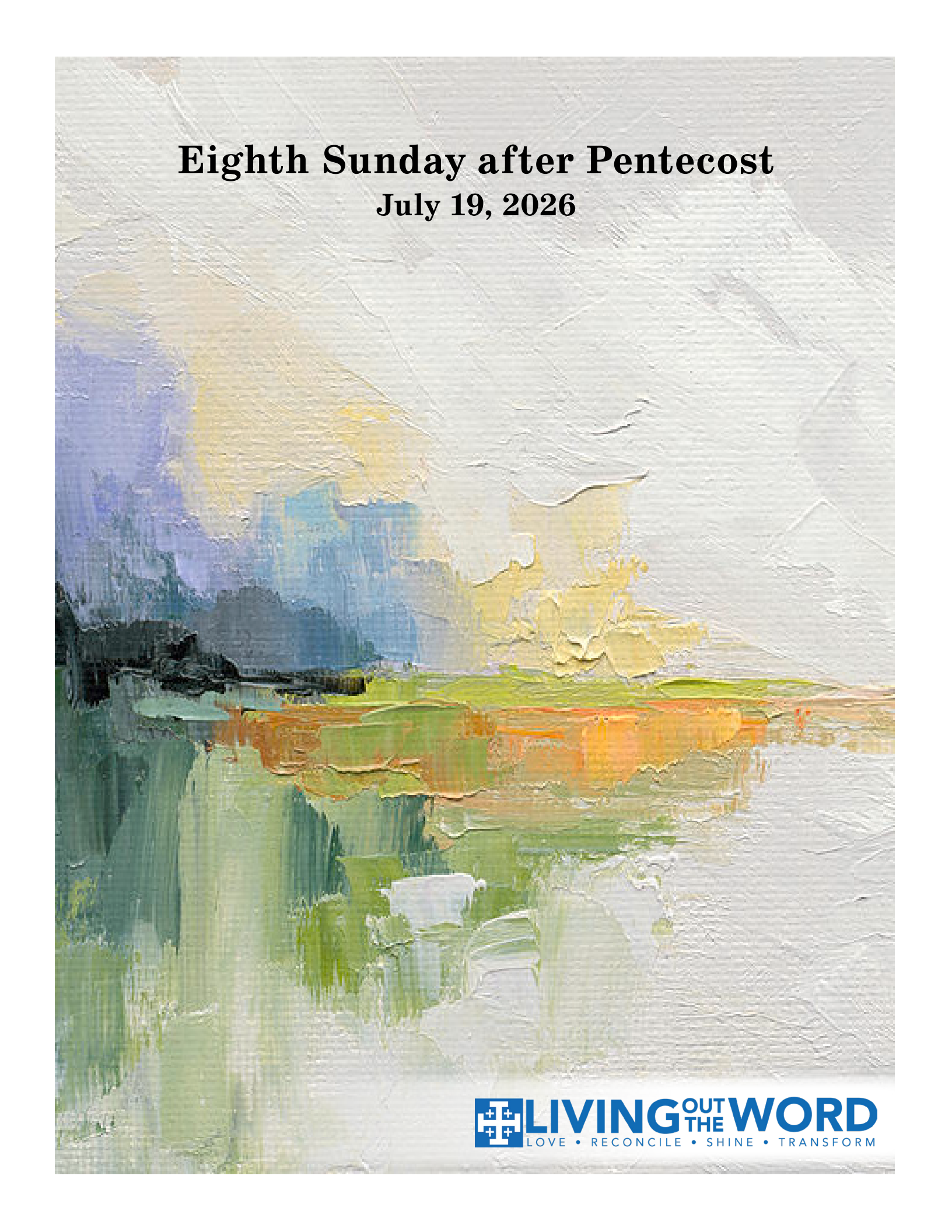


An impressionistic landscape painting with thick, textured brushstrokes. The scene depicts a body of water in the foreground, reflecting the sky and distant land. The sky is a mix of pale yellow, white, and light blue, suggesting a bright, hazy day. The water is painted with various shades of green, blue, and white, capturing the movement and reflection. In the distance, there are dark, silhouetted hills or mountains. The overall style is expressive and atmospheric.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

On the cover

Every Valley Shall Be Exalted is a painting by Mike Moyers, Fineartamerica.com

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 403

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

GATHERING

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

René Vierne

Andante

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Surely the Lord is in this place, and we did not know it.

We do not know when and where God's glorious presence will show up.

Surely we are the Body of Christ.

We cannot say to one another, "I have no need of you."

Surely our God is a mystery that cannot be contained.

Let us worship our unpredictable and uncontrollable God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Faithful God,

you care for us with compassion and firmness, urging us to grow in love for you.

