



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 2026

*Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of
your minds.*

Romans 12:2

GATHERING

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Elizabeth Hill

Festal Day

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

We will not be conformed to this world.

May our minds be transformed and renewed to prove what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God.

For by the grace given to us...

...we are one body in Christ! Let us worship God with our whole lives today!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Gracious and merciful God, by your great grace, you claim us and call us into a new way of living. Do not let our minds be shaped by the fleeting fears and values of this world. Renew our thinking through your Holy Spirit so we may clearly see and do what is good, pleasing, and perfect in your sight.

(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 51**

LLANFYLLIN

To Abraham and Sarah

CALL TO CONFESSION

We seek the will of God,
but still find ourselves conformed to this world,
instead of being transformed into God's image.
Let us seek forgiveness
for the ways we have turned away from justice and mercy.

51

To Abraham and Sarah

I Will Be Your God

1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid

"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,

that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."

This hymn condenses the narrative of Genesis 17:1–22 and grounds it in the recurring statement of the covenant relationship between God and the people God has chosen. This Welsh tune also occurs in a minor version called LLANGLOFFAN, used elsewhere in this hymnal (see no. 362).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

God of compassion and grace, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.

Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of your wise and gracious law.

Help us to not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that we may discern your will --what is good, acceptable, and perfect. 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.

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.

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.

Isaiah 51:1-6

(Old Testament, page 681 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 138

David Haas

Refrain



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.

I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels, I will bless you;
I will adore before your holy temple. **Refrain.**

I will thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love,
beyond all my hopes and dreams.
On the day that I called, you answered;
you gave life to the strength of my soul. **Refrain.**

All who live on earth shall give you thanks
when they hear the words of your voice.
And all shall sing of your ways:
"How great is the glory of God!" **Refrain.**

Romans 12:1-8

(New Testament, page 161 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

Donovan Drake

"You are what you eat"

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 718**

BOURBON

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended to heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

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

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:



OFFERING

David M. Cherwien

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Rise, o church, like Christ arisen,
from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days.

Rise, transformed, and choose to follow
after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed
to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our present, past, and goal.

Rise, remember well the future
God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture,
Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia; Spirit, grace by whom we live.

Service be our sure vocation;
courage be our daily breath;
mercy be our destination
from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living faith.

*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.

Merciful and gracious God,
you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness.
With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you.
Bless these gifts and bless our lives
that together we may share your mercy and grace
for the world you dearly love. 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 726**

KELVINGROVE

Will You Come and Follow Me

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Exultemus

Joan Nixon

About the Postlude
The Postlude is
considered the final
Alleluia of worship.

*(Those who are able may stand.)

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

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

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Steve Sullivan
11:00 AM Brandon Clingman

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir
11:00 AM Summer 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 loving memory of Eric South by Leslie, Charlie, and Marshall South.

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

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

How would you characterize “this age” that we are living in?

How is the mind “renewed” in Jesus Christ?

How does the Church discern the will of God? How do you?

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.

Pastoral Search: Meeting Today!

9:45 AM | Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a Congregational Meeting led by Dr. Bill Wilson of the Center for Healthy Churches, who will guide an interactive discussion centered on the qualities you hope to see in our next pastor. This gathering will provide an opportunity to share your perspectives on preaching style, leadership qualities and other characteristics you believe are important in the person who will follow Donovan. Together as a congregation, we will prayerfully consider the priorities that will help inform and guide the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Your voice is important, so we strongly encourage every member to attend.

Welcome to

Taste and See

In January 2026, following the disruption caused by the ice storm, the staff of Westminster gathered for a retreat to pray, reflect, and discern our deepest hopes for this congregation. Out of that time together emerged a shared conviction: these are days that call the Church to a richer, deeper faith.

The psalmist offers a simple yet profound invitation:

"Taste and see that the Lord is good."

Psalm 34:8

That invitation has become Westminster's theme and our prayer. It is our focus for the '26-'27 school year, and so, we invite you to cultivate a way of life that draws you more deeply into the presence of God. Through worship, Scripture, prayer, generous living, compassionate care, and service to our neighbors, we believe God continues to shape us into the people Christ calls us to be.

