

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Taste and
See!

Going deeper into discipleship!
2026-2027

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 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 and Learning activity. Find community in one or more of our Hands on Mission opportunities.

You'll see and hear more in the days ahead.

Come. Taste and see. The Lord is good!







Taste and See... You Are What You Eat! - AUGUST 23 - OCTOBER 11

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)

Taste and See... That the Lord Is Real - OCTOBER 18 - NOVEMBER 22

October 18 - (To be announced)
 October 25 - Getting the lay of the land (Deuteronomy 34:1-12)
 November 1 (All Saints') - Throne and Lamb (Revelation 7:9-17)
 November 8- You have one job (Matthew 25:1-13)
 November 15 - Is this the real life? (Matthew 25:14-30)
 November 22 (Reign of Christ) - As real as it gets (Matt. 25:31-46)

Taste and See... Incarnation NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 27

November 29 - Real faith! (Isaiah 64:1-9)
 December 6 - Believing in hope (Isaiah 40:1-11)
 December 13 - Music Sunday
 December 20 - It's hard to believe (Luke 1:26-38)
 December 27- Seeing salvation (Luke 2:22-40)

Taste and See... Where to Begin JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 7

January 3 - In the beginning (John 1:1-18)
 January 10 - Good News (Mark 1:4-11)
 January 17 - Come and see! (John 1:43-51)
 January 24 - Start over (Jonah 3:1-5, 10)
 January 31 - I know you! (Mark 1:21-28)
 February 7 - When things change (Mark 9:2-9)

Taste and See... Get Busy Livin' FEBRUARY 14 - EASTER

February 14 - A heart for good news (Mark 1:9-15)
 February 21 - A better way to go (Mark 8:31-38)
 February 28 - Cleaning house (Exodus 20; John 2:13-22)
 March 7 - Confirmation Sunday
 March 14 - Living from the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
 March 21 (Palm Sunday) - Misunderstanding (Mark 11:1-11)
 March 28 (Easter) - Get busy livin'

Taste and See... Stepping Out in Faith APRIL 4 - PENTECOST

April 4 - Practicing Easter (Acts 4:32-35)
 April 11 - Talking the talk (Acts 3:12-19)
 April 18 - Rejection. Selection. (Acts 4:5-12)
 April 25 - Borderline faith? (Acts 8:26-40)
 May 2 - Senior Sunday
 May 9 - Going through the motions (Acts 1:15-17, 21-26)
 May 16 (Pentecost) - No Spirit, No Way! (Acts 2)

Go deeper

TALKING THE TEXT PODCAST

Available during the week.

- www.nashvillewpc.church
- Wednesday email from the church.
- Apple and other podcasts

BIBLE STUDIES and Conversations

See the Faith Formation page for a list of lectionary-based Bible studies and Sunday School classes.

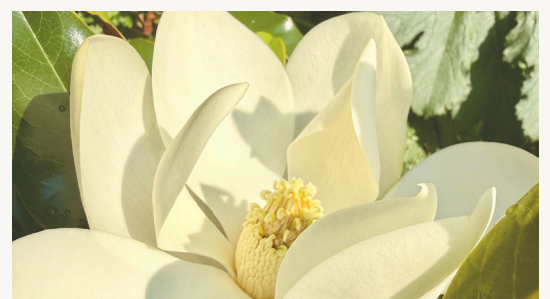
FILL MY CUP- Women

Thursday morning 8:30-9:30 AM

In the Café- Post-Sermon Reflection

WORSHIP OPTIONS

- Livestream on www.nashvillewpc.church
- Recorded services kept available at www.nashvillewpc.church
- YouTube
- Dial-a-Sermon (629) 206-1073





A taste of...

Music!

*"Sing to the Lord a new song:
Sing to the Lord, all the earth."*

Music has always been at the heart of God's people. Throughout Scripture, God's people sing in praise, lament, thanksgiving, and hope. Music gives voice to our faith when words alone are not enough.

