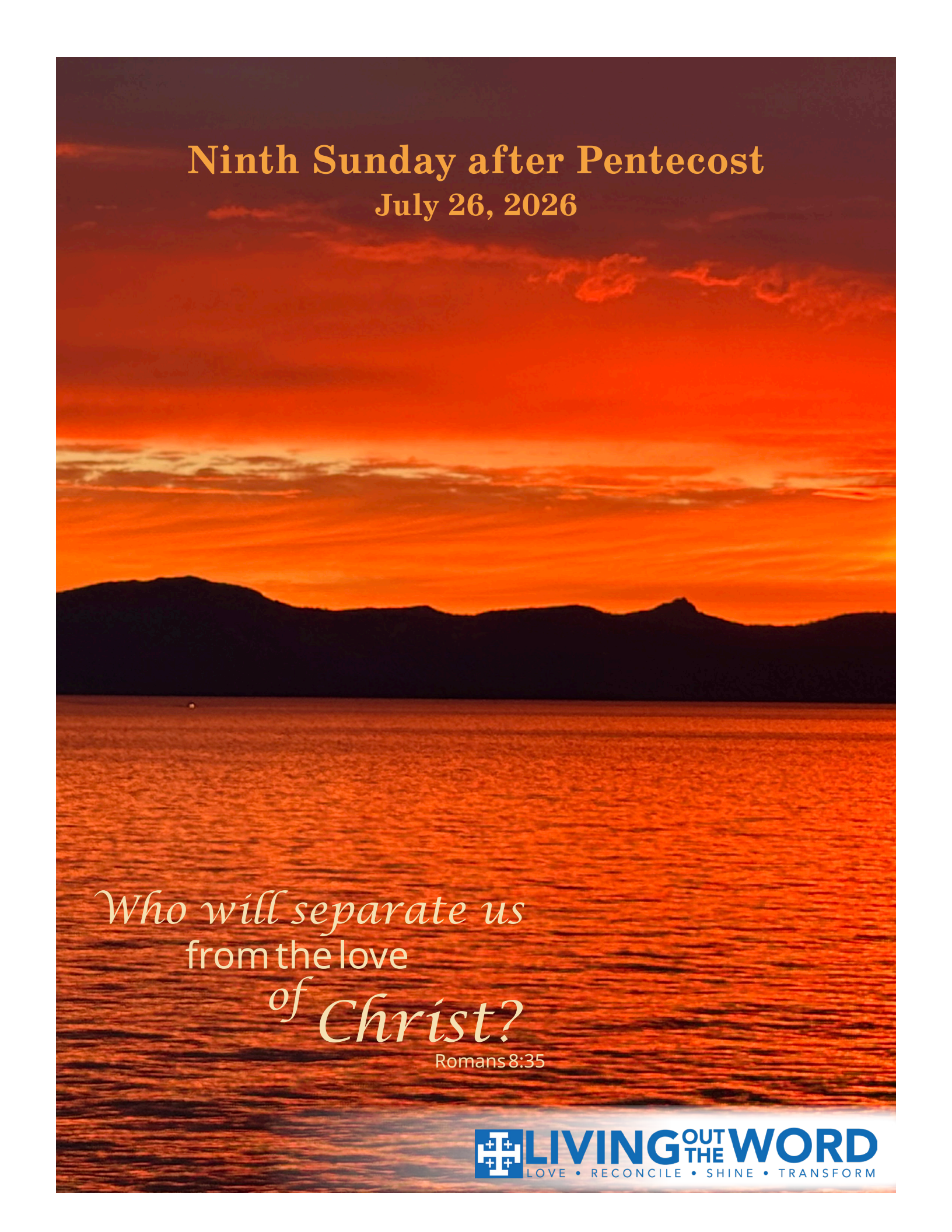


The background of the entire slide is a photograph of a sunset. The sky is a deep orange and red, with some wispy clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. In the distance, there are dark, silhouetted mountains. The foreground is a body of water, reflecting the orange light from the sky.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

*Who will separate us
from the love
of Christ?*

Romans 8:35

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 667

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

PRELUDE

Phil Lehenbauer

Festive Prelude on LAUDES DOMINI

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving

**For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.
God's faithfulness to all generations.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

**O Lord, your loving-kindness is better than life.
There is nothing that can separate us
from your enduring love.
Move us out, draw us close, and keep us steady,
that we might serve you all the days of our lives.
All glory, power, dominion, and majesty are yours
from eternity to eternity. 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 667

LAUDES DOMINI

When Morning Gilds the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

We love God.
We are Christ's disciples.
We are guided by the Spirit, and yet,
there are many ways we do not live this reality.
Let us call upon the Spirit to intercede for us
in our time of confession.

