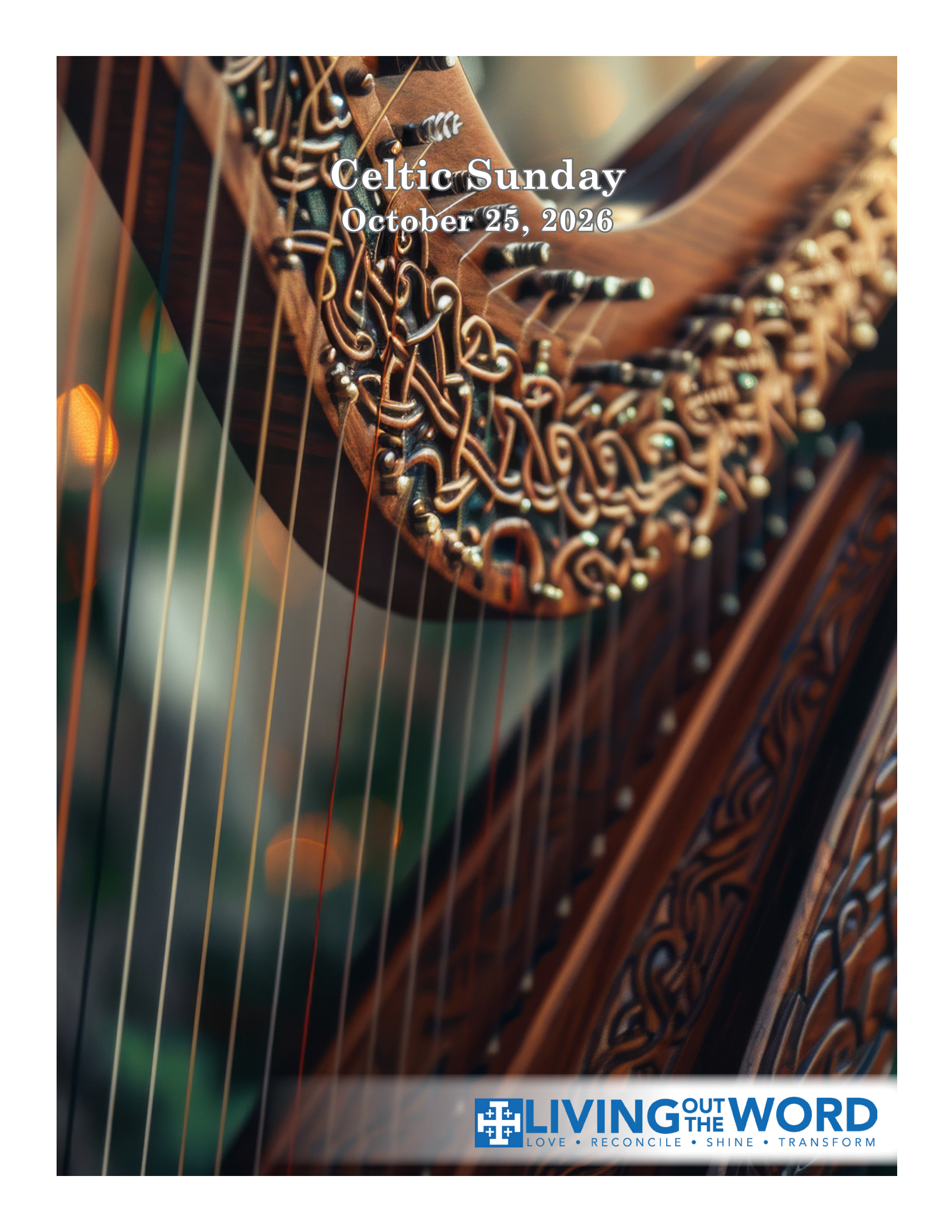




Celtic Sunday

October 25, 2026

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.

