

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026





Multiplying the Gift





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 arr. Anna Laura Page
Grace and Thanksgiving

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.
And also with you.
Let us worship 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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

O God, the gift of your Son
is the life-changing treasure
that is truly beyond all value.
Your generosity and goodness astound us!
Inspire us to teach your commandments
and share your gospel,
that all may enter into the joy of Christ. 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.)
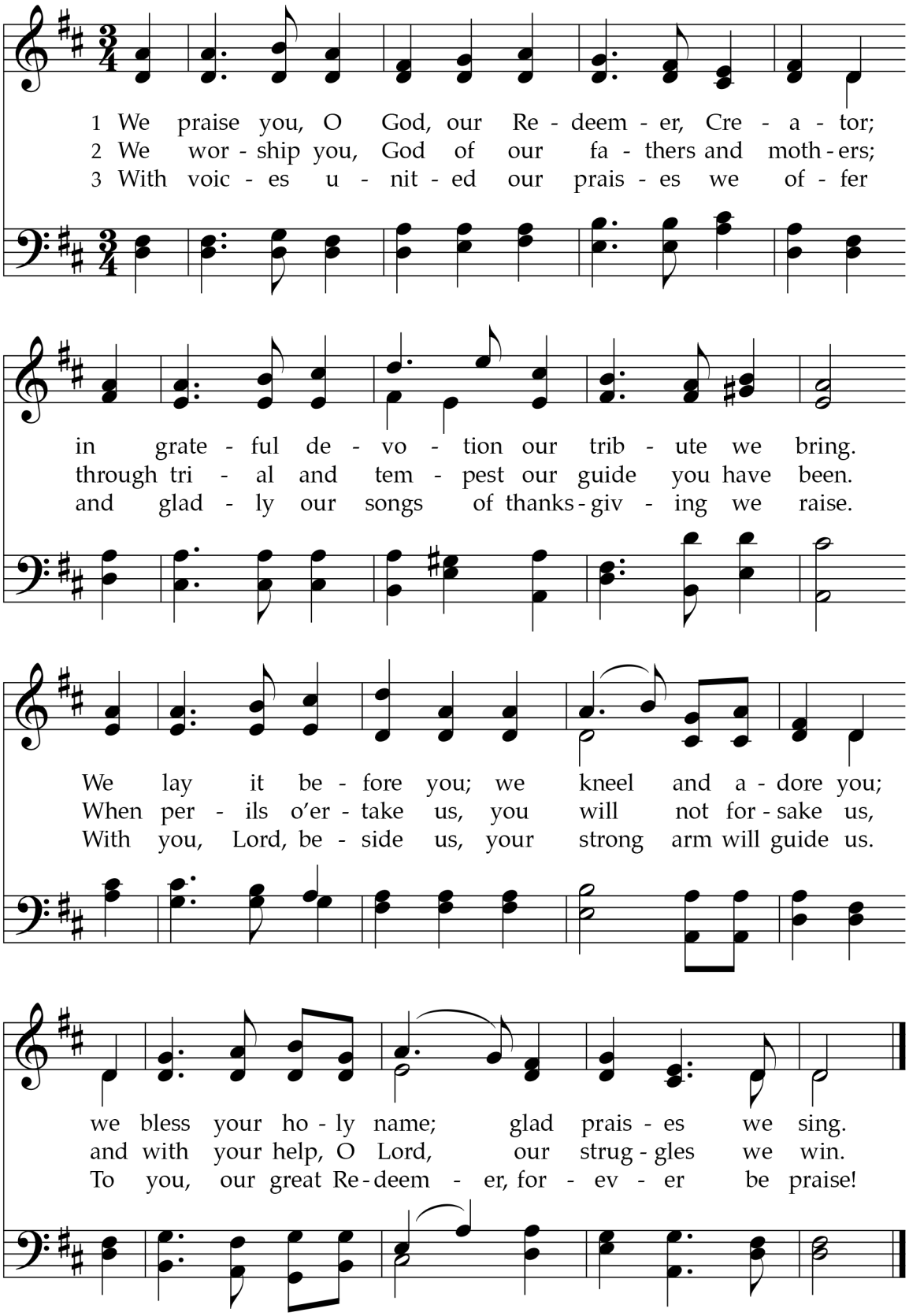
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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 612 KREMSER

