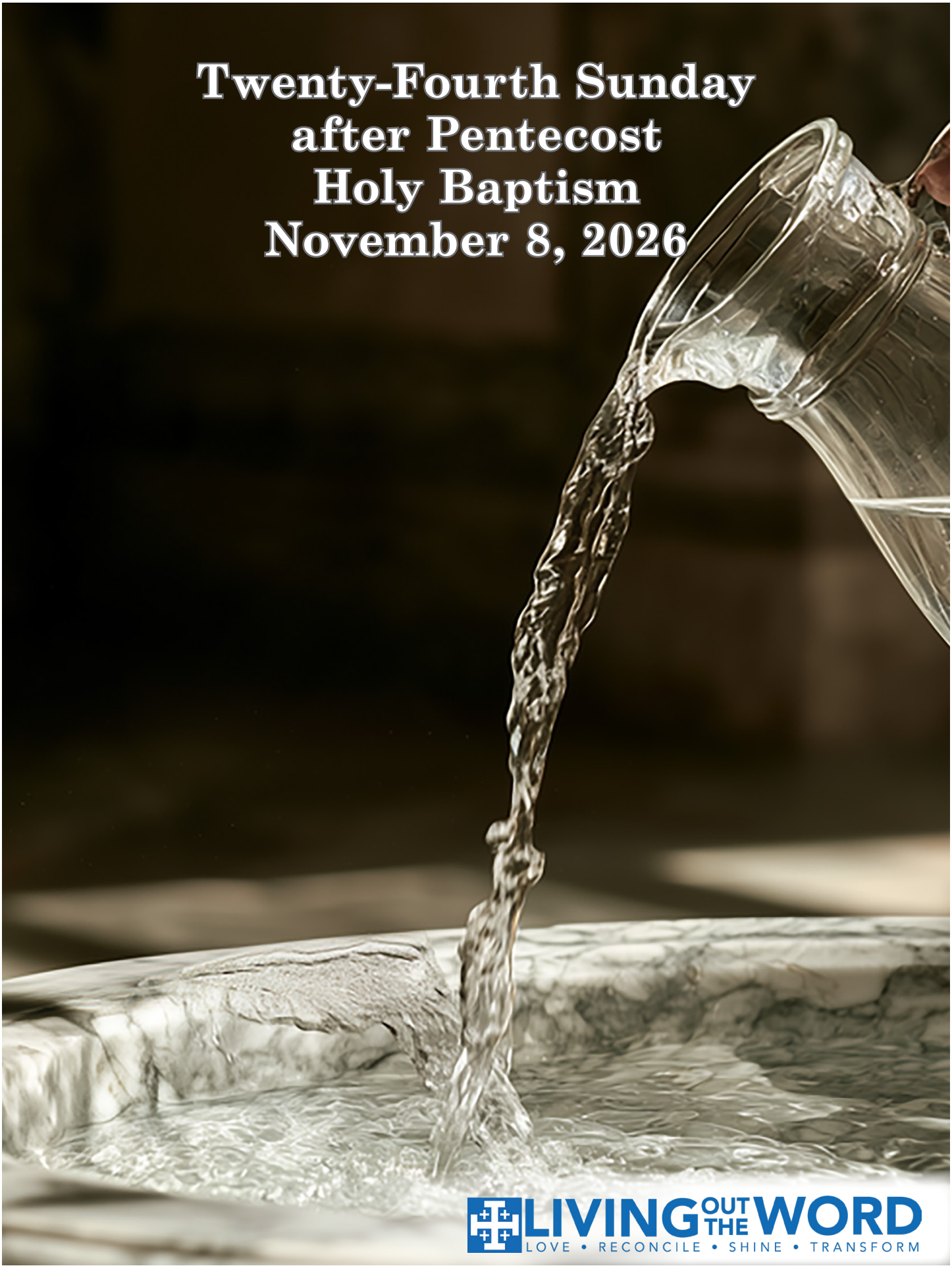
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Baptism
November 8, 2026



LIVING OUT THE WORD
LOVE • RECONCILE • SHINE • TRANSFORM

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.