At Westminster, music is more than a performance-it is a ministry. Through congregational song, choirs, handbells, children's voices, and instrumental music, we offer our gifts to the glory of God and the building up of Christ's Church.

Whether you have sung for years, play an instrument, or are simply wondering where your gifts might be used, there is a place for you in Westminster's music ministry.

Contact: John Semingson, Director of Music Ministries - johns@nashvillewpc.org

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

ADULTS

Westminster Choir

Our principal choir leads worship throughout the year and presents special services and concerts during Advent, Lent, Holy Week, and other seasons. New singers are always welcome.

Rehearsal: Wednesdays • 7:00-9:00 PM

Harvard Handbells

Our advanced five-octave handbell choir offers experienced ringers an opportunity to lead worship through the artistry of handbell music. Music-reading skills are helpful, and handbell technique is taught.

Rehearsal: Tuesdays • 9:15-10:30 AM

Westminster Bells

Designed especially for older adults, this handbell ensemble rehearses weekly, enjoys fellowship together, and offers seasonal music throughout the year.

Rehearsal: Wednesdays • 9:30-10:30 AM

INTERGENERATIONAL

Tintinnabulation Handbells (Grades 7-Adults)

This unique handbell choir brings together youth and adults to make music across generations.

Rehearsal: Sunday • 4:00 -5:00 PM

YOUTH

Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12)

Laudate Choir helps students grow as musicians, worship leaders, and disciples. The choir sings regularly in worship throughout the academic year while building friendships rooted in faith.

Rehearsal: Sundays • 5:00-6:00 PM

CHILDREN

Alleluia Choir (Kindergarten)

Gloria Choir (Grades 1-2)

Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5)

Our children's choirs nurture a lifelong love of worship through singing, Scripture, and joyful fellowship.

Children grow musically as they discover that their voices are an important part of the Church's song.

Chiming Children (Grades 3-5)

Young ringers discover the joy of handbells while learning teamwork, musicianship, and the privilege of leading worship.

Rehearsal: Sundays • 5:00-6:00 PM

*Whether you are new to music or experienced, there is a place for you.
Come and use your gifts for the glory of God!*

Congregational Care

See...

...no one walks alone!



"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also must love one another." John 13:34

Faith grows stronger when we care for one another.

At Westminster, no one walks alone. In times of celebration and sorrow, illness and healing, transition and uncertainty, we seek to surround one another with the love of Christ. Through prayer, presence, practical support, and compassionate relationship, we share Christ's care with one another.

Whether you are seeking encouragement or feel called to serve others, there is a place for you in the ministry of care.

Prayer & Spiritual Support

- Prayer team
- Prayer blankets
- Communion@home

Visitation & Encouragement

- Hospital visitation
- Independent living visitation
- Pastor's Aides
- Worship flower delivery

Meals and Practical Care

- Special meals
- Adjunct meals for new babies
- Caring Connections
- Medical equipment lending closet

Support

- Bereavement Care
- Memory loss outreach
- Special care ministry
- Care for families with new babies



To learn more about any of our care ministries or to request care, please contact :

Rev. Stephanie Boaz
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care



Faith Formation

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."
2 Peter 3:18

The table is set, and there's a place for you.



Faith isn't something we master all at once. It grows over time as we gather around God's Word, ask honest questions, share our stories, pray together, and encourage one another along the way. We invite you to explore the many opportunities to grow in faith and community at Westminster this fall. Whether you're opening the Bible for the first time or have spent a lifetime studying Scripture, you'll find a place here. From Sunday morning classes and weekday Bible studies to book groups and small groups, each gathering is an opportunity to deepen your faith, build meaningful relationships, and discover more of God's goodness.

SUNDAY MORNING

Covenant Class

Open to all ages, this lecture-based class features thoughtful teaching, special speakers, and seasonal series.

Faith & Fellowship

Fellowship, support, Bible study, and educational opportunities for people who are "empty nesters" through retirement.

Journeys

A lectionary-based class for young families with discussion that nurtures faith in everyday life, including parenting.

Murdoch MacLeod

A welcoming community devoted to in-depth Bible study and fellowship.