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TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.
MUSIC: *Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clanck,* 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER
12.11.12.11
(this tune in a lower key, 336)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember that our Lord Jesus
can sympathize with us in our weakness,
since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.
**Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy
and find grace in time of need.**

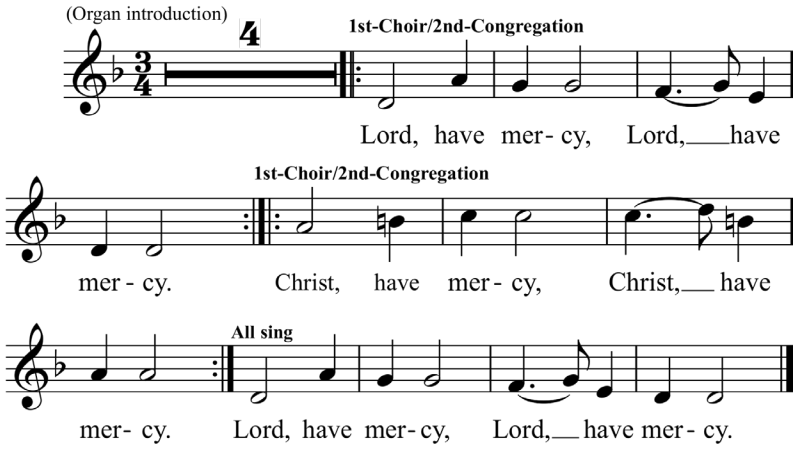
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us,
yet we try to hide from that claiming.
We settle for the seeming security and comforts of home,
where our talents may be tucked away;
our gifts preserved, but paralyzed.
You call us to live in faith, investing in the world you made— to exercise our gifts, even at the risk of losing them.
Have mercy upon us, Lord; have mercy.
Help us understand your will for us.
Teach us what you desire.
Help us to steward well the gifts you have given us,
that one day we might fully enter your joy. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie James MacMillan



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

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

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 GLORIA PATRI

(Singing together Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

INTERLUDE arr. Michael W. Joy

Largo (*Goin' Home*)

THE WORD

Children's Time will happen at both services when we do not have communion or baptisms.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God!
Our ears are open.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
(New Testament, page 205 in your pew Bible)