As followers of Jesus, we are called not simply to know God's Word but to embody it. The Apostle Paul reminds us:

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds."

Romans 12:2

This transformation lies at the heart of Christian discipleship. As God renews us, we become people who bear witness to Christ's reconciling love. We hope that you will seek to deepen your call to discipleship. Seek to join in a more regular pattern of worship. Join a Bible study or small group. Engage in a Joy in Learning activity. Find community in one or more of our Hands on Mission opportunities. You'll see and hear more in the days ahead, so

Come. Taste and see. The Lord is good.





Worship

You Are What You Eat!

August 23 – October 11

The things we consume shape who we become. Through Romans, Philippians, and the teachings of Jesus, we'll discover how God's Word forms us into the people Christ calls us to be.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." - Romans 12:2

- **August 23** — *Do not be conformed, but transformed*
(Romans 12:1–8)
- **August 30** — *Let love be genuine*
(Romans 12:9–21)
- **September 6** — *Love is the fulfilling of the law*
(Romans 13:8–14)
- **September 13** — *If we live, we live to the Lord*
(Romans 14:1–12)
- **September 20** — *The Laborers in the Vineyard*
(Matthew 20:1–16)
- **September 27** — *The mind of Christ in you*
(Philippians 2:1–13)
- **October 4** — *Pressing forward*
(Philippians 3:4–14)
- **October 11** — *Think on these things*
(Philippians 4:1–9)



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Your Online Pastoral Transition Guide

Introducing a new website with everything you need to know about Westminster's Pastoral Search! Check it out at wlnashville.church. This website includes details on our process for finding the right person to fill Donovan's shoes, as well as the core values, mission statement and visioning covenant guiding this crucial endeavor. You can read more about our members serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) on this new website, and you can leave your own feedback! We'd love to hear your questions and concerns, which can be entered via a form on the website. Take a look, and let us know what you think! Scan the QR code to connect to this page.



Stay informed with the Church Life app

If you need a little help downloading the Church Life app on your phone, there will be a table in the parlor through August 30. The app gives you access to the directory, your account to track pledge payments, the church calendar, and more! Just go to the Apple App Store and download it for free.



Funeral Guild Members Needed

If you would like to become a member of the Funeral Guild, please contact Terri Eckert, teckert@nashvillewpc.org, to find out how to join and what is involved.



The Nueva Vida Food Project helps an estimated 500 families a month currently receive assistance from the food bank, with each family being eligible to receive a cart of food designed to be enough to feed a family of 4-5 for a week. ***We need volunteers to help with the food pantry on September 19.*** Please scan QR code to help.





KOINONIA YOUTH MINISTRY



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9:45 AM •
Sunday School •
Koinonia Youth Café

Join us for Sunday School!



6:00 PM • Youth Group

Join us for fun, food
and fellowship.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

8:30 & 11:00 AM • Worship Services

Children and Worship

Childcare is available for children who are infants through kindergarten during both services. While childcare is available, children are always welcome in worship. There are quiet toys and worship bags for children. They may be found in baskets in the Parlor and in the back of the Sanctuary. The bags have plain paper, crayons, a pencil and a children's bulletin.

9:45 AM • Sunday School

Two-year-olds, 3-year-olds, 4s and 5s, and Kindergarten. These children will go directly to their rooms for Sunday School.

First, 2nd, and 3rd Grades go directly to the Chapel and will be picked up on the Wilson wing. Fourth and 5th grades go upstairs to their classrooms on the second floor of the Wilson wing. Sign-in sheets are at the bottom of the stairs.



When has someone cared for you? (for example you were sick or hurt) What did that feel like?

When have you helped someone else?

How did it feel to help another person?

Living Out *the* Word

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Word Search

Can you find the words listed below in this word search?

APPROVE
CONFORM
GOD
MIND
PATTERN
PERFECT
PLEASING
RENEWING
TEST
TRANSFORMED
WORLD



MUSIC MINISTRY



COME SING WITH US THIS YEAR!!!