PRELUDE J. Wayne Kerr

Pastorale on "Jesus Loves Me"

INTROIT (11:00 AM) Makeever/arr. Houts

Come, Let Us Worship God

Come, let us worship God. Welcome everyone to the love of God.
Food for the hungry. Rest for the weary. Hope for the children.
Welcome everyone to the love of God!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

The Lord is coming. Whom you will serve?
As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

What has God done for you?
Wondrous works. Unforgettable deeds.
Strength in the wilderness; paths of liberation!

Say more.
We'll never stop telling our story.
The next generation will hear it.
Children not yet born will know it.

Hope in God, whose story will never end.
Forever we will praise
our faithful helper and deliverer!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Faithful One,
you are near; assure us.
In our joy and in our need,
help us to seek you,
for we know that we will find peace and gladness with you.
Today and always, we say again and again,
"God is great!" 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.)

HANDBELL FANFARE (11:00 AM)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 267** MADRID

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is a God of glorious deeds,
of wondrous works.
Our hope is in God.
But we do not always keep God's commandments.
Let us confess our sins
before our merciful and mighty God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God,
we say we want to see you,
we say we want to know you,
we say we want to serve you,
but we also do not want to put in the work.
We do not want to prepare for your coming
by working for your kin-dom on this earth.
We do not keep alert for signs of you among us,
so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays.
Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action.
Surprise us with your presence so we might learn
to always be ready for you to arrive.

(Silent confession)

About Hymn 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

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.

267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



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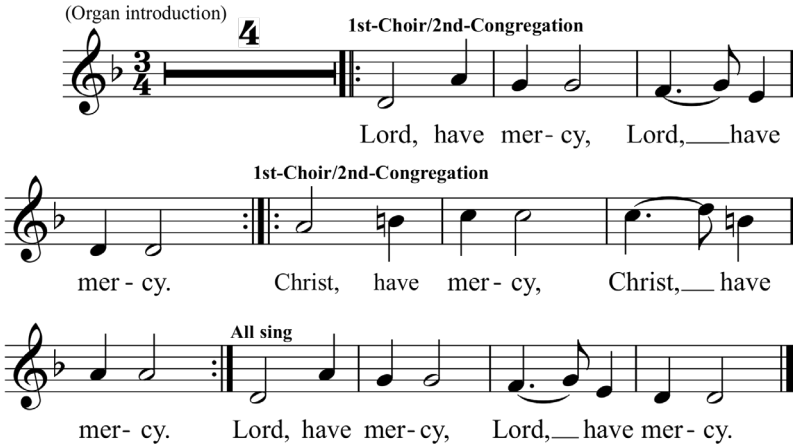
TEXT: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843
MUSIC: Spanish folk melody; arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. David Evans, 1927
Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

MADRID
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About the Kyrie

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

Kyrie James MacMillan



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

Lord help us to live as your called children.
For if anyone is in you they are a new creation..
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
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** John Weaver

Glory to God in the Highest

(Please refer to the inside back cover of your hymnal for music for this hymn.)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace
to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
(Old Testament, pages 215 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 70, Hymn 624 (8:30 AM)
All Sing
Verses 1-3

Anthem (11:00 AM) Baker Lawrimore

All God's Children

For children all, a sense of welcome.
For Children all, a belly fed.
For children all, strong minds that wonder.
For children all, a loving friend.
For we're a world of diverse people,
and all our needs here on earth are broad.
So look around , see the beauty in difference,
and work to love all the children of God.
For those ignored, a sense of welcome.....
For enemies, a sense of welcome...
So look around, see the beauty in difference,
and work to love all the children of God.

