

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 28, 2026**

*I will sing of your steadfast love,  
O Lord, forever*

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.

*About Hymn 16*

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## GATHERING

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

#### PRELUDE

Rebecca Te Velde

I want to walk as a child of the light

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
Your love, O Lord, forever we will sing.  
**From age to age,  
we will proclaim your faithfulness.**

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Holy God, you welcome us all.  
Your loving-kindness is a gift to all who receive it.  
Teach us your ways, reveal your promises,  
and let your Holy Spirit rest upon us,  
that we might welcome others as you welcome us,  
in the name of Christ, now and forever. 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 16

O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

As we try to grow toward righteousness,  
we present ourselves to God in a spirit of honesty,  
naming where we still obey sin and death  
instead of goodness and life. Let us confess our sins to God.

## 16 O That I Had a Thousand Voices

1 O that I had a thou-sand voic - es to praise my  
 2 Let ev - ery power in me im - plant - ed, a - rise, keep  
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der that dance for  
 4 All crea-tures that have breath and mo - tion, that throng the

God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
 si - lence now no more; put forth the strength that God has  
 joy in sum - mer air; you mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
 earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -

joic - es, would then pro-claim in grate-ful songs to all, wher -  
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and  
 slen - der; you flowers so fra - grant and so fair: you live to  
 vo - tion; help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most

ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!  
 bod - y, join to raise with heart-felt joy our Mak - er's praise!  
 show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make God's glo - ry known!  
 powers can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of God's might!

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

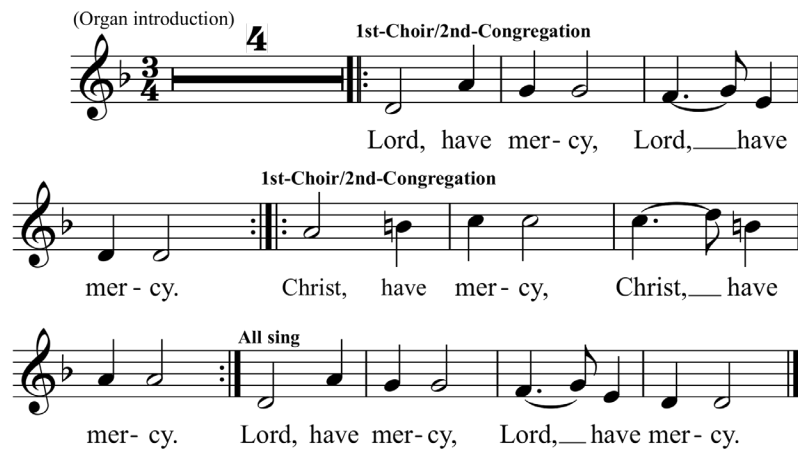
**God who provides our every need,  
you have given us countless gifts.  
You have welcomed us for all of who we are.  
You have showered us with steadfast love.  
You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus.  
We do not deserve these gifts.  
We take them and squander them.  
We continue to trust ourselves  
more than we trust you.  
We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us.  
Accept our confession.  
Be our glory and our strength for the days to come,  
our strength, shield, and deliverer.**

*(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. Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy.

1st-Choir/2nd-Congregation

All sing

## 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.”)*

## 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.

*Children are invited forward during the passing of the peace  
for the children's sermon.*

**ACT OF PRAISE**

O'Carroll/Walker

**Celtic Alleluia**

*(The congregation sings the Refrain with the choir.)*

**Refrain**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Word of the Lord lasts forever.  
What is the Word that is living?  
It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead. **Refrain**

**THE WORD**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

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

**Jeremiah 28:5-9**

*(Old Testament, page 730 in your pew Bible)*

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

**Psalm 89, Hymn 67**

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Verse 1-All; Vs. 2-Trebles;  
Vs. 3-Men & boys; Vs. 4-All

**SERMON**

"Forever of Nows"

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

**\*HYMN 686**

God of Our Life

SANDON

Children's Time  
will happen at both  
services when we do  
not have communion  
or baptisms.

*About Hymn 686*

This text was created  
for the celebration of  
the fiftieth anniversary  
of the Shadyside  
Presbyterian Church  
in Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania, by its  
pastor. He wrote these  
words especially for  
this tune, originally  
composed for John  
Henry Newman's text  
"Lead, Kindly Light."

## My Song Forever Shall Record 67

(Psalm 89)

1 My song for - ev - er shall re - cord the ten - der  
 2 I sing of mer - cies that en - dure, for - ev - er  
 3 Al - might - y God, your loft - y throne has jus - tice  
 4 With bless - ing is the na - tion crowned whose peo - ple

mer - cies of the Lord; your faith - ful love will  
 firm, for - ev - er sure, a strong sup - port that  
 for its cor - ner - stone, and shin - ing bright be -  
 know the joy - ful sound; they in the light, O

I pro - claim, and ev - ery age shall know your name.  
 nev - er dies, es - tab - lished change - less in the skies.  
 fore your face are truth and love and bound - less grace.  
 Lord, shall live, the light your face and fa - vor give.

This abbreviated paraphrase of Psalm 89 passes by the numerous theological and historical details of the full psalm in order to focus on the sovereignty of God, made known through mercy and steadfast love. God's people affirm this covenant relationship through joyful worship.