Choir Kick Off Day is Sunday, August 30, in the Choir Rooms

4:00-4:50 PM - Children's Choirs

Alleluia Choir (Kdg) with Ms. Nancy

Gloria Choir (1st & 2nd grades) with Dr. John and Ms. Roberta

Jubilate Choir (3rd-6th grades) Ms. Ally

5:00-6:00 PM

LAUDATE YOUTH CHOIR (6th-12th grades) with John Semingson

Choir Tour to Norwich, England, July 9-20, 2027

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Tintinnabulation Intergenerational Handbell Choir will start rehearsals on August 30 at 4:00 PM in the Bell Room.

If interested or for more info, please contact Jennifer Barnes, jbarnesacctg@bellsouth.net.



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Interested in Becoming A Member at WPC?



Fall New Member & Inquirer Class

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

If interested in joining, please contact Stephanie Boaz,

sboaz@nashvillewpc.org.



September 2

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 PM | Café

Please join us for Five Points Pizza, open gym time and card and board games in the Café.

Make your reservations now for good food and fellowship.





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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 Into Clay

Thursdays | Aug. 27 & Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24
9:30 am - 1:30 pm
\$50 includes all supplies | Bring your own lunch.
Registration Deadline: August 20



Carving and Stamping with Clay

Fridays | September 4, 11, 18, 25
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
\$40 for the entire 4-day session
Bring your own lunch.
Registration Deadline: September 2



Wheel Open Studio

Wednesdays | September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
4:30 - 7:00 pm
\$50 for supplies
Registration Deadline: August 26, 2026



Wheel for Experienced Potters

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

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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Adult Faith Formation Opportunities this Fall

Covenant Conversation with Lee C. Camp

Sunday, August 30 | 9:45 AM | Fellowship Hall

"Christianity Is Not a Religion; Christianity Is a Politic" - Scandalous Witness

Lee C. Camp is the creator and host of "No Small Endeavor", an acclaimed podcast series exploring what it means to live a good life. His radio show, based in Nashville, is syndicated nationwide. A theology graduate of Notre Dame, he is an author, Lipscomb professor, songwriter, performer, and keen observer of today's perilous political and cultural climate. He will be discussing his most recent book, *Scandalous Witness: A Little Political Manifesto for Christians*, and 100 copies will be given to class attendees.

The discussion will be led by Turney Stevens. Please join us!

Covenant Class

Sunday, September 13, 20, 27 | 9:45 AM | Fellowship Hall

Beyond a Book: The Bible as Encounter

What is the Bible and what is it for? The Bible is often portrayed as a moral manual, a text for personal devotion, a history of Israel and the early Church, or a religious classic. What would it mean, though, to instead approach Scripture as a spiritual text where the living God can be met? Throughout this class we'll explore the ways the church has historically viewed the Bible as a place of encounter and transformation, paying specific attention to the Psalms, the Prophets, the Gospels. All are welcome! Contact Will Wellman if you have any questions, wwellman@nashville.org.



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September 14

Women's Covenant Group

11:30 AM • BYO Lunch

12:00 PM • Presentation

Goodpasture Hall

Our speaker will be Sarah Bird-Kneff,
Associate Pastor of Adult Faith Formation.

Everyone is welcome - men and women!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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September 22

Westminster Book Group

9:30 AM • Fellowship

10:00 AM • Presentation

Goodpasture Hall

*The Barn: The Secret History of
a Murder in Mississippi by Wright
Thompson*

Led by Guy Griffith

This book re-examines the 1955
torture and murder of 14-year-old
Emmett Till, exposing the precise
physical location of the crime
inside a barn in Sunflower County,
Mississippi, and detailing the
decades-long local cover-up.

Theology of Hope

Thursdays Starting September 10 | 9:30 AM | Overlook Room

The Thursday Morning Theology Group is starting a new book. We will be reading through Jurgen Moltmann's *Theology of Hope*. Moltmann was a German Reformed theologian and one of the most influential theologians of the last 50 years. *Theology of Hope* is Moltmann's first book and in many ways a key to understanding all his later works. This will be a great class for folks interested in learning more about eschatology and the way the future-oriented promises of God shape humanity and history in the here and now. All are welcome! Books will be available at the church, or online. Contact Will Wellman if you have any questions, wwellman@nashvillewpc.org.

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