comfort is preserved, and we
decide who merits our attention.

Such love does not resemble yours.

O Suffering Servant, forgive our timid efforts to follow you.

Pour your love into our hearts and embolden us to share it, so
may we learn compassion, practice charity, and live in the
saving strength of love that knows no end.

With hope in the risen Christ, who loved us so much
he gave himself for us all. Amen.

(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

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

***The Peace**

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

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

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

Act of Praise

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God’s praise in response to the Assurance of Pardon as the last phrase.

***ACT OF PRAISE** (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.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Hosea 5:15–6:6

(Old Testament, page 838 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalms 50:7-15, Hymn 13, All Sing

KINGSFOLD

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

(New Testament, page 9 in your pew Bible)

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

Scripture

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

13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)



1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;



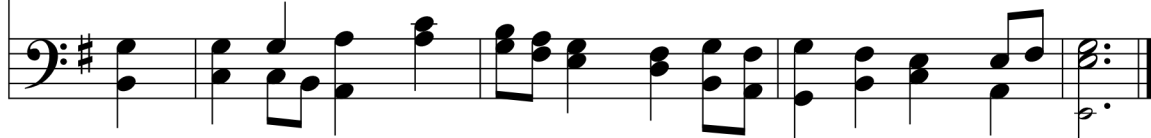
from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.



The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;



and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.



This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in humankind and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

(Confession of 1967)

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

Robert Ray

Acclamation
(Hallelujah, Praise the Lord)

Hallelujah; Praise the Lord. Let us praise the Lord.
Praise Him with stringed instruments. Praise Him with dance.
Praise Him on the Psaltery and harp.
Everything that has breath ought to praise Him.

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:



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

We do give you thanks and praise...
 ...you walk the road with us.

Through prophets and priests, through your word and Spirit,
 through your people, and through your gospel, you call us back
 to your love.

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 sent Jesus to speak to the world...
 ...he cried with those who cried.

In all of this, he walked the hard road-
 the way of the Cross
 and the way of the Resurrection.
 And so today remember him,
 and we remember his story.

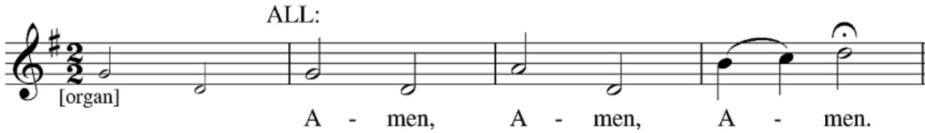
Great is the mystery of faith:



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

Today, we gather around this table to do as he asked us...
...Come, Holy Spirit.

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



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,
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

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

Gilbert M. Martin

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

Anthem

Robert Ray

Agnus Dei (from *Gospel Mass*)
Lamb of God

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

For You came to die for me,
suffer'd, bled, and died,
died on Calvary.

Lamb of God...

In Your word You showed us how,
we are trying Lord,
hear our pray'r right now.

Lamb of God who take away the sins of the world,
Grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***HYMN 766**

MC KEE

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Gilbert Martin

Chorale Prelude on McKEE

*(Those who are able may stand.)

About the Postlude

The Postlude is
considered the final
Alleluia of worship.

766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ cannot be bound by
 2 True faith will open up the door and
 3 True love will not sit idly by when
 4 If what we have we freely share to
 5 The church of Christ cannot be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where charity and
 step in to the street. True service will seek
 justice is denied. True mercy hears the
 meet our neighbor's need, then we extend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where charity and

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 homeless cry and welcomes them inside.
 Spirit's care through every selfless deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

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

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Julie Wilson
11:00 AM Clisby Hall

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 in celebration of the marriage of Elizabeth Beasley Moore and Grant Cole Drury on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a son, *John Ethan Humbracht*, on May 21, 2026, to John Humbracht and Rachael McCord. Ann and Rick Humbracht are proud grandparents.

Special Birthday

We would like to celebrate Elizabeth Graf who turns 100 on June 11, 2026. Please send her some wishes via birthday card to her home.