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Spirit, intercede . . .

**when we fall short of your glory,
when we do not deserve your promises,
when we do not act like those who have been called your family.**

Spirit, intercede . . .

**when our words wound,
when our silence speaks volumes,
when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do.**

Spirit, intercede . . .

**break forth into our lives,
forming us into the image of your Son,
that we might never feel separate from you again.**

(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.

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.

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.

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



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.

1 Kings 3:5–12
(Old Testament, page 306 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 119, Hymn 64 WOHL DENAN, DIE DA WANDELN

Romans 8:26–39
(New Testament, page 158 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

Donovan Drake

"Making Nothing Out of Something"

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 445

LEONI

God, How Can We Forgive

64 I Long for Your Commandments

(Psalm 119)



1 I long for your com - mand - ments; your judg - ments all are
 2 With - out your lamp to guide me I wan - der from the
 3 O God, I love your knowl - edge, more pre - cious than pure

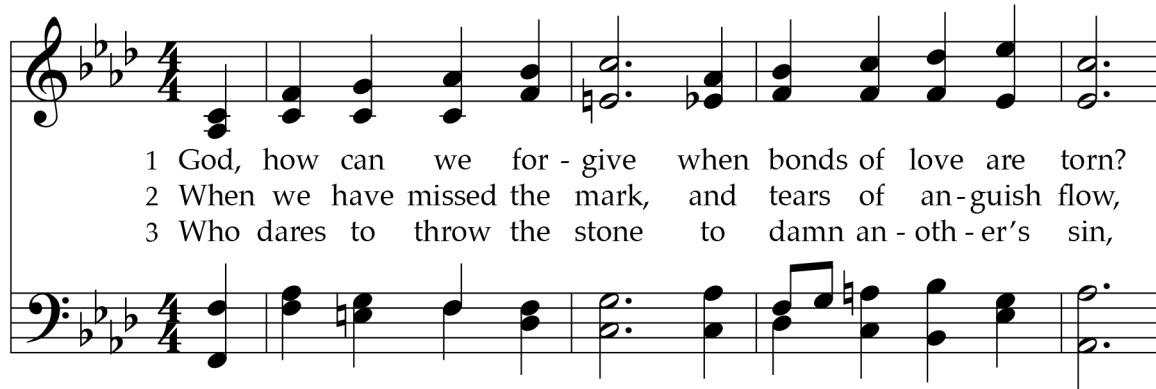
just. With - in your words is wis - dom, your teach - ings
 way. With - out your laws and pre - cepts I stum - ble
 gold. It sat - is - fies like hon - ey, a sweet - ness

un - der - stood are com - fort to my spir - it's need and
 in the dark. Your un - der - stand - ings are my hope that
 on my tongue. It leads me to sal - va - tion's door where

in the night my so - lace. Your stat - utes are my song.
 I may run in free - dom. Your ways are my re - lease.
 you have spread your ta - ble. O, lead me to your home.

Although this paraphrase is based on only a small part of Psalm 119, it incorporates many of the synonyms that weave through this extended acrostic psalm celebrating God's Law: commandments, judgments, words, teachings, wisdom, statutes, laws, precepts, understandings, ways.