New Member & Inquirer Class

Offered twice each year for those who want to learn more about Westminster, its ministry, and what it means to become a member.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Journey with Jesus

Small group open to all. Sunday at 5:00 PM.

Disciple

An in-depth study of Scripture through the Disciple Bible Study curriculum, offered in a variety of formats throughout the year.

Men's Bible Study

Two opportunities to dive into readings for the week. Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 AM in the Overlook Room.

Wednesday Morning Study Group

Read and discuss books from different Christian authors each week at 9:30 AM.

Thursday Morning Theology

Explore theology, scripture, and the Christian life.

9:30 AM- 11:00 AM

Women's Lectionary Bible Study

Meets every Thursday at 9:30 AM for fellowship and at 10:00 AM for Bible Study.

ONGOING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Book Study Group

Westminster Academy

Covenant Conversations

Special Study Trips

Women's Circles

Want to Learn More? Contact Sarah Bird Kneff skneff@nashvillewpc.org
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Faith Grows...

If you're a parent of young children, questions about your own faith have likely come up as your children begin to raise a few of their own. In close relationship with the Children's Ministry, our Young Families ministry invites parents of children birth through 5th grade to taste and see the goodness of God for themselves. We believe that cultivating your own faith in community is the greatest gift you can give your child(ren) while, as a family, you work to cultivate one together. We hope you'll join us. You are welcome here.



Nursery

Wonder

Sunday School

Children's Worship

Milestone

Family Outings

*...at every
age.*

*"We will not hide the story from our children;
we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord
and his might and the wonders that the Lord has done." Psalm 78:4*

Contact our youth team for more information on how your family can experience Koinonia Youth.



Koinonia Youth

Youth are not simply the future of the Church- they are essential to its life

Koinonia is the Greek word for communion or fellowship, and the spirit that shapes everything we do. Come and get a taste for growing in faith, friendship, serving others, and discovering our gifts.

WAYS WE GROW TOGETHER

- Sunday School and Sunday Night Youth Group
- Weekly Small Groups
- Confirmation (8th Grade)
- Student Leadership (Youth Council)
- One-on-one mentoring
- Church Basketball
- Service with Preston Taylor Ministries
- Montreat Youth Conference
- Retreats, fellowship, and special events
- Encouraging students by attending extracurricular events



Confirmation

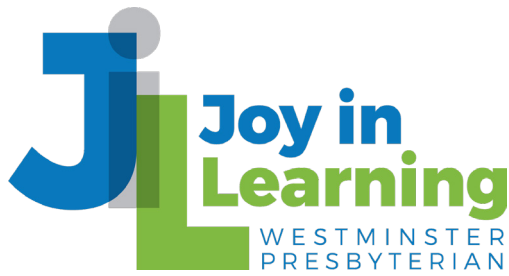
Koinonia Youth

Mission

Community

FAITH





"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above." James 1:17

God has given each of us gifts to discover, develop, and share. One of the ways we celebrate those gifts is through play-the joyful work of creating, exploring, learning, and growing together.

Joy in Learning began with a series of simple questions born out of prayer and listening.

- What if we created opportunities for you to discover and develop your gifts through hands-on play?
- What if you could share your own passions and talents as teachers and helpers?
- What if we partnered with WPC ministries?

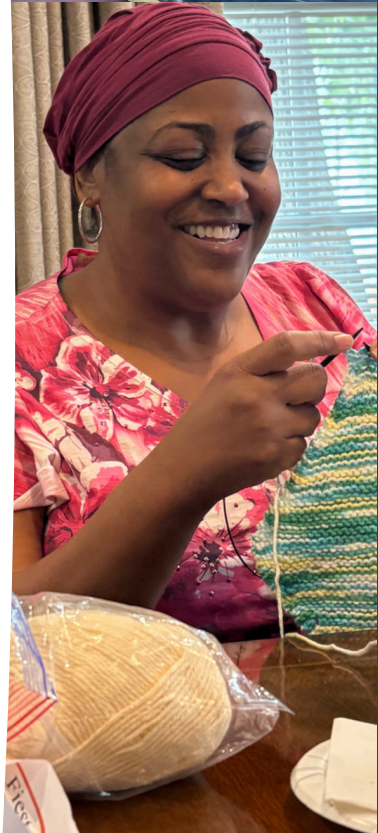
Today, Joy in Learning brings those questions to life. As we gather in community, we cultivate curiosity, creativity, connection, and caring relationships. We welcome people of all ages and from diverse cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds from in and outside our congregation.