PRELUDE

Celtic Medley

arr. Sam Levine

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

In the fading of the summer sun, the shortening of days,
cooling breeze, swallows' flight and moonlight rays

We see the Creator's hand

In the browning of leaves once green, morning mists,
autumn chill, fruit that falls, frost's first kiss

We see the Creator's hand

Bring light to the darkest corner

Bring sight to the blinded eye

Set loose the wounded spirit

Bring truth to the eternal 'Why?'

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Circle us, O God

Keep hope within, keep despair without.

Keep peace within, keep worry without.

Keep joy within, keep fear without.

Keep love within, keep hatred without.

Keep light within, Keep darkness without. 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.)*

*HYMN 664

BUNESSAN

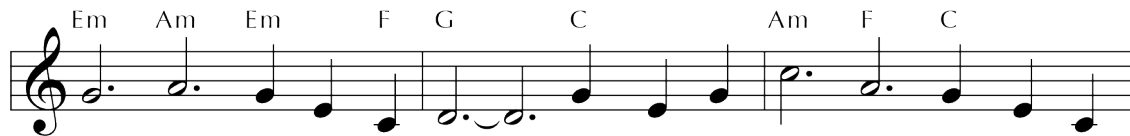
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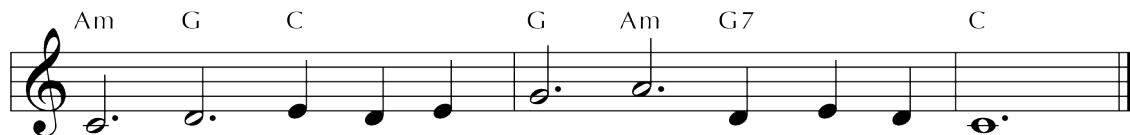
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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

CALL TO CONFESSION

I weave a silence on to my lips
I weave a silence into my mind
I weave a silence within my heart
I close my ears to distractions
I close my eyes to attractions
I close my heart to temptations

Calm me O Lord, as you stilled the storm
Still me O Lord, keep me from harm
Let all the tumult within me cease
Enfold me Lord in your peace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,
the spiritual blindness that prevents us
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,
the endless cycle of nature,
of life and death and rebirth.
Forgive us for taking without giving
reaping without sowing.
Open our eyes to see
our lips to praise
our hands to share
and may our feet tread lightly on the road.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

James MacMillan

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

Choir: Lord, have mer - cy. Congregation: Lord, have

Choir: mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Congregation: Christ,

Choir: have mer - cy. Lord, have

Congregation and Choir: mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

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.")*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Matthew 22:34-40

(New Testament, page 24 in your pew Bible)

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

Anthem

LOCH LOMOND
Traditional Scottish melody
Arrangement and additional music by
KYLE PEDERSON

Still I Sing Alleluia

With Spirit before me, with Spirit behind,
with Spirit below and beside me;
with Spirit all around, even where affliction's found,
I will sing, I will sound "Alleluia."

When darkness descends and the night never ends,
when my shadows and demons surround me;
when question I spin echo answerless within,
even then, "Alleluia."
Alleluia, still I sing Alleluia,
Open us to You 'til we sing Alleluia.

Weave joy in our gain, bring us hope in our pain;
hear all prayers that we offer to you, Lord;
breathe life into death, draw us closer with each breath,
that our lips may confess, "Alleluia."
Alleluia, still I sing Alleluia,
Open us to You, 'til we sing Alleluia.

So praise the Father, and praise the Son,
praise the Spirit who moves in and through all.
All creation sound the word so profound;
let us sing, let us live, Alleluia!

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

(Old Testament, pages 191 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

Taking up the Offering

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

The Sermon

The sermon, based on the scripture read in worship, proclaims the good news of the risen Lord and presents the gift and calling of the gospel. Through the sermon, we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the gospel to others through our words and deeds.

About Hymn 450

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th-century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range. TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt. MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927.

450

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 AM)

Presentation

Profession of Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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 into 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.

(The Apostles' Creed)

Calling into Membership

Welcome

Welcome to this congregation and its worship and ministry.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
to share with us in the ministry of Christ,
for we are all one in him.**

ANTHEM

Elaine Hagenberg

You Do Not Walk Alone

The anthem, *You Do Not Walk Alone*, was Given to the Glory of God in honor of two holy men in my life: brother James and husband John by Keith Cole.