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

About Hymn 687

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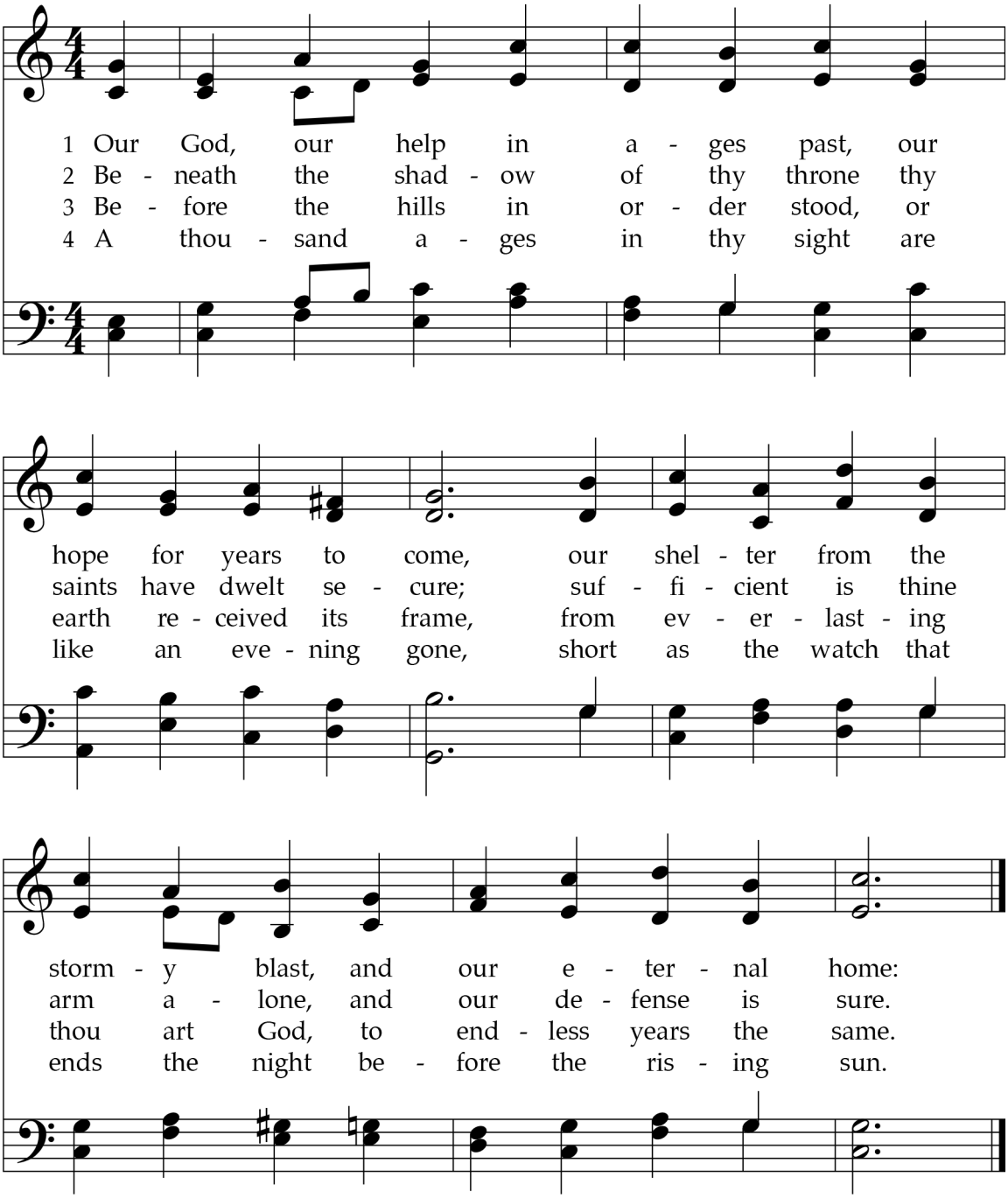
Psalm 90:1-8, Hymn 687 ST. ANNE

All Sing

Matthew 25:14-30
(New Testament, page 28 in your pew Bible)

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

ST. ANNE
CM

SERMON "Who's the Boss?" Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 716** BEACH SPRING

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong-body and soul, in life and in death-not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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
8:30 AM arr. John Carter

Let Us Walk This Road Together

Let us walk this road together, pilgrims trav'ling side by side.
Let us brave the stormy weather; in the Rock we safely hide.
Let us share our joys and sorrows on the journey here below.
If we walk this road together God will guide us as we go.

Let us walk this road together, brothers, sisters in the fold.
Caring not for "why?" or "whether" but by faith made strong and bold.
Who can know where God will send us?
Who can know what God will ask?
Still, by faith we journey onward, sharing in the gospel task.

Let us walk this road together with our hands and hearts entwined.
Let us feel the Spirit's tether drawing us, both heart and mind.
We will pray and praise and worship, brothers, sisters, servants all
on the road of grace and glory, ever faithful to God's call.