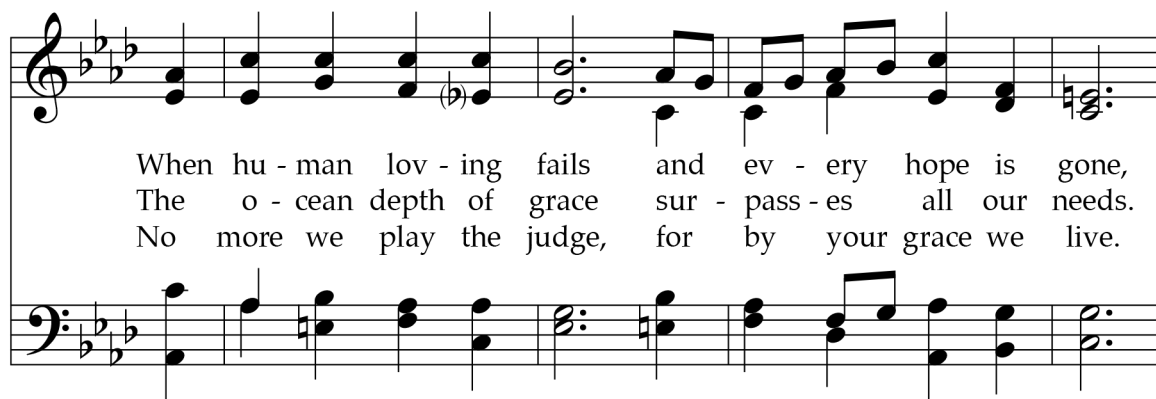
445 God, How Can We Forgive



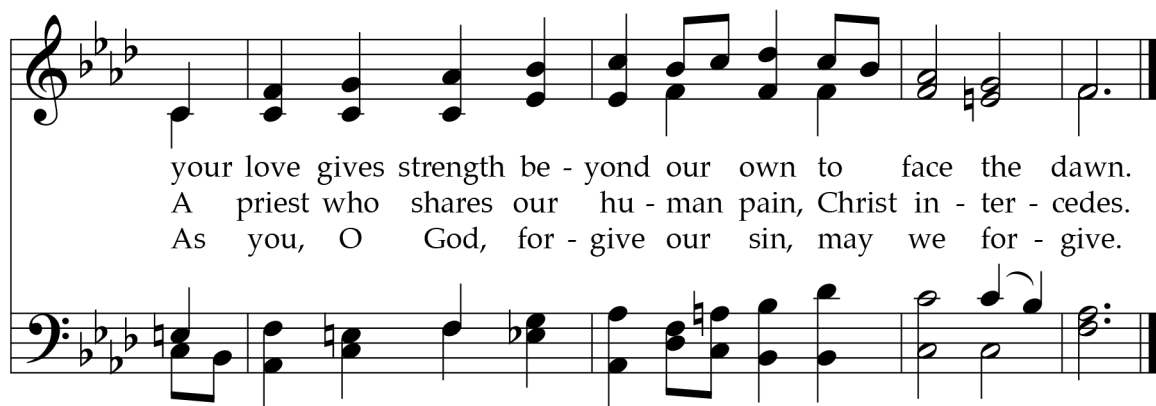
1 God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?
 2 When we have missed the mark, and tears of an - guish flow,
 3 Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,



How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?
 how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?
 when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?



When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,
 The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.
 No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.



your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.
 A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.
 As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

This text reflects both the struggle to deal with a deep personal hurt and a keen awareness of biblical language and content. The opening line of stanza two, for example, draws on the root meaning of the Greek word for sin, and the beginning of stanza three alludes to John 8:3-8.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us
to put obedience to God above the interests of self,
family, race or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.
It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and
rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work,
celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.
We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture,
not expecting detailed directions for every decision,
but relying on the Word to tell us who God is,
to press God's present claim on us,
and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

We are charged to pray for ourselves and others
with gratitude, boldness, and persistence,
confident that God hears and answers our prayers
in ways best for us all.
Life in God's presence issues in life for others,
for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,
we cannot love God whom we do not see.

Chapter 9.3 Declaration of Faith

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

arr. Philip W. J. Stopford

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art:
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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:



Time Between Pentecost and Advent Ordinary Time is the norm of time there kept by the church. The Sundays of Ordinary Time celebrate the good news of Christ's death and resurrection and the unfolding presence of the new creation. Ordinary Time presents us with an ongoing opportunity to witness to the Lord who makes all things new. The standard time of the church is Ordinary Time.

The (liturgical) term "ordinary" means that which is standard, normative, usual, or typical. For example, ordinary or elements of worship (e.g., the Lord's Prayer, Doxology, the Creed, the Kyrie ('Lord, Have Mercy'), Gloria ("Glory to God in the highest", Alleluia, Sursum Corda ('Lift up your hearts')), and so forth are said or sung week after week. As the standard elements of worship, they are called "ordinaries." They are the elements that are common to worship every Sunday.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my armor and be Thou my might:
Thou my soul's shelter and Thou my high tow'r,
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, through all my days:
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven when the battle is done;
Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun:
Christ of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***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, we want to be generous too.
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 707

HALL

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Giocoso

Phil Lehenbauer

*(Those who are able may stand.)

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

The Church Calendar

Westminster follows the liturgical year. While the whole gospel is celebrated on each Lord's Day, it is not surprising that early Christians found meaning in celebrating particular days that centered on a major event or aspect of the saving story. Gradually an annual calendar emerged. By the fourth century, its major features were in place. The basic shape remains today. The liturgical calendar permeates us with the mystery of Christ's redeeming work so we may conform our lives to Christ. It opens to us now the fulfillment of our lives for a future which is already with us in Christ and for which we were created.