May you see God's light on the path ahead
When the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear,
Even in your hour of sorrow,
The gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard may hardness
never turn your heart to stone,

May you always remember
when the shadows fall
You do not walk alone.

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

Text by Richard Leach
Music by Alfred V. Fedak

The Falconer

Rise, my song, and stretch your wings, delight and need to trace.
Rise for those the gospel brings to seek a singing place.
This will be our singing day, word and tune will both be true.
Song, soar up, but not away the falconer waits for you.

Rise, my song, and have no fear of soaring wide and high.
Christ the falconer is near, wherever you may fly.
See the human world below, showing scars and beauty too.
In a closing circle go, the falconer waits for you.

Soar, my song, with wings wide fanned, delight and need to trace.
Come to Christ's uplifted hand, and find a resting place.
One day soaring song shall see everything made whole and new.
Day of gladness, come to be! The falconer waits for you.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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:



Doxology

A short hymn of praise to the triune God (God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit).

*"Taste and see that
the Lord is good!"
(Psalm 34:8)
is this year's focus!*

Paul's word to us
today is not to
consume a world
full of judgment and
condemnation, but to
be transformed into
a joyful, welcoming
community.

It is easy to judge;
how might you seek
to develop a taste for
the generous gift of
grace given to you
and meant to be given
to others?

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Dear God, give us
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.
Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (Prayed in unison)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING

***HYMN 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Lord of the Dance

arr. Sam Levine

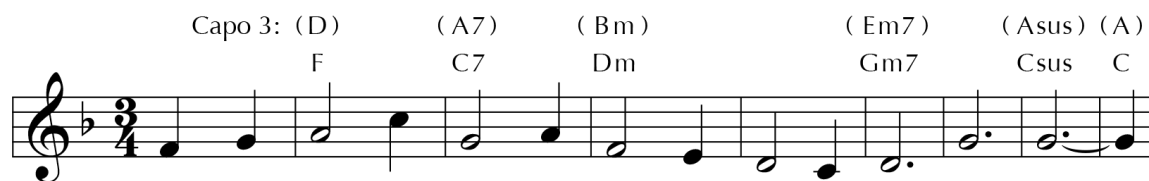
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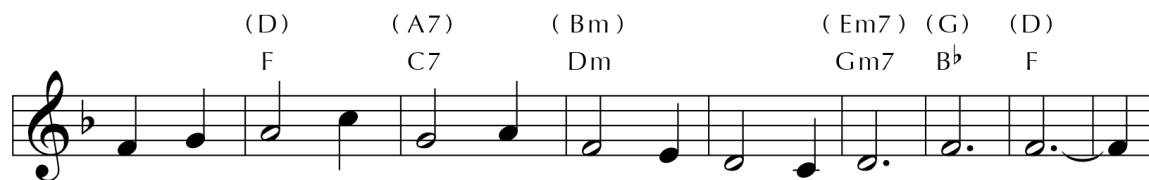
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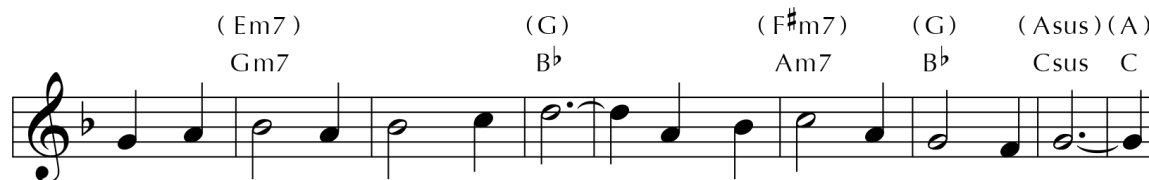
The Summons



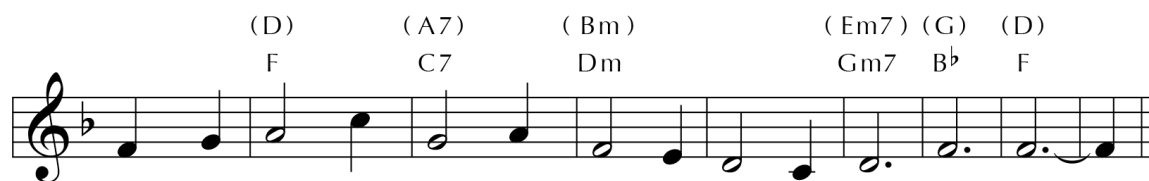
- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but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



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.