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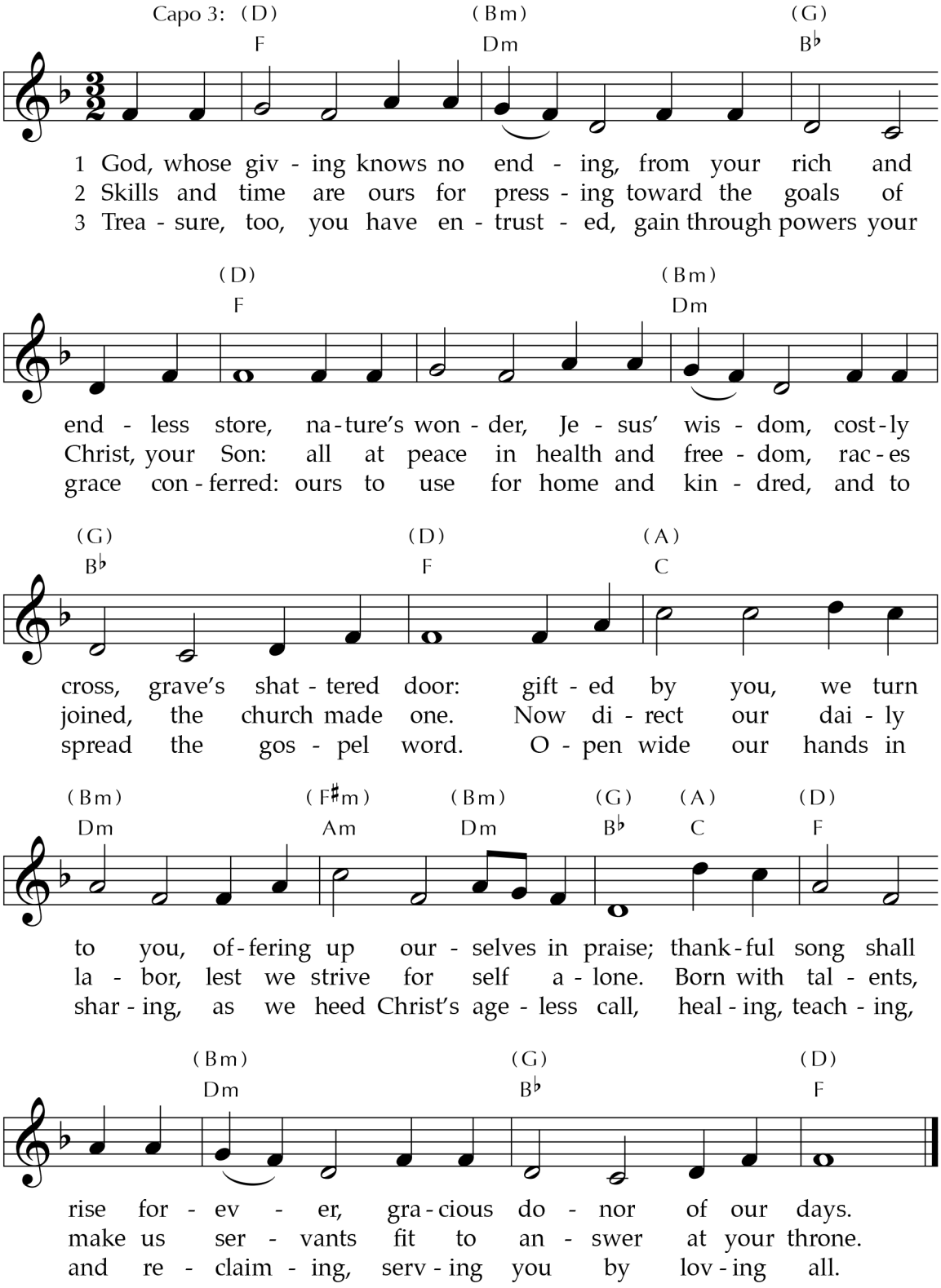
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Offering

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:

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



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TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.
MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
BEACH SPRING
8.7.8.7.D
Text © 1961, ren. 1989 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Company)
Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

11:00 AM R. Vaughan Williams

O How Amiable

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be always praising thee.
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handywork.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

***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.

There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts, and we bring these tokens to you, asking for your blessing on both gifts and givers.
May these offerings from our lives become a part of your witness of love and mercy throughout the world. 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 719** ORA LABORA

Come, Labor On

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Daniel Gawthrop

Festival Piece on "NICAEA"