Matthew 25:1-13
(New Testament, page 28 in your pew Bible)

SERMON Donovan Drake

"Good Times!"

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 175** LAFFERTY

Seek Ye First

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624



The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

TEXT: *Psalms,* Strasbourg, 1545; trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

TOULON
10.10.10.10

175 Seek Ye First

Descant



The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2–3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee — LAFFERTY
MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971 — Irregular

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SPANISH

1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios*
y su perfecta justicia,
que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.
Alelu, aleluya.

KOREAN

1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와
그의를 구하-면
이모든것 네게 더하시리라
알렐-루 알렐루야



The sacrament of baptism will be administered today at the 8:30 AM worship service to:

Robert Duke Coulter

son of Chloe and Ryan Coulter

Wilder Walsh Smith

son of Jacqueline and Will Smith



The sacrament of baptism will be administered today at the 11:00 AM worship service to:

Alice Lou Hazen

daughter of Grace and Luke Hazen

Carolina Adams

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ…

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus,
and confident of his promises,
we baptize those whom God has called.

In baptism God claims us and seals us
to show that we belong to God.
God frees us from sin and death,
uniting us with Jesus Christ
in his death and resurrection.
By water and the Holy Spirit,
we are made members of the Church,
the body of Christ,
and joined to Christ's ministry
of love, peace, and justice.
Let us remember with joy our own baptism,
as we celebrate this sacrament.

Questions to the Parents, Congregation, and Children of the Church

***Profession of Faith**

Through baptism we enter the covenant…
With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

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.
Eternal and gracious God…lives and reigns forever. Amen.

The Baptism

Welcome

Let us welcome these newly baptized into the household of God.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

Baptismal Anthem

8:30 AM — Barrie Cabena

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

Loving shepherd of Thy sheep,
Keep Thy Lambs in safety keep,
Nothing can Thy power withstand,
None can pluck them from Thy Hand.
Alleluia.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach Thy Lambs Thy voice to hear:
Suffer not their steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.
Alleluia.

Where thou leadest I would go,
Walking in Thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.
Alleluia.

The Baptismal Rite

The Apostles' Creed: The oldest surviving baptismal liturgy, dating from around the year 200 C.E., describes the candidate for baptism standing in water and affirming the faith by responding to three questions. Each question corresponds to one person of the Trinity. The Paschal Candle is symbolic of Christ's death and resurrection. The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, is our Paschal sacrifice. The Paschal Candle also symbolizes the light of the risen Christ, shining in the world. The use of this symbol dates from the early days of the Church. New Christians were given a lighted candle, symbolic of their having died and been raised to new life in Christ through baptism.

11:00 AM Margaret Tucker

Prayer for Today

God in heaven,
I make my prayer today.
For all the people everywhere,
Who live in fear or pain or doubt;
Whose homes are gone and hopes run out.

God in heaven,
I make my prayer for children everywhere.
Who live in terrible, waring, places;
Who live with hunger and strange, sad faces.

God in heaven,
I make my prayer For all good people everywhere.
Who live in comfort, love, and peace,

And pray sincerely for strife to cease;
but who do not always hear the call.
Of those who live with nothing at all.

God in heaven, hear my prayer!
Help all people everywhere.
To come closer together in plenty and need,
And to make our world your home, indeed.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

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:

Anthems

8:30 AM Mark A. Miller

Welcome to God's Love!

Fam'lies of all shapes and kinds,
love the only tie that binds
this gathering of open minds,
welcome to God's love.

Ev'ry person has a place
in this holy, sacred space,
earth's entire human race,
Welcome! Come and feel God's love!

No proof required of your worth,
a gift to you before your birth
from God, who made the heav'ns and earth.

Welcome to God's love.

We'll love each other and take care
of ev'ry need encountered there,
within God's heart there is room to spare.
Welcome to God's love!
Come, and live God's love!