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.



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. Stephanie Boaz
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Keith Cole
11:00 AM Bill Christie

Music

Westminster Choir

John Mock, whistles
Matt Combs, violin
Ron Sorbo, percussion
Phyllis Sparks, Celtic harp
Jeff Taylor, accordion
Jerry Kimbrough, guitar
Sam Levine, arrangements

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Stephen Cook
Organist

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Grace Devereux Pollock and Andrew David Castagnetti on Saturday, October 24, 2026, and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fenner Cummins (Polly and Richard).

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Ryland Wheliss and Samantha Cameron on October 24, 2026 at The Estate at Cherokee Dock by Shelby Bailey and Eric Elwell.

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional.

Hearing Assistance

We offer personal FM Receivers with an earpiece, located in the Narthex and in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser. Instructions can be found at each location.

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

Nursing Moms

Room 136 on the children's ministry wing is available for mothers looking for a quiet place to nurse.

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

"Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land..."
Deuteronomy 34:1

How does your history change your future?

How does your future change your history?

What has been your life's offering?

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 Stephanie Boaz, sboaz@nashvillewpc.org, or call 615.292.5526, the church office.



Generosity 2027

This Sunday serves as the launch for Taste and See: Generosity 2027, Westminster's giving campaign. As you have seen recently on posters in the Parlor and read in various bulletins, our ministries, missions, community outreach initiatives, and worship opportunities are made possible because of your financial support of the church.

Generosity Chairs

Cullen Douglass
cullen.douglass@nm.com

Bob Hines
hine7742@bellsouth.net

You may have already received a pledge packet. If not, it will arrive shortly. The material should answer most of your questions, but someone from the office can always be available to answer any others.

The Generosity Committee asks that you consider a 4 percent increase for 2027 to help cover the increased costs of operating the church. If you have never pledged, please consider making this the year to do so. Having a record of pledges is critical to establishing a budget for the new year.

Taste and See that the Lord is Good! Blessed are those who take refuge in him.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Congregational Reception to Welcome New Members

12:00 PM • Parlor

Join us for a reception to welcome and celebrate these new members.

Everyone is welcome!

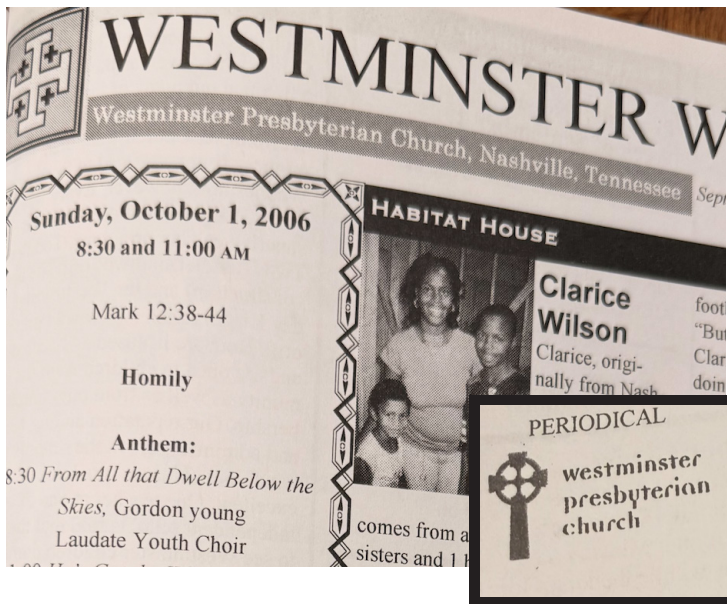
Celebration of New Members Received October 25, 2026

The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church received the following new members at a called meeting this morning. They will be welcomed into this community of faith during the 11:00 AM service of worship today. We rejoice in their presence among us, the witness of their faith, their life stories and gifts, and sense of call!