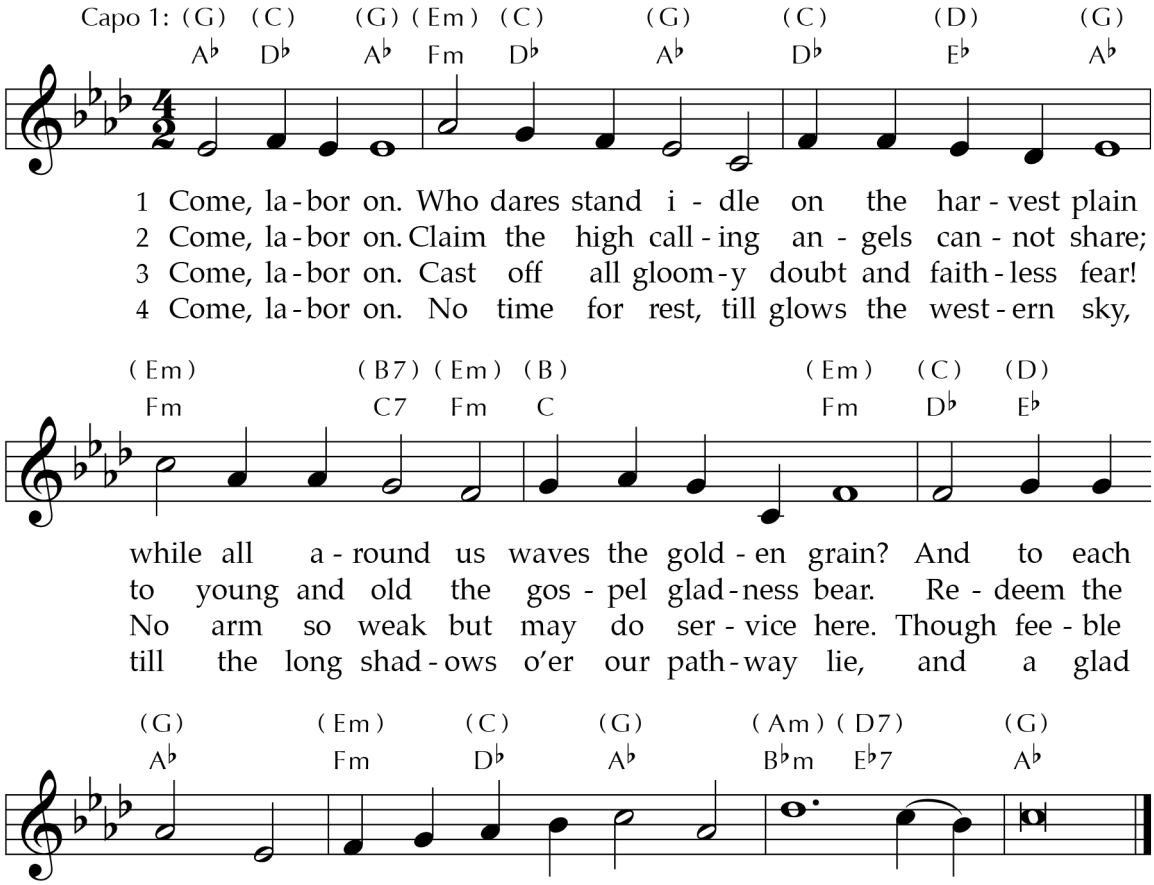
About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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*(Those who are able may stand.)

719 Come, Labor On



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Using Jesus' harvest imagery in John 4:35–38 and Matthew 9:37–38/Luke 10:2, this urgent text sounds a compelling call to Christian service. The words gain energy from the strong unison tune in the English cathedral style, whose name echoes the Benedictine motto "Prayer is work."

TEXT: Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859; rev. 1863, alt.
MUSIC: Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918

ORA LABORA
4.10.10.10.4

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching
Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist
Sarah Bird Kneff
Associate Pastor of Adult Faith Formation

Lay Liturgists
8:30 AM Bob Cooper
11:00 AM X Lucas

Music
Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir
Jennifer Barnes, Director
Nancy Bieschke, Flute

8:30 AM Laudate Choir
11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Susan Kelly
Conductor

Stephen Z. Cook
Organist

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our beloved grandson, John Reid Comita by Suzanne and Terry Allen.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Lochiel and Joe Gaines on their 45th wedding anniversary with love from their children and grandchildren.

Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel gives glory and thanksgiving to God for the birth of a son, Charles Bruno Anderson, to Myles and Olivia Anderson on November 5. Big brother, Sam, and cousins, Lily and Isobel, look forward to teaching Charlie all about Jesus. Grandparents, Lauren and James Anderson, are beaming with joy.

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

Our Mission
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"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

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"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Matthew 25:14-15

When and why have you refused to do something? When and why have you gone above and beyond?

In what areas of life are you a five-talent person?

What do you believe about what God thinks of us when we fail?

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.

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.

What is happening with the PNC?

Wondering what is going on with the PNC and the Transistion? Check out the update page on our Westminster Transistion Page, wltnashville.church.