11:00 AM arr. by Don Hustad

Children of the Heavenly Father

***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 the harvest,
you are continually planting the seeds of your love
in our world and in our lives.
As we bring our gifts to you,
may they be seeds of your grace, peace and hope,
planted deeply in our community. Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 362** LLANGLOFFAN

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Gordon Young

Prelude in Classic Style

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Kite Hall by her family.

362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers



The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1–13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.

TEXT: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854; alt. *The Hymnal 1982*
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant,* 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal,* 1906

LLANGLOFFAN
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Worship Leaders

Preaching
Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor

Lay Liturgists
8:30 AM Davis Childers, William Beach, Claiborne Beach, Maggie Bernstein, Sally Bernstein, Field Boswell

11:00 AM Sale Tompkins, Robert Montgomery, Carlisle Smith, Nadeen Zehr, Miller Simcoe, Caroline Wedemyer

Ushers
8:30 AM Mathis Wyatt
11:00 AM Jack Rohe, Martha Boyer, Bo Chaffin, Grace Maggart

Presenting Elder
8:30 AM Thomas Bernstein
11:00 AM Kirsten Crosby

Music
8:30 AM Laudate Choir
11:00 AM Children's Choirs
Ally Hard, Conductor

Alleluia | Kindergarten
Nancy Bieschke Director

Gloria | First, Second Grades
Roberta Rodgers & John Semingson Directors

Jubilate | Third - Fifth Grades
Ally Hard, Director

Chiming Children | Handbells | Ally Hard Director

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Stephen Z. Cook
Organist

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

'Look! Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him.'
Matthew 25:7

Have you ever had something spoil a good event?

When is fear a motivator? When is Joy a motivator?

When do you tire of Jesus?

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.

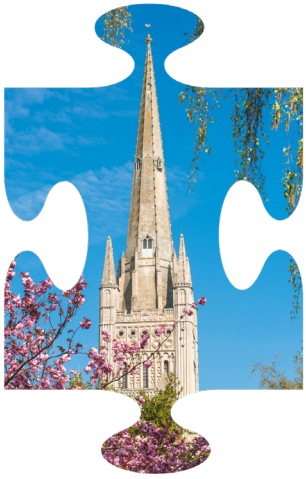
Pastor Search: The PNC Wants to Hear From You

Sunday, November 8 • 12:15-1:15 PM • Goodpasture Hall

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues its work in the listening phase of our search for Westminster's next senior pastor. The group of eleven elected church members has been meeting with administrative, professional and pastoral staff to hear their perspectives, hopes, and priorities for Westminster's future. As part of this process, we invite anyone who would like to share their thoughts to join us for an open conversation today at 12:15 PM in Goodpasture Hall.

If you will be able to attend, scan the QR code to RSVP.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



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 $2,761.50 as of today.

Update Your Membership Contact Info

Contact Hannah Boles, Membership Secretary, hboles@nashvillewpc.org, to update your contact info or your photo. Hannah can also help you to access the online church member directory.

Are you up-to-date on all the WPC news?

We send emails out to the congregation and community three plus times a week. On Monday, we send an email about our mission work. On Wednesdays, we send info about all the events we have going on throughout the month. On Fridays, the Sunday info is included in the email. We also have emails from our Children's, Youth and Young Families ministries.

Please scan the QR code to sign up for the emails you would like to receive.



Baptisms
Baptism Sunday is the second and fifth Sundays of each month except during Lent.

If you would like more information about baptisms at Westminster, please contact Sophie Maness, 615.292.5526, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please contact Hannah Boles, 615.292.5526, hboles@nashvillewpc.org.