Through Christ, may we hear more deeply your call to be rooted in your way. 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 403

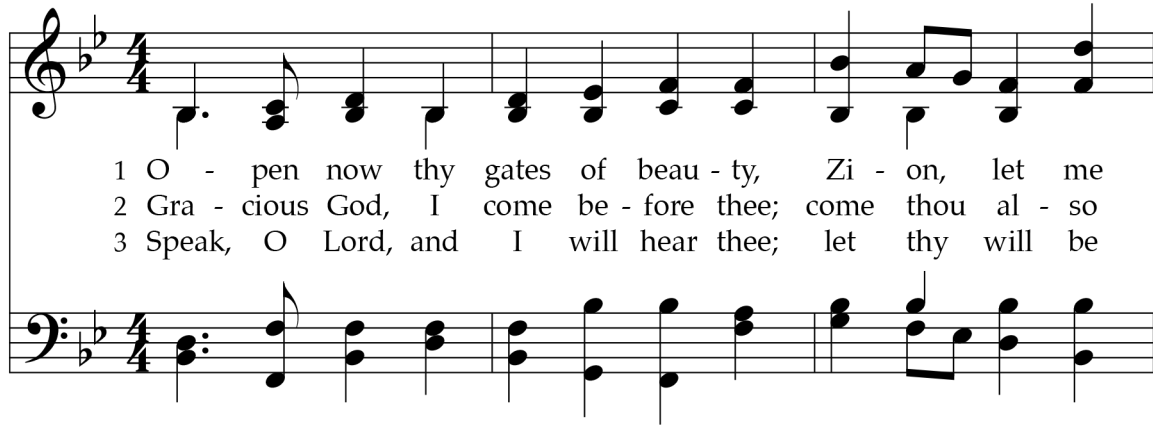
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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

CALL TO CONFESSION

Before a word is on our tongue, God knows it completely. Before we ask for forgiveness, God is at work to set things right. Let us therefore confess our sin and the sin of the world together.

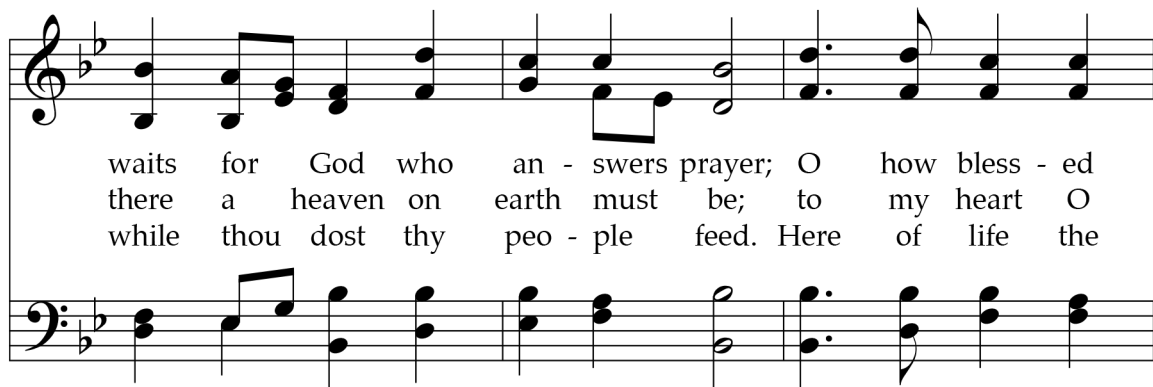
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be



en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,



waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

(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

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.")*

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

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.

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

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.

ACT OF PRAISE

(Singing together Hymn 581)

GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Genesis 28:10-19a
(Old Testament, page 25 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 139, Hymn 29 **O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
(New Testament, page 14 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "Imagine" **Stephanie Boaz**
(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 714** **ITALIAN HYMN**
God of the Fertile Fields

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Church is an assembly of the faithful, Called
or gathered out of the world.
They are all citizens of the one city,
Living under the same Lord,
Under the same laws,
And in the same fellowship with all good things.
Those who are in the Church have one faith and
one spirit; They worship but one God, And in God alone
they worship in spirit and truth.**

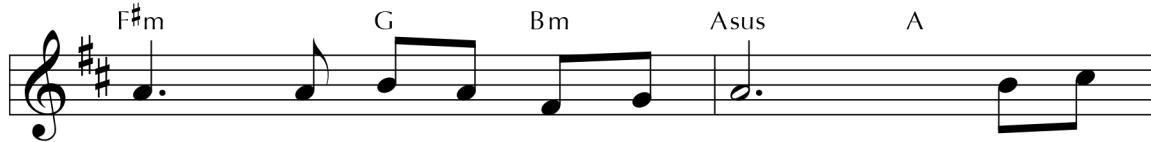
O God, You Search Me

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(Psalm 139)



1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
 cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with
 known its mean - ing through and through. You are
 search for shel - ter from your light. There is
 life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the
 love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery
 with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
 no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the
 won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
 mo - ment of life or death, you are.
 pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
 dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Psalm 139 is one of the most introspective and most intimate of all the psalms, showing an acute mindfulness of God's presence in all aspects of one's life. Sometimes resisted, this omnipresence ultimately becomes a ground of hope, a promise that we never stray beyond God's care.