707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;

give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
 come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
 have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
 through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.

teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
 help us to shed a - broad thy death - less love;
 guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
 We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;

grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
 use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
 guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
 we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.

This hymn began with the tune, which the composer hummed to the author with a request for a text that would challenge the hearts and minds of young people. The text of the first three stanzas was written that day, and the fourth stanza later emerged at a youth conference.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

Rev. Adam DeVries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Suzy Lane
11:00 AM Scott Carey

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

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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

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness,
for we do not know how to pray as we
ought, but that very Spirit intercedes[a] with
groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:26

When is hope most real?

Is there any Good News about being weak?

Do you have to have faith to believe that “all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose”?

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 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 26 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

Donuts and Devos

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.



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 works by Frederick Buechner.



Wednesday Night Dinner

• Wednesday | August 5 | 5:30 PM | Café

Join us for fun and fellowship. Tazikis is on the menu.



Fall New Member Class

• September 20 - October 25 | 9:45 AM | Goodpasture Hall

If interested in joining, please contact Stephanie Boaz,
sboaz@nashvillewpc.org.

Kayaking the Harpeth Sunday, August 2

(Rain day: Sunday, August 9)

Meet at church at 1:00 PM for carpooling or meet us at the Broken Paddle at 1:30 PM, \$45 per person. Kayak ride will last around 3 hours.





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.

Meet the new group on the following pages.

Extended bios are available on the website.



Betsy Bernstein

Betsy and her husband, Thomas, have been members of Westminster since 2017. From her very first visit, Betsy was drawn to Westminster's warm welcome and vibrant community.

Over the past several years, she has loved serving as a shepherd for the first-grade Sunday School classes and engaging in Westminster's young families community. Betsy and Thomas have two daughters, Sally (almost 11) and Maggie (9). As a family, they have cherished the friendships they've found at Westminster and especially look forward to the family weekend at NaCoMe each year.

Betsy is excited and humbled to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee and appreciates the opportunity to be part of this important season in the life of Westminster.



Blake Brookshire

Blake joined Westminster in 2013 and is a grateful beneficiary of the ministries for spiritual growth and nurture unique to this community. Previously, he has served as a member of session, associate pastor nominating committee co-chair, Room In the Inn co-coordinator and young adults liaison to capital campaign.

Blake grew up in Tyler, TX and met his wife, Mollie, at Vanderbilt in 2005. Blake is a primary care doctor with Vanderbilt Executive Wellness and Concierge Medicine. When he is not seeing patients, he enjoys being outdoors with Mollie and their three young boys.



Kent Capps

Kent Capps joined Westminster Presbyterian Church in the fall of 2019 after moving to Nashville in 2016. He and his wife, Jamie, are the parents of two sons, Robert (5) and Brennan (3). Kent currently serves on Westminster's Finance Committee. Their family has found Westminster to be a place of deep faith, genuine community, and spiritual growth, and they are grateful to call it their church home.

Kent is the Chief Financial Officer of OMNIA Partners. Beyond Westminster, he and his family actively support Cumberland Heights, Westminster Home Connection, United Way of Greater Nashville, Corner to Corner, and Goodwill of Middle Tennessee.

Kent is grateful for the opportunity to help discern God's calling for Westminster's next Senior Pastor.



Kelly Christie

Kelly and her husband, Bill, have been members of Westminster for more than twenty years, having first been drawn to the church by its music ministry. Kelly sings in the adult choir and plays handbells.

After retiring from a 25-year career as Assistant Dean of Student and Academic Affairs at Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management, she has continued her passion for mentoring young people through mission trips, youth conferences, and small-group leadership.

Her faith has been deepened through worship, Disciple classes, and her Westminster family. Outside of church, Kelly enjoys good books, long walks, sports and singing with several community choral ensembles.



Andy Garcia

Andy Garcia became a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in 2016 and returned in 2023 after living out of state for several years.

He is currently serving on the church's New Member Committee and is enrolled in Disciple II. Garcia was previously involved in the church's Young Adult Ministry and has been a confirmand mentor. He is a weekly volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Nashville and at the Casa Azafrán Early Learning Center.

Garcia's career has spanned network, local, and digital media. He is currently producing his first documentary.



Kate Griffin

Kate and her husband, Ben, joined Westminster in 2009. They have two children, Charlie (17) and Lizzie (15). Kate grew up in Knoxville, TN, where she attended First Presbyterian Church. During her time at Westminster, Kate has served on the Nursery and Children's Committees, taught and shepherded preschool and elementary Sunday School, and participated in the Disciple program and weekday bible and book studies.