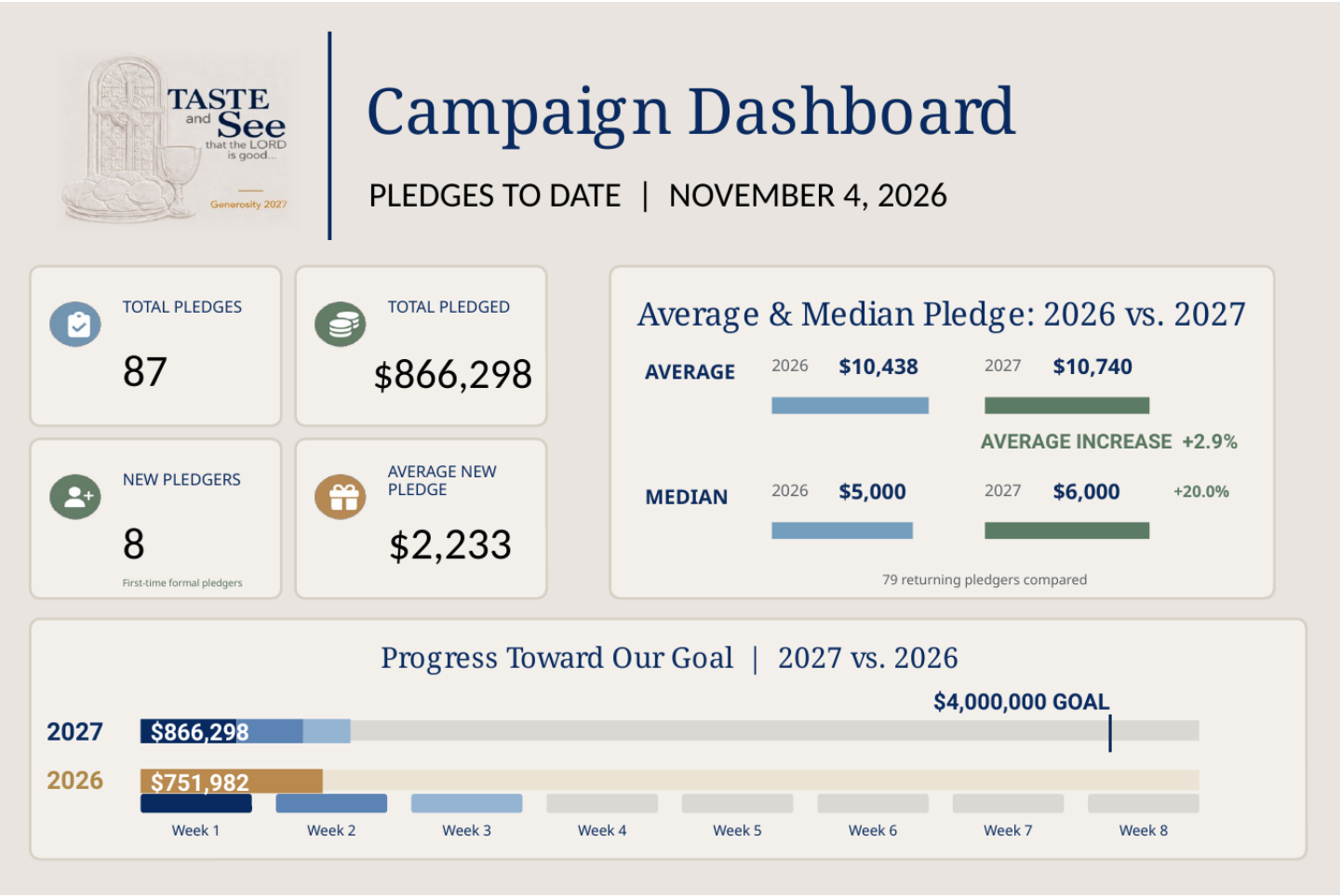


Men's Bible Study: Scripture for Today

7:00 - 8:00 PM
WPC Chancel

For men at Westminster who are currently (or who are holding on to the glory days of being) 30 to 55, we will be hosting a Bible study on Sunday evenings this year, led by Donovan. Join us as we study the book of Philippians and how it informs our life of faith. Contact Thomas Bernstein, thomasjbernstein@gmail.com or Donovan Drake for more information.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Financials

Each month, the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses.