Carolina Adams	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Richmond Adams	By Reaffirmation of Faith
James Armstrong	By Reaffirmation of Faith
John Baker	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Patrick Behroozi	By Letter of Transfer, Second Presbyterian, Norfolk, VA
Jason Carr	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Yancy Cook	By Letter of Transfer, First Presbyterian, Hopkinsville, KY
Chloe Coulter	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Ryan Coulter	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Allison Crowe	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Aaron Crowe	By Reaffirmation of Faith
John David	By Profession of Faith
Raymond Davis	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Melea Fenley	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Jamie Furr	By Profession of Faith
Stephen Graw	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Deborah Haight	By Letter of Transfer, Fensworth Memorial Presbyterian Church, NJ
John Maslyn	By Letter of Transfer, First Presbyterian, Nashville
Vicky Maslyn	By Letter of Transfer, First Presbyterian, Nashville
Mary-Kathryn McKinney	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Kate Moore	By Letter of Transfer, Shallowford Presbyterian Church, GA
Sophia Peifer	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Davis Rand	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Brian Reynolds	By Letter of Transfer, Countryside Community Church, Omaha, NE
Mary Claire Reynolds	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Cynthia Spengler	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Dan Spengler	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Debra Summers	By Reaffirmation of Faith
Joel Zehr	By Letter of Transfer, First Presbyterian, Nashville
Nahed Zehr	By Letter of Transfer, First Presbyterian, Nashville



WESTMINSTER WAYS



How did we arrive at the Jerusalem Cross for a logo?

According to the Westminster Session Minutes, in April 2005, Worship Committee Chair, Phil Stuart, presented two chancel redesign proposals to better use the baptismal font's beauty and theological significance in worship.

Baird Dixon Architects designed the proposals, each of which would reduce the pews by 20-30 seats.

Phil presented the Worship Committee's proposal to place the font at the center of the Sanctuary, along with a plan for the Chancel redesign, to the Session. The Worship Committee voted 5-4 on the proposal. Phil also presented an alternative design that places the font on the left side of the Chancel. The vote was postponed.

In May, the Worship Committee unanimously voted to move the baptismal font to its current location. The renovation cost was not to exceed \$50,000; the motion passed unanimously.

In October, Phil presented plans for the Chancel redesign, with construction to occur in January of 2006. The committee also recommended spending \$1,553 on an ornamental inlay.

In December, Phil presented the Worship Committee's recommendation that the Session approve constructing a wooden Jerusalem Cross inlay as part of the Chancel redesign at no additional cost. The motion passed unanimously.

The *Westminster Weekly* newsletter for the first Sunday of October 2006 used the Jerusalem Cross as a logo. Before that newsletter, the Celtic Cross, the cross that is on top of our steeple and at the center of our fountain in the columbarium, was Westminster's logo.



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

*know tech
november
taste. see. know.*

Week 1: Incarnation (Choosing to be Human)

Question for the week: Does the incarnation (God taking on human flesh) matter in the conversation of tech, social media and AI?
If so, why? If not, why?

Sundays, October 25 - November 15

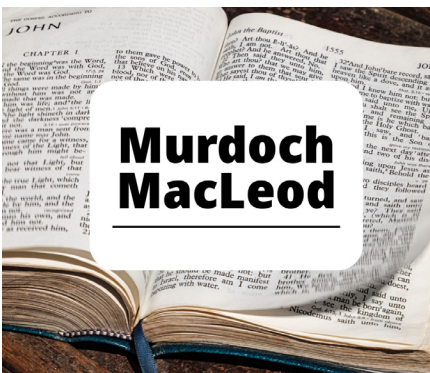
Overall Summary

The world is not lacking in conversations, books, position papers, movies, podcasts, political persuasions, and opinions on the effects of tech, social media, and AI on the human community. What *is* lacking is more conversation about the ways our relationship with a God who took on flesh might shape our understanding of what it means for us to be human, too... particularly as it relates to tech, social media, and AI.