She currently serves on the Joy in Learning Advisory Board. She has served on the board of Rejoice School of Ballet and is a new member of the board of the Nueva Vida Food Bank, where she helps with food donation transport each week and coordinates Westminster volunteers for the food bank's Saturday serves.



Leslie Grote

Leslie joined Westminster in 1982 when she married WPC member Gus Grote. Since then, she has taught Sunday School, was a member of the Youth committee and participated in Youth programs and international mission trips. Leslie chaired a youth pastor search committee and has served on the Benevolence and Nominating committees. She has been a long time volunteer and supporter of Nations Ministry Center. Leslie is an elder and currently enjoys teaching preschool Sunday School, participating in Congregational Care and a long running Disciple class. Leslie and Gus are deeply committed to schools and women's empowerment in Tanzania.

They have 3 children, Camille, Elizabeth and Carl of whom were baptized and grew up at Westminster. They have 8 grandchildren who were also baptized at WPC.



Hugh Harvey

Hugh and his wife, Lane, moved to Nashville in 2002. They have both been Elders prior to this, and Hugh has been a Deacon in a number of bicameral Congregations.

Hugh has worked at Habitat for Humanity on home building and as a "shopdog", and just rolled off as co-chair for the builds. He has worked with Carson Salyer and Joe Gaines on the disaster relief team, and with the Home Connection team. He was deeply involved in the 2015-2018 church renovation, which he really enjoyed, since he had just retired. He has worked with the RITI team and have been a mentor. Currently, Hugh serves on the Security Cte, the Property Cte, and the WSYC Board.

Lane and Hugh have 3 children and six grandchildren, 3 in WV and 3 in SC.



Ned Munson

Members since 2015, Ned and his wife Cameron have 3 daughters — Charlotte (11), Margaret (7), and Frances (4) — who feel very "at home" at WPC thanks to the tremendous gifts of our children's, youth, and music ministry leaders.

Ned was initially attracted to WPC by its pairing of traditional worship with an open-minded congregation, the beautiful music, and the stellar, grace-filled preaching.

After joining, Ned had a transformational experience in Guy's Disciple program that propelled him into a number of roles, including serving on Session, leading the Young Families Class, beginning a third confirmation mentorship this fall, pinch-hit teaching the 4th and 5th grade Sunday school class, and joining the Visioning Committee last year.



Kate Pennington

Kate Pennington joined Westminster in 2007 with her husband, Brent, and they have three children, Banks, Reed and Anne Wesley.

Kate served on the session from 2020-2023, chaired the Board of Westminster School for Young Children, served on the Generosity Committee, participated in Disciple Bible studies, assisted with preschool music, and currently teaches youth Sunday school.

Kate works as a Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice.



Virginia Reynolds

A Westminster member since 2000, Virginia Reynolds has served on several committees over the years. Most recently she enjoys being a host in the Westminster Café. She is also on the Joy in Learning Advisory Board and assists with communications for this very active ministry. She also serves on the Worship Committee and helps coordinate ushers. Virginia is also Clerk of Session. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Evansville (U-E!) and a master's from Emerson College in Boston (Go Sox!). A Nashville native, she enjoys spending time with family and attending Vanderbilt games, preferably at the same time.



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



ROOTnetwork

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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— A Different Kind of Summer —

Crieve Hall Elementary: Bags of Belonging

Crieve Hall is on the rise, yet roughly 33% of the school's students face language barriers and food insecurity. EL teachers Lauren Stetka, Amy Noon, and Jennifer Osborne serve 125 students for whom English is not their first language and whose families face extreme economic hardship.

Families currently receive food assistance in disposable bags and boxes that are temporary, inconsistent, and often difficult to carry. This *Hands on Mission* mini-grant funds durable, eco-friendly reusable totes, communicating care, dignity, and belonging to families who are often navigating both economic hardship and cultural transition.



We need your help to fill the very first back-to-school bags for these families. Please bring food donations **August 2 through August 16th** to the Mayfair entrance.

Intergenerational Sunday School will fill the bags on the 16th. ****

- **Peanut Butter (or other nut butters)**
- **Canned Chicken or Tuna**
- **Canned Vegetables**
- **Canned Fruit**
- **Dried pasta**
- **Uncooked Rice**
- **Canned or Dried Beans**
- **Cereal**

To volunteer at a monthly Saturday distribution day, contact Jennifer at jennifer.osborne@mnps.org.

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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