If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact:

Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair
mkoban@prodigy.net

Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer
suzannegm58@gmail.com

Jo Ann McFarlin, Administrator
jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org or
615.292.5526 x231.

October 2026

	Year to Date
Income:	$3,418,831
Expense:	$3,469,857
Net Income (loss):	$ (51,026)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

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taste. see. know.

Sundays, October 25 - November 15

November 15: Week Four

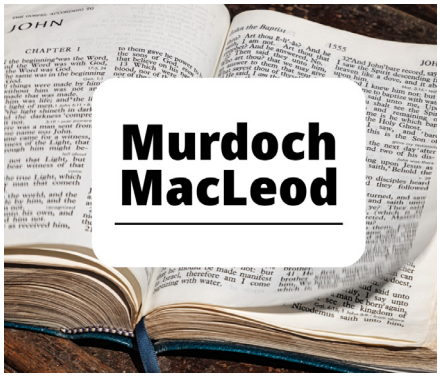
Empowerment (Choosing to be the Church)
Question for the week: How does the incarnation empower us to be the Church in the world? What do we get to add to the conversation about AI and technology? What *must* we add to the conversation about AI and technology?

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.

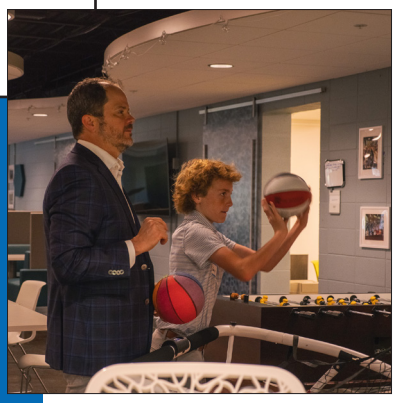


Murdoch MacLeod • Library

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

It is getting close to Thanksgiving - if you were going to write God a thank you note, what would you include?

Draw a picture of a person or a place for which you are thankful.

O	I	C	X	W	V	F	F	I	S	E	R	V	A	N	T	S	Q
J	C	G	Z	E	J	T	H	F	O	C	Z	T	L	U	J	W	N
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Can you find these words?

entrusted
five
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journey
man
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Norwich Cathedral

July 2027
Westminster and Laudate Choirs Travel to Norwich, England

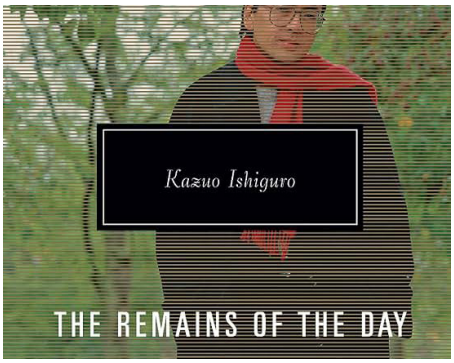
Make the Cathedral Come To Life This Fall!

**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 $4257 as of today.
Our choirs will be singing and leading daily worship services.**

Scan the QR code to make a payment or drop a check by the office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

The Remains of the Day by Japanese-born Kazuo Ishiguro won the Booker Prize for English-language literature in 1989.