Know Tech November is a four-week opportunity, six months in the making, for Westminster to join in conversation and shared curiosity about how our faith informs the ways we think about and use technology and experience being human.

As followers of an incarnate God, what does that matter to this conversation? No matter your age, this one's for you.

Unable to join one week? Scan the QR code to receive weekly recap and resources.



Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt,
pdewitt@comcast.net.

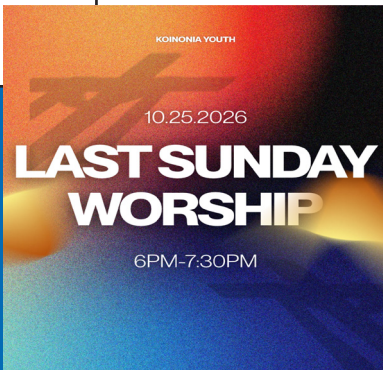


KOINONIA YOUTH MINISTRY



9:45 AM • Sunday School • Koinonia Youth Café

The Youth will join the know tech november class in Fellowship Hall.



6:00 PM • Last Sunday Service

The Last Sunday of each month from 6:00 - 7:30 PM we gather for dinner, worship, and communion. These Sunday night worship spaces are open to the whole congregation and provide youth another unique space to receive and lead in worship. Join us and bring your families for Last Sunday Worship.



MUSIC MINISTRY



Sunday Rehearsals

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

Alleluia Choir

Gloria Choir

Jubilate Choir

Tintinnabulation Integenerational Handbell Choir

5:00-6:00 PM

Laudate Youth Choir

Chiming Children



NORWICH CATHEDRAL

July 2027

**Westminster and Laudate
Choirs to Norwich, England**

Make the Cathedral Come To Life This Fall!

We are putting a puzzle together of Norwich Cathedral. A \$10 donation buys one puzzle piece and helps us raise funds to cover half of each Laudate Youth's tour cost. Our fundraising goal for the puzzle is \$10,000 by Christmas.

Please help us meet our goal.

We have raised \$607.50 as of today.

**Our choirs will be singing and
leading daily worship services.**



PAY BY CREDIT CARD

Scan the QR code

OR

Give by check or cash

Larger gifts are welcome.

THANK YOU, WESTMINSTER!



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

2s are in room 149

3s are in room 161

4s are in room 163

Godly Play/Kindergarten in 183

4th & 5th Grade in room 292

1st - 3rd Chapel first and then will be picked up in rooms.

QUESTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES:



LIVING OUT THE WORD

Have you ever had to say goodbye to a close friend, family member, or teacher? What did that feel like?

God showed Moses the Promised Land from the top of the mountain and stayed close to him right until the end. How does it make you feel to know that God never leaves the people He loves?

Celtic Sunday

WORD SEARCH

F	Q	Y	C	E	L	T	I	C	T	A	W	I	S	Q	A	D	S
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See if you can find these words in the puzzle on the left.

Celtic	Choir
Guitar	
Harp	John
Music	Organ
Percussion	Sunday
Violin	Whistles



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thursday, November 12

Vox Grata Concert *Threads of Joy*

7:30 PM | Sanctuary

There are days when the world tells us who we should be, when the path ahead feels uncertain, and when we find ourselves walking through valleys we never expected to enter. There are moments of sorrow, moments of loneliness, and moments when joy seems almost impossible to find.

Threads of Joy is an invitation to notice these threads—to follow them through darkness and light, through grief and wonder, through the difficult days and the days that surprise us with their beauty.



Habitat November 15: It's a Family Affair!

Join the Children's and Young Families Ministries for our first ever Family Habitat Day. We invite a parent (or both) to join the habitat work day while the rest of the family joins us at church for Sunday School, worship together at the 11:00 AM service, and then lunch and play afterward. We are happy to hang with kids whose parents both are working, or happy for a parent to join the fun with us at church.