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 & 2s - Room 152

3s - 5s - 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



**LIVING
OUT THE
WORD**

LOVE
RECONCILE
SHINE
TRANSFORM

But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Matthew 9:12

What does being "made well" mean to you?

Was there a time when you were "well"?

If we assume that everyone dies in this text, what's the purpose of the miracles?

What are we to do as followers of "the great physician"?

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. If you are interested in joining us in this journey, you are invited to contact Stephanie Boaz, sboaz@nashvillewpc.org.

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



Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Join WPC's Transition Committee for a conversation about our pastoral search.

Dr. Bill Wilson of the Center for Healthy Churches will share

his plans to guide our congregation through the search for a new pastor. He will discuss key steps in ensuring a thoughtful, healthy transition and explain the many ways members of the congregation can share their perspectives and help shape this important journey.

Everyone welcome.

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Journeys • Overlook Room

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for the conversation with Bill Wilson.

Murdoch MacLeod • Library

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for the conversation with Bill Wilson.

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

Room 161
3s - 5s

Room 195
Kindergartern -
5th grade

Childcare

Room 146
Nursery

Room 152
Toddlers & 2s

Room 151
3s - 5s



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.



Summer Book Study

- Thursdays | 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*.



Youth Ministry - Top Golf

- June 10 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM • Meet at the North Entrance
- \$20.00 - pay online (scan QR code) or bring cash
- RSVP with Hannah Norris, hnorris@nashvillewpc.org



ROOTnetwork - Dinner and Game Night

- June 11 | 6:00 PM • Westminster Café
- \$15.00 for Maggiano's Dinner

Maggiano's Salad, Rigatoni Bolognese, Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, and Tiramisù. For singles and anyone in a relationship, Adults, and variety of games.



ROOTnetwork - Short Walk with Lunch

- June 24 | 11:00 AM • Westminster Café
- Meet at the Westminster Café and walk to and from Park Cafe in Sylvan Park! Purchase your own food.



Youth Ministry - Pop Stroke and In & Out

- June 10 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM • Meet at the North Entrance
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MISSIONS

Sylvia Leins



Each morning, children of the Belen district of Iquitos, Peru, come to the river to fill their pans and jugs with water for their families' daily needs. Tributaries of the Amazon, the Nanay and Itaya rivers are home to countless indigenous people displaced by illegal gold mining, logging and agricultural operations encroaching on the rain forests. Families forced from the jungle that provided the wild game and medicinal flora they relied upon for centuries, now live in stilt-raised homes on the rivers' flood plains. They drink, bathe, wash their clothing and defecate in the

same water that supplies their main source of protein, fish contaminated with mercury by miners dredging the rivers. Desperate families—42% of the population faces extreme

poverty—unable to feed or care for their young, abandon children as young as three years old to the streets. 57% of residents lack safe drinking water; 20% of children lack birth certificates or identification documents.

AP photos



Thanks to Westminster's generosity and support, members of WPC's Living Waters for the World team, Beth and Jim Felch, Ruth Ann and Bobby Veach, Carson Salyer and Doug Leins, leave Wednesday, June 10th, for a week in Iquitos. Your donations have supplied a new Reverse Osmosis

water filtration system for ABBA House Rumococha—a home for older abandoned boys, located on the Nanay River—and a necessary rebuild of an Ultra Violet filtration

system first installed by WPC in 2011 at Puerto Alegria on the Itaya River, home to younger boys. ABBA House is a faith-based, Christian non-profit organization focusing on providing a loving home, education, and care for abandoned and orphaned boys. As more daughters are abandoned to the streets of Iquitos, ABBA House hopes to provide similar housing and care for girls. And as ABBA House becomes proficient in the production of pure water, the boys' home will provide a pipeline and spigot to the public, and provide and/or sterilize

Sylvia Leins



their containers before drawing the pure water provided by the filtration systems you have provided.

Please keep our team in prayer as they work and celebrate, work side by side with ABBA House and educate ABBA House staff and children in the need for and proper use of pure water! Thanks, Westminster! This couldn't happen without you!

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Sunday, July 12

3:00 p.m.

Koinonia Youth Café

5:00 p.m.

Blue Monkey Shaved Ice

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