God of the Fertile Fields

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1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

Hence, we must be very careful not to judge before the time, Nor undertake to exclude, reject, or cut off Those whom the Lord does not want to have excluded or rejected, And those whom we cannot eliminate without loss to the Church.

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

Allen Pote

Psalm 139

Lord, you have searched me and known me,
O Lord, you know ev'rything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down,
you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue,
you know what I will say,
your presence follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from your spirit?
Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell,
you are there.

Lord, you have searched me...

Search me, O God, and know me,
Try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Amen.

*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

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:



***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.

**Gracious God, you have sown good seed among us.
Receive now the harvest of what you have planted, the
good gifts of our lives, time, and resources, to further
the Kingdom of Heaven. 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 738**

MARYTON

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Intermezzo

René Vierne

About the Postlude

The Postlude is
considered the final
Alleluia of worship.

*(Those who are able may stand.)

The Call to Worship,
Call to Confession,
Prayer of Confession,
Prayer of Dedication all
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Liturgy written by
Ginna Bairby

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Stephanie Boaz
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Liturgist

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff
Associate Pastor for Adult Faith Formation

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Julie Wilson
11:00 AM X Lucas

Music

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

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Stephen Z. Cook
Organist

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

In gardening, a weed is defined by the eye of the beholder, who decides if a plant is desirable or undesirable. How does this principle apply or not apply in the context of the church?

How might the definition of weed change when the “beholder” is God?

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.

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.

Summer "Drop-In" Choir

Every week, Sunday, July 19 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. Come and make a joyful noise with us this summer.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School • 9:45 AM

Adults

Covenant Class | Goodpasture Hall | "Journey in Genesis"

Join us this summer in Goodpasture Hall as we explore the Old Testament lectionary readings from the book of Genesis. Each week a different pastor will lead a casual conversation about Sunday's text as we explore this ancient story and how it still speaks to our lives today.

Murdoch MacLeod | Library

Journeys | This class will resume this fall. Please join Covenant Class or enjoy fellowship in the Parlor.

Youth

We have 20 students and adults traveling to Montreat on Sunday for a week at the youth conferences. We will have class again on July 26.

Children Enjoy time with family

Nursery Room 146: Nursery; Room 152: Toddlers & 2s; Room 151: 3s - 5s
The Nursery is available from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

Financials

Each month, the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses.

If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact:

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June 2026

Year to Date

Income: \$2,290,822

Expense: 2,066,077

Net Income (loss):

\$ 224,746



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

Meet the PNC Slate

Please join us for a very important Congregational Meeting, August 2, 2026, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. After prayerfully considering dozens of recommendations, the Nominating Committee will be presenting its proposed slate of candidates for the Pastoral Nominations Committee (the "PNC"). This new group of Westminster members will be entrusted with the sacred responsibility of finding our next pastor, with an exhaustive search rooted in the faith and core values that guide us at WPC.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy in Learning Upcoming Class Schedule

Please scan the QR codes to learn more about each class, who the leaders are, and to register.

Dip Your Fingers into Pottery

Tuesdays | Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Sept. 1
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
\$50 includes all supplies | Bring your own lunch.
Registration Deadline: July 28, 2026



Glazing Basics

Fridays | August 7, 14, 21, 28
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
\$40 for the entire 4 day session
Bring your own lunch.
Registration Deadline: August 1, 2026



Pottery Wheel for Beginners

Tuesdays | September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
\$50 for 5 days, supplies included
Registration Deadline: August 26, 2026



Wheel for Experienced Potters

Thursdays | September 3, 10, 17, 24
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
\$40.00 includes all supplies
Register by August 27, 2026



Watercolor for Beginners

Tuesdays | September 15, 22, 29 & October 6, 13
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
\$50 for the entire 5 days
Registration Deadline: September 1, 2026



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Relationships Over Our Time

This series of events offers a variety of activities in and around Nashville. Open to everyone ages 21 to 121, single or in a relationship.

Upcoming Events

Kayaking the Harpeth Sunday, August 2

(Rain day: Sunday, August 9)
Meet at church at 1:00 p.m.
for carpooling or meet us at
the Broken Paddle at
1:30 p.m. \$45 per
person Kayak ride will
last around 3 hours.



Game Night and Dinner Thursday, September 10

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Westminster Café
Dinner will be a variety of
meats, breads, cheeses,
fruit, salad, and desserts
from Whole Foods Catering.
\$20 per person.



A Peaceful, Fall Hike! Saturday, October 24

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Mossy Ridge Trail in Percy
Warner Park.
No fee.



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