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TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

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Sundays, October 25 - November 15

November 8: Week Three

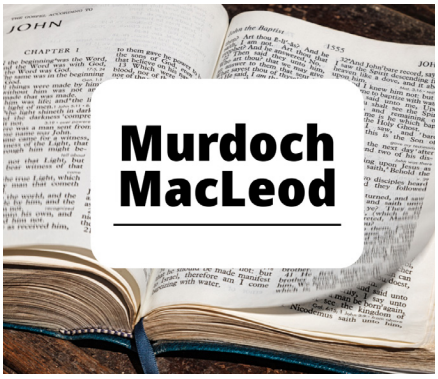
Boundaries (Developing Human Habits)
Question for the week: What does the incarnation teach us about boundaries? What does technology teach us about boundaries? What messages are the same? What messages are different?

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.

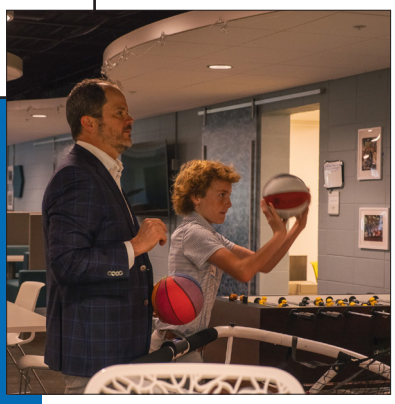


Murdoch MacLeod • Library

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



6:00 PM •
Youth Group •
Koinonia Youth Café

MUSIC MINISTRY



Sunday Rehearsals

4:00-4:50 PM - Children's Choirs
Alleluia Choir
Gloria Choir
Jubilate Choir

Tintinnabulation Intergenerational Handbell Choir

5:00-6:00 PM
Chiming Children
Laudate Choir

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.



Living Out the Word

Questions for children and their families:

What is it like to be in the dark? How do you feel?

What or who helps you when it is dark?

What is it like when the light is turned on?

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Word Search

See if you can find these words in the puzzle on the left.

asleep
bride
drowsy
five
groom
lamps
midnight
oil
wise

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The New York Times



November 10
Covenant Conversations
7:00 PM • Fellowship Hall

Guest: David French, *New York Times* Columnist and Christian Constitutional lawyer

This will be a no-media interview so David can speak frankly from his perspective as a nationally recognized observer about various topics of urgent interest to all of us including:

- Where do we go from here as a nation following the previous week's Nov. 3 mid-term elections?
- How can we understand the severe political polarization of the American Christian church in this current era?
- Are we inevitably headed to a second American civil war?
- What is the solution to our polarization provided by the Founders and hiding in plain sight in our existing U.S. Constitution?

Come early for sweet treats and refreshments furnished by Sondra Cruickshanks and her crew. Doors open at 6:15 PM and Parnassus Books will be on hand to sell copies of David's best-selling book, "Divided We Fall: America's Secession Threat and How to Restore Our Nation." He has agreed to stay after the event to sign books.

Turney Stevens will conduct the interview and time will be reserved for your questions.

November 9
Women's Covenant Group
11:30 AM • BYOLunch
12:00 PM • Presentation
Goodpasture Hall

November 12
Thursday Morning Theology
9:30 AM • Overlook

Bob Buchanan will help us dig into one of C.S. Lewis' most famous works, *The Great Divorce.*

November 24
Westminster Book Group
9:30 AM • Fellowship
10:00 am • Presentation

The Remains of the Day led by Bob Buchanan.

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Church Property Corner

Caring for Our Church Building and Grounds

The Property Committee and church staff have been busy this year caring for and maintaining our beautiful church building and grounds. These efforts reflect our continued commitment to preserving Westminster's facilities for both current and future generations.We are pleased to share highlights of three major projects completed or underway in 2026.

Shingled Roof Replacement – Completed ($230,000)

Following numerous leaks during heavy rains, including in Fellowship Hall and the Gymnasium, an inspection confirmed the need to replace the shingled portion of the roof. The replacement was completed earlier this year, helping protect our building from future water damage.

Basement Hallway and Room 10 Repairs – Completed ($41,000)

Significant flooding in 2025, caused by a collapsed stormwater drainage pipe, damaged the basement hallway and Room 10. The drainage issue was corrected last year, and repairs to the flooring, drywall, and carpeting were completed in 2026.