Discover a new interest:

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| • Oil Painting | • Watercolor |
| • Pottery- Hand Building | • Tai Chi |
| • Pottery- Wheel | • Fill My Cup |
| • Writing | • Mah-Jongg |
| • Quilting & Weaving | • Cooking & Baking |
| • Songwriters Song Circle | • Knitting & Crocheting |
| • Stained & Fused Glass | • ROOTnetwork |
| | • Much more! |

Come and play!

TASTE AND SEE at westminsterjoy.org



The Westminster Cafe

Fellowship

Taste the coffee, tea, baked goods, and other delights in the Westminster Cafe. Make new friends. Enjoy the community of Westminster.

Note Writing

Mission Activities

Music Nights

Mah-Jongg Fun-without wagering!

Life Together

"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred
live together in unity!" **PSALM 133:1**

**Faith grows stronger
when we share life together.**

Some of the sweetest moments of church life happen around tables, on the golf course, at retreats, in small groups, and during conversations that become lasting friendships. At Westminster, we believe Christian community is more than attending worship it's sharing life together with joy, encouragement, and hospitality.

Whether you're new to Westminster or have been here for years, we invite you to find your place, make new friends, and celebrate God's goodness together.

Come and belong!
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

ROOT Network Events (Relationships Over Our Time)

Throughout the year, ROOT gatherings create opportunities to share meals, enjoy new experiences, and build friendships across generations.

Women's Covenant Group

Meets the second Monday of each month, September through May, for lunch, fellowship, and engaging guest speakers. Women of all ages are warmly invited.

Golf Outing

October 19, 2026
Enjoy a day of fellowship while supporting Westminster's mission and ministry.

HOST Groups Hearts Open to Sharing Together

Small groups gather for dinner, conversation, prayer, and friendship in homes throughout the year.

Basketball Jamboree

A youth-sponsored event for all ages!





See the gift of the day!

Generosity

Everything we have is a gift from God.

When we recognize God's goodness, gratitude begins to shape the way we live. Generosity is not simply about supporting a budget - it is a response to grace.

We give because God has first given to us.

At Westminster, generosity becomes worship. It provides a table where children discover faith, music fills our sanctuary, neighbors find hope, friendships are formed, and people of every age grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Your gifts make possible:

Every ministry in this booklet exists because of the generosity of God's people.

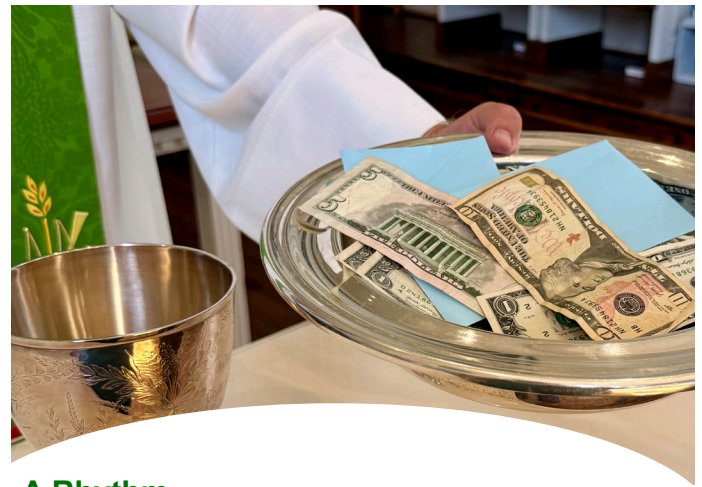
- Worship that inspires and forms faith
- Ministries for children, youth, and families
- Bible studies and lifelong faith formation
- Music that lifts our hearts to God
- Compassionate congregational care
- Mission partnerships that serve our neighbors
- Hospitality that welcomes every person
- Stewardship of our beautiful campus for the future