Cost is \$10 per person for lunch. \$40 family max. Registration required. Deadline to sign-up is November 11. Contact Ashley (ahiggins@nashvillewpc.org) for more information.





TASTE AND SEE

Membership Opportunity

Sunday Mornings through October 25
Interested in Westminster? Check out
our ***New Members & Inquirers Class***
going on now. We are in Goodpasture
Hall at 9:45 AM.

For more info, please contact Stephanie
Boaz, sboaz@nashvillewpc.org.

Community Opportunity

November 1 • 12:15 PM • Room 292

Sunday Lunches

Limit: 40 • \$10 per person

ROOTnetwork Activity - Open to anyone
21 years and older...friends, too!

For more info, please contact Beth
Drake, beth@westminsterjoy.org.

November 4 • 5:30 PM • Café

Wednesday Night Dinner

For more info, please contact
Ashley Higgins, ahiggins@



Prayer

Thursdays • 9:00 AM • Chapel

Table & Prayer

A brief service of music, prayer, and
communion. We will take 20 minutes
together each week to pause, be
renewed by God's presence, and be
nourished at Christ's table before
stepping into the day. ***All are welcome.***

Save the Date

December 4 • 6:00 PM

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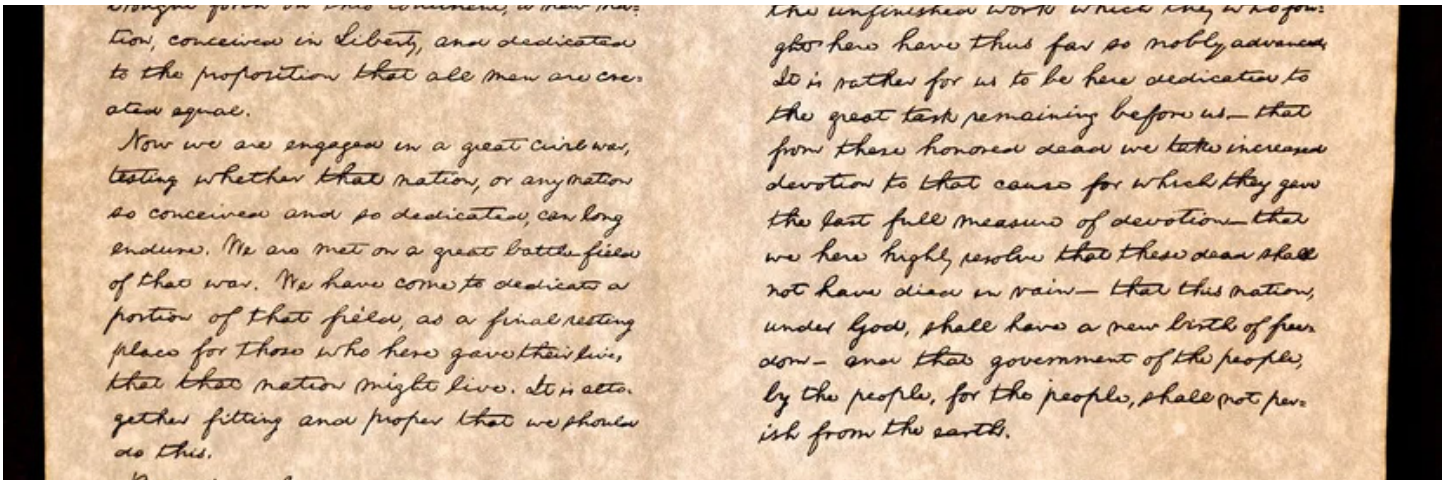
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and **See**
that the LORD
is good...



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October 27

Westminster Book Group

9:30 AM • Fellowship | 10:00 AM • Presentation
Goodpasture Hall

Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words that Remade America
Led by Carole Bucy

The power of words has rarely been given a more compelling demonstration than in the Gettysburg Address. Lincoln was asked to memorialize the gruesome battle. Instead he gave the whole nation "a new birth of freedom" in the space of a mere 272 words. His entire life and previous training and his deep political experience went into this, his revolutionary masterpiece.

