

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Baptism
October 11, 2026

Finally, beloved,
whatever is true,
whatever is honorable,
whatever is just,
whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything
worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Philippians 4:8

Cover photo
by Donovan Drake.

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.

About Hymn 619

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

GATHERING

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Richard Proulx

In Christ There is No East or West

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord will make a feast for all people.

And destroy the power of death forever.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Christ, in this hour of worship

lift us out of the routine of our daily lives

and set us up on your holy mountain.

**Let our worship come from our hearts,
that it may be genuine.**

**Let our praises for you leap from our mouths,
that we may be alive with faith and joy.**

Make us fresh again! 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.)*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 619

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,
**God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(1 John 1:8-9)

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin before God
and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

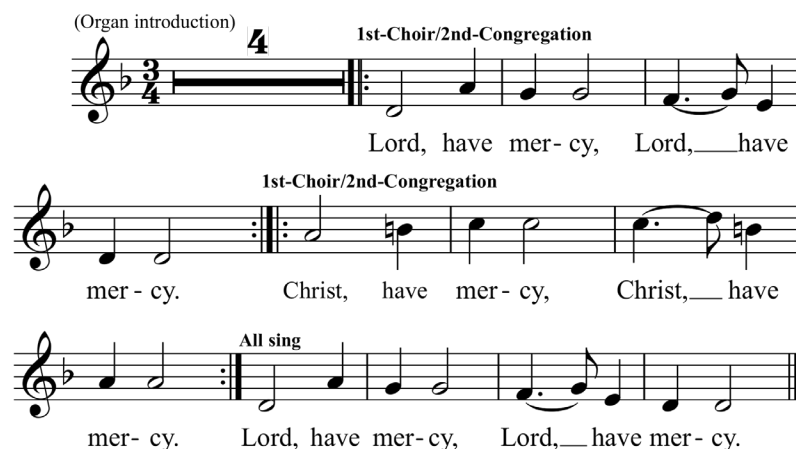
**Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors
in need,
wrapped in our own concern.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

James MacMillan

(Organ introduction) **4**



1st-Choir/2nd-Congregation

Lord, have mer- cy, Lord, ___ have

1st-Choir/2nd-Congregation

mer- cy. Christ, have mer- cy, Christ, ___ have

All sing

mer- cy. Lord, have mer- cy, Lord, ___ have mer- cy.

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**

John Weaver

Glory to God in the Highest

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.**

Exodus 32:1-14

(Old Testament, page 78 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23, Hymn 466

Refrain is sung by all
while the Psalm verses are read by the liturgist.

Praise the Lord!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord

Come and Fill Our Hearts 466

Confitemini Domino

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo-nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!

This prayer chant—intended for repeated singing—was originally created for a Latin text (Psalm 106:1a and Psalm 118:1a, 29a) on which the present English text is loosely based. Chants at Taizé often use Latin because it is a language free of political overtones.

TEXT and MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982
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CONFITEMINI DOMINO
Irregular

or declare all his praise?
Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.
Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
help us when you deliver them,
that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that we may glory in your heritage.
Both we and our ancestors have sinned;
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image.
They exchanged the glory of God
for the image of an ox that eats grass.
They forgot God, their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,
wondrous works in the land of Ham,
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.
Therefore he said he would destroy them—
had not Moses, his chosen one,
stood in the breach before him,
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Philippians 4:1-9

(New Testament, page 198 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"In Conclusion"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 488**

WATERLIFE

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30 AM)

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Obedying 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.**



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

**James Frederick
Daeley**

son of Mary Helen
and Matt Daeley

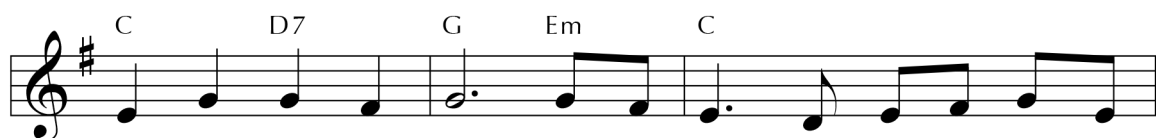
488 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry



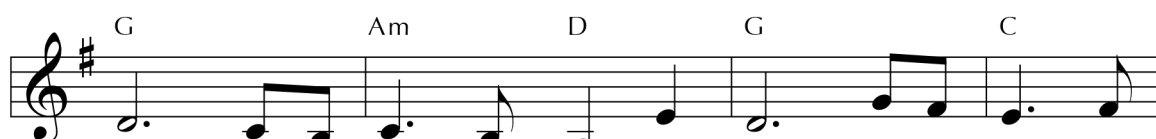
1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Westminster's baptismal font is a traditional eight-sided font.

Why eight sides? God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. The symbolic "eighth day" represents the resurrection of Jesus and the dawn of a brand-new creation. Entering the baptismal waters marks entry into this new spiritual life.

**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.

We give you thanks, Eternal God...lives and reigns forever.
Amen.

The Baptism

Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ.

**Live as a child of the light
and let your light shine before others. Amen.**

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.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (11:00 AM)

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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.