Café Portico – Scheduled for Late 2026 ($44,000)

A new covered portico has been approved for the Café entrance on the north side of the building, adjacent to the patio. This addition will provide shelter for those entering the building during inclement weather. For security purposes, the entrance remains locked, with access managed by Café, Joy in Learning, and Youth staff. Construction is expected to begin in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Looking Ahead

These three projects represent an investment of approximately $315,000 in maintaining and improving our church facilities. Several additional projects are planned for 2027 as we continue to be thoughtful stewards of the beautiful church entrusted to our care. We will continue sharing updates as projects progress and welcome your questions, suggestions, and contributions toward future building improvements.

For more information about current or upcoming projects, or ways to support these efforts, please contact:
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Thank you for your continued support in preserving Westminster for generations to come!

Christmas MUSIC & ART FUNDRAISER

Benefiting Home Together Nashville

Helping MNPS families find secure and stable, affordable housing and filling it with the essentials needed to thrive

Friday, December 4
6:00–8:30 p.m.
Westminster Café

Coffee and desserts

Featuring Joy in Learning items including pottery, knitting and crocheting, oil paintings, watercolor paintings, stained and fused glass, and more!

Christmas carols led by our Songwriters' Song Circle

Sponsored by Westminster's Joy in Learning Ministry

Register at westminsterjoy.org or scan the QR code below.



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 yummies.





Wednesdays
Watercolor Café
10:00 AM - Noon

Open to anyone who would like to watercolor with others in a relaxing space. We have coordinators, but no teacher will be leading this gathering. Open for all levels!

Let us know you are coming by registering.



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

HELP! We need an Innkeeper for our kick-off date on November 11. We also need one for November 25th.

If you can sleep in church, this may be your calling.

Scan the QR code to register.





Ramp Build

November 20
December 11
Westminster Home Connection Ramp Build

Join us!
Scan the QR code to register for the 20th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Caroline and Richmond Adams



Patrick Behroozi



Jason Carr



Yancy Cook



Ryan and Chloe Coulter



Alli and Aaron Crowe



John Daniel



Raymond Davis



Melea Fenley

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Jamie
Furr



Stephen
Graw



Deborah
Haight



Kate Moore and
Lois Finch



Vicky and John
Maslyn



Mary-Kathryn and
Rand Davis

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



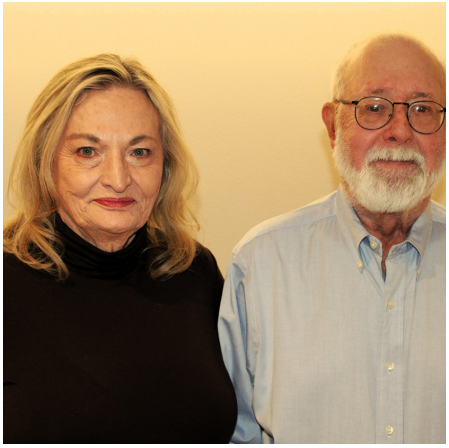
James Armstrong and Sophia Peifer



Brian and Mary Claire Reynolds



Dan and Cynthia Spengler



Debra Summer and John Baker



Nahed and Joel Zehr

The next New Member and Inquirers class will meet in the winter of 2027.

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

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November 9
Women's Covenant Group

Join us for a one-act presentation of Sarah Polk, wife of President James K. Polk, by Nashville resident Debbie Watts. The presentation will include excerpts from Sarah's projected diary and draw on her Presbyterian upbringing, her contributions to her husband's administration, and her influence on American culture.



11:30 a.m. - BYOLunch
12:00 p.m. - Presentation
Goodpasture Hall
Everyone welcome!

We will also sing some Christmas Carols and get a jump on the holiday season. It is promised to be great fun!