## God of Our Life

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1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.  
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a-bide.  
 3 God of the com- ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.  
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.  
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a-lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn- ing lifts the veil,  
 With thee to bless, the dark- ness shines as light,  
 Be thou for us in life our dai- ly bread,

we own thy mer- cies, Lord, which nev- er fail.  
 and faith's fair vi- sion chang- es in- to sight.  
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

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## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others  
and ourselves, accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

*(Book of Confessions)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

**Anthem**

Mark A. Miller

Welcome to God's Love!

Fam'lies of all shapes and kinds,  
love the only tie that binds  
this gathering of open minds,  
welcome to God's love.

Ev'ry person has a place  
in this holy, sacred space,  
earth's entire human race,  
Welcome! Come and feel God's love!

### *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:



No proof required of your worth,  
a gift to you before your birth  
from God, who made the heav'ns and earth.  
Welcome to God's love.

We'll love each other and take care  
of ev'ry need encountered there,  
within God's heart there is room to spare.  
Welcome to God's love!  
Come, and live God's love!

**\*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!**

**\*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.**

**God of unending gifts,  
we praise you for your abundant goodness.  
As you are generous, may we be generous.  
May the gifts we bring  
extend your generosity into the world,  
so that all people may be made whole  
by your goodness and grace. Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Singing together)

*(Please refer to the inside back cover of your hymnal  
for the words and music for this hymn.)*

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 377**

HOUSTON

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Denis Bédard

Te Deum

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\*(Those who are able may stand.)

*About Hymn 377*

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

*About the Postlude*

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

# 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

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## Today @ Westminster

### Worship Leaders

#### Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake  
Pastor and Head of Staff

#### Liturgist

Jessie King  
Youth and Pastoral Care Fellow

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Bob Cooper  
11:00 AM Brandon Clingman

#### Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir  
11:00 AM Summer Choir

John Semingson  
Director of Music Ministries

Elizabeth Smith  
Guest Organist

### Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Elizabeth Graf's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 11, 2026.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and with love and deep appreciation for the leadership and lessons of Rev. Guy Griffith by the Women's Thursday Lectionary Bible Study group.

### Red Roses

The red rose in the Chancel gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a daughter, *Florence Leila Foley*, on June 19, 2026, to Ryan and Caroline Foley. Jim and Betsy Hunt are proud grandparents.

The red rose in the Chancel gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a daughter, *Alice Lou Hazen*, on June 7, 2026, to Grace and Luke Hazen. Sam and Michelle Chang are proud 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](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

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,[a]  
forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your  
faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 89:1

How does your life reflect God's steadfast love?

How might God provide happiness?

How can we improve our awareness to the blessings of God?

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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 one of the pastors on staff by calling 615.292.5526, the church office.

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## Having trouble hearing during the service?

We have hearing aids available in the Narthex and instructions to download the Sennheiser MobileConnect app. The Sennheiser MobileConnect app is a Wi-Fi audio streaming solution that turns smartphones into personal listening and communication devices. It provides barrier-free hearing assistance and live translation directly through your personal headphones or hearing aids.

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## Summer "Drop-In" Choir

**Every week, Sunday, June 28 through August 16**

Come sing with us whenever you can. Rehearsal is at 9:45 - 10:45 AM, and the choir sings for the 11:00 AM worship service. Anthems will be based on mostly familiar hymns.

Questions? Contact John Semingson, Director of Music, [jsemingson@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:jsemingson@nashvillewpc.org). Come and make a joyful noise with us this summer.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Covenant Class**  
**9:45 AM**  
**Goodpasture Hall**

**Led by Nathan Scott**  
**Youth Ministry Intern**

How Did We Get Here?: A Look at Brokenness, Sin, and Chaos

It can be easy to look around and point at all the ways things have gone wrong. A harder task for Christians today is to provide a nuanced explanation of and approach to the brokenness and evil we encounter in our daily lives and in the world. This class will look at the complex and nuanced picture that the Biblical story and theologians have painted throughout the centuries to better understand what it looks like for Christians to make sense of and faithfully walk through the messiness that surrounds us.

**Adult Education Classes**  
**start at 9:45 AM**

## **Journeys • Overlook Room**

Getting to know the WPC pastors.

*Part two.*

## **Murdoch MacLeod • Library**

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt,  
[pdewitt@comcast.net](mailto: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**

Room 161  
3s - 5s

Room 195  
Kindergartern -  
5th grade

## **Childcare**

Room 146  
Nursery

Room 152  
Toddlers & 2s

Room 151  
3s - 5s



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Westminster Café

- Closed this week.



## Summer Book Study

- Thursdays | 9:30 AM | Goodpasture Hall
- We will discuss *Sacred Journey* and *Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale* by Frederick Buechner.



## ROOTnetwork - Eastside Bowl & Eat at Daddy's Dogs

- July 16 | 6:30 PM • Westminster Café
- Meet at Westminster and take the church bus. Purchase your own food and pay for bowling. Purchase your own food and pay for bowling.



## Pottery Class - Bee Watering Station

- July 17, 24, & 31 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM • Meet at the North Entrance
- \$30.00 - includes all supplies | Bring your own lunch



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**Sunday, July 12**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Koinonia Youth Café**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Blue Monkey Shaved Ice**

**North Parking Lot**

**Register Today!**