Generosity By the Numbers

470
Giving households

882
Average weekly
attendance

Nearly \$600,000
Given to benevolence
Partners

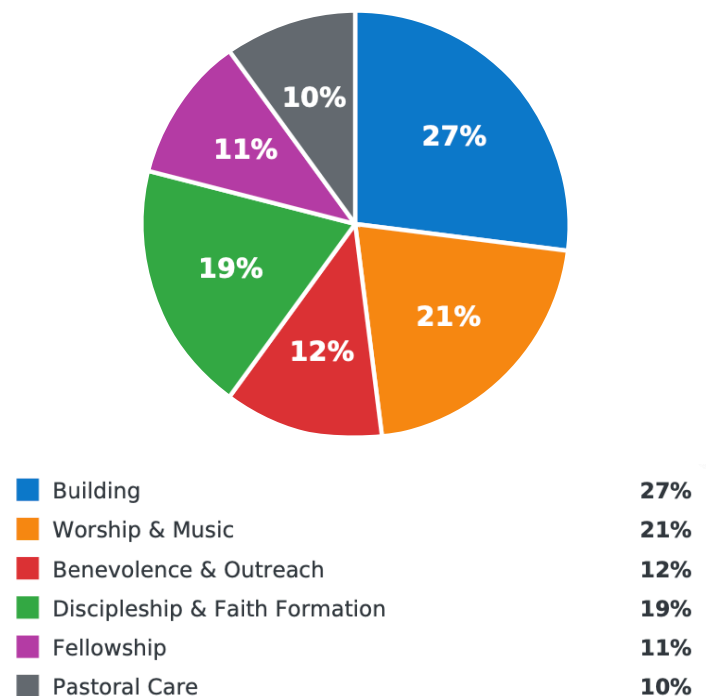


A Rhythm of Generosity

Just as worship, prayer, and scripture become spiritual rhythms, generosity is a rhythm that forms our hearts.

Each fall, Westminster invites every household to prayerfully consider a financial commitment for the coming year. Annual pledges allow us to plan faithfully, respond generously to new opportunities, and continue the ministries that help people taste and see the goodness of God.

2027 Budget by Ministry Area



Hands on Mission!

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."
1 Peter 4:10

At Westminster, we believe faith comes alive when we put our hands to work in love. Through mission partnerships, we step into our city with compassion, build relationships, and share Christ's love in tangible ways.

Get a Taste for Mission. We need you!



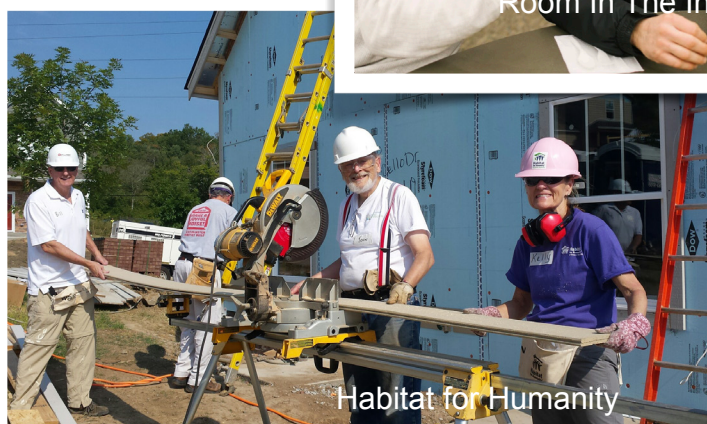
Westminster Living Waters



Room In The Inn



Westminster Disaster Team



Habitat for Humanity



Garden Project



Sweet Potato Bagging



FaithWorks



School Projects and Mentoring

Here to help you!

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