December 2
Wednesday Night Dinner
5:30 PM • Café

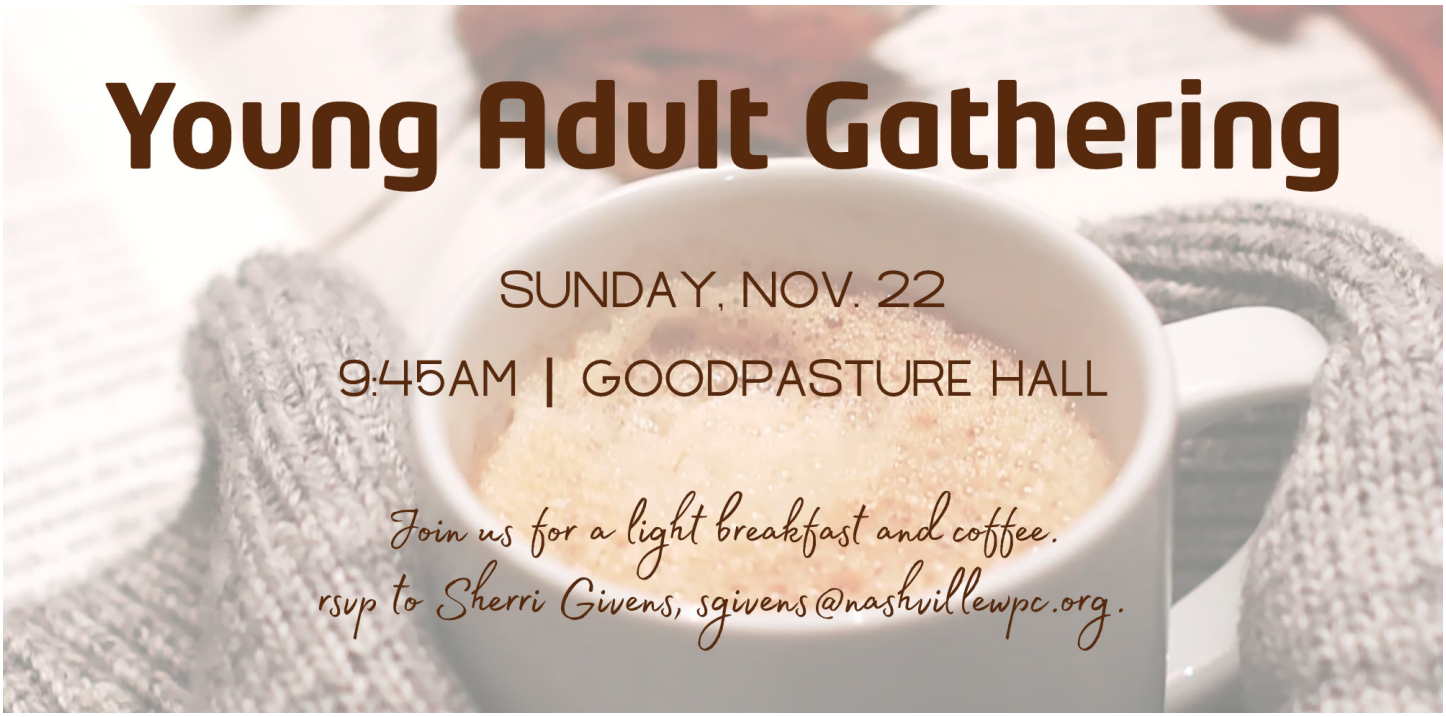
Breakfast with Troy. Join us for delicious breakfast foods and stay and make Advent wreaths.



December 5
Bake Sale Prep Day
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Drop your best baked goodies off and we will divide them for you. Bake Sale is December 6 in the Parlor.

Contact Hannah Norris, hnorris@nashvillewpc.org, for more info.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



A Light in the Darkness

An Advent & Christmas Concert with Westminster Choir with chamber orchestra and Phillip Keveren, piano. Stephen Cook, Organist; Dr. John Semingson, Conductor

December 10
7:00 PM • Sanctuary

Plan now to join us for this concert featuring beautiful music of the season and bring a friend! We offer this concert to be a light in the darkness of December filled with hope and promise as we hear in word and music the promise that Christ's coming brings to all of creation. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please join us.



2026 Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers

Reserve your date now to provide arrangements in the Sanctuary or Parlor in 2026.

Celebrate your friendships and honor your loved ones with arrangements provided by our talented Flower Guild members.

Email or call Terri Eckert to select your special Sunday. Please note that reservations for flowers do not carry over from year-to-year. (teckert@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526).



Poinsettias will once again grace our Sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship services.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a friend or family member, please place your order online, complete a form available at the Information Desk or email Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org.

A donation of $10 per name is requested. The deadline for submitting names to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins is December 6, 2026.

Did You Know

The average house sold in Davidson County is 2,200 sq. ft. Westminster's campus occupies 110,000 sq. ft. of covered space. Essentially, we represent 50 houses requiring heating, cooling, water, routine and emergency maintenance, and insurance. Your generosity "keeps the lights on" for us all.

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.

MINISTRY TEAM



Donovan Drake
Pastor
ddrake@nashvillewpc.org



Will Wellman
Director of Theology and
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