October 29

Thursday Morning
Theology

9:30 AM
Overlook Room

Bob Buchanan will help us dig into one of C.S. Lewis' most famous works, "The Great Divorce" — a remarkable allegory that explores themes of good and evil, heaven and hell, grace and judgment.

November 22

***No Small Endeavor* LIVE**

7:30 PM •
Schermerhorn
Symphony Center

No Small Endeavor returns for its annual Thanksgiving variety show hosted by Lee C. Camp, featuring This American Life radio journalist, Ira Glass, and legendary musical artist, Emmylou Harris.



NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS



Bells and Banners for All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Day is November 1st and one way we will celebrate is with banners processed down the aisle to stand at the front of the Sanctuary. In the Parlor, we invite you to attach a bell to the banners for those loved ones who have already gone on to be a part of the Communion of Saints. As the bells process, the tinkling and ringing of the bells will remind us that we are surrounded by so great a Cloud of Witnesses.



All Saints' Communion Sunday Morning Worship

The names of those Westminster members who have died in the past year (as well as any others whose memorial services occurred here) will be lifted up. There will also be the opportunity to lift up those saints on our own hearts, in silence or aloud, as the bell tolls. Together, we give thanks that "nothing, not even death, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)



Parlor All Saints' Service at 2:30 PM

This afternoon service is a more focused time to remember those we have lost. Our worship gives us space to grieve as well as give thanks that they are at home with God. It is a space for sweet smiles and for tears to overflow as we draw strength from our faith and one another. We will have space to place pictures and even to share about your loved one as you feel comfortable. The service incorporates scripture, prayer, candle lighting and the Lord's Supper.



Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day • 7:00 PM **Westminster Choir • Dr. Stephen Z. Cook, Organist** **Dr. John Semington, Director of Music**

This wonderful annual service of music and scripture is an offering of thanksgiving to God for all the beloved saints of our lives. The Sanctuary is draped in candlelight for this one-hour worship service of music, scripture, and prayer. Please bring family and friends and join us for this beautiful worship opportunity!

An offering will be collected for the Choir's residency at Norwich Cathedral (UK), July 2027 where two of our choirs will be singing seven Choral Evensongs (one each day) as well as Sunday morning Eucharist on July 18.



JOY IN LEARNING

Joy in Learning creatively shares God's gifts of play through the arts and other activities. As we gather in community, we promote connection, understanding and caring relationships. This is a welcoming environment for all ages as well as those from diverse cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds.



Tuesdays
November 3, 10, 17, 24
& December 1
Clay Weaving &
Luminaries
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

To learn more about this class, please scan the QR code.



Wednesdays
November 4, 11, 18
Fused Glass Class
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fused Glass is NOT the same as stained glass.

To learn more about this class, please scan the QR code.



Saturday
November 7
A Saturday Morning
Wheel "Try It"
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Have you ever wanted to just "try-it" and see what a pottery wheel feels like? Here's your chance!

To learn more about this class, please scan the QR code.





WESTMINSTER CAFÉ

Café Hours
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.



November 3
Care Notes
9:00 - 11:30 AM

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month to send a little extra kindness into the world – one note at a time. Materials are provided. All are welcome.

To learn more about this event, please scan the QR code.



Tuesday/Wednesday
December 1, 2
Watercolor Christmas Painting
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Come for a cup of coffee, fellowship and some holiday-themed creativity! Bring your own supplies or use ours.

To learn more about this class, please scan the QR code.



Thursdays
Fill My Cup:
A Post-Sermon
Reflection Study

8:15 AM • Meet and Greet
8:30 AM • Percolating conversation. Come when you can. No sign up necessary. We will revisit the previous Sunday's scriptures, reflect on the sermon, and share thoughts about the probing questions in the bulletin.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Habitat Build

November 7, 8
November 14, 15

Join us!
Scan the QR code to register.



Room In The Inn

November 12
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Registration is now available to help with
RITI this fall.

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