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:



Commissioned by the Westminster Presbyterian Choir, Nashville, in honor of Herb and Si Roth's 30 years of choir service.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

8:30 AM

Mark Patterson

Think On These Things

Whatever is pure, whatever is true,
whatever is noble and just and good;
think on these things, live by these things,
rejoice together in these things,
and the God of peace will be with you.

All that's pure, all that's true,
all that's noble and just and good;
think on these things, live by these things,
rejoice together in these things,
and the God of peace will be with you.

When the cares of life confound you,
when the storms of doubt sweep in,
turn to God with all things in prayer,
and a peace beyond all knowing
will guard you and guide you.

Whatever is pure...

11:00 AM

David N. Childs

Think On These Things

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
shall protect your hearts and minds in Christ our Savior.

Therefore, my people, be steadfast in the Lord.
Concern yourselves not for anything, and fear no evil;
But in everything by prayer and thanksgiving
let your hearts be open and your cares be known to God.

The peace of God...

What you know to be true; What you know to be pure and just;
What you know to be full of love, and what you know to be joyful;

If there be any virtue; if there be any praise, think on these things.
The grace of our lord Jesus be with you all, now and forever.
Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 739

O for a Closer Walk with God

CAITHNESS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Richard Proulx

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

*Why do
Presbyterians say
"debts" in the Lord's
Prayer?*

Presbyterian and Reformed churches historically favored direct translations of the original biblical text over traditional liturgical adaptations. Matthew 6:12 uses the Greek word *opheilēmata*, which literally means "debts" or "that which is owed," as a metaphor for *sin*. Luke 11:2 uses the Greek word *amartias*, which is translated as "sins", but has a root meaning of "missing the mark."

*"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?

O for a Closer Walk with God 739

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a
 2 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet
 3 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what -
 4 So shall my walk be close with God, calm

calm and heaven - ly frame, a light to shine up -
 mes - sen - ger of rest! I hate the sins that
 e'er that i - dol be, help me to tear it
 and se - rene my frame; so pur - er light shall

on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
 from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Merely longing for a restored relationship with God is not enough; real repentance requires amendment of life (stanza 3). The similarity of stanzas 1 and 4 suggests both continuity and improvement. This tune was one of the new common tunes in the Scottish Psalter of 1635.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

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

Liturgist

Sophie Maness
Exec. Director Children's & Community Life Ministries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Kelly Christie
11:00 AM Rudy Kalis

Presenting Elder

8:30 AM Hugh Harvey

Music

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

John Semington
Director of Music Ministries

Elizabeth Smith
Guest Organist

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Anne Douglass White by her many loving cousins.

Hearing Assistance

We offer two options to assist with hearing during services.
1.) Download the Sennheiser MobileConnect app. 2.) Personal FM receivers with an earpiece. Receivers and instructions for both options are located in the Narthex and on the Welsh Dresser in the Parlor. Please see an Usher if you need assistance.

Large Print Hymns

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found in the Narthex at the Sanctuary entrance or in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service at a later time, go to www.nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the Worship Service Archive. Click on the service you would like to view.

Dial-a-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon will be available all week.

Childcare

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

Nursery - Room 146

Toddlers - Room 152

2s and 3s - Room 151

Copyright Information

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Our Mission

Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



**LIVING
OUT THE
WORD**

LOVE
RECONCILE
SHINE
TRANSFORM

And the peace of God, which surpasses
all understanding, will guard your
hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7

What is the difference between a good work done by, say, the Rotary Club
versus the Church?

What do you think Paul means by "... be of the same mind in the Lord"?

How do you see Paul's list "of things" being reflected in others?

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. If you are interested in joining us in this journey, you are invited to contact Stephanie Boaz, sboaz@nashvillewpc.org.

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.



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.**



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday School Classes Begin at 9:45 AM

Are you juggling
working and caregiving?
Connect with resources,
support & education



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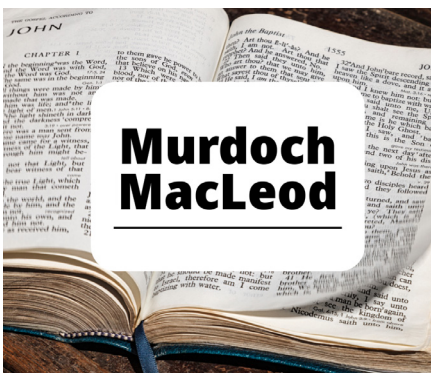
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Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Tiffany Cloud-Mann serves as the Eldercare Coach and Community Partnerships Manager at AgeWell Middle Tennessee, where she provides expert guidance, phone consultations, and resources for family caregivers.

AgeWell Middle Tennessee is a regional nonprofit organization that champions positive aging and connects older adults and caregivers with essential community resources. Originally founded in 1985 as the Council on Aging of Greater Nashville, the organization operates across 13 counties in Middle Tennessee.

Join us for a discussion with Tiffany and learn more about this organization.



Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

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



Journeys • Overlook Room

Dinner's Ready
Matthew 22:1-14

For more info, please contact Krissie Self, krissiebsself@gmail.com.



Faith & Fellowship • 214

Fellowship and Bible study for folks who are "empty nesters" to "early retirees." Led by Donovan Drake.



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

How does it feel when someone loves you a lot?

How do you think God shows you love?

How can we show other people God's love?

I	c	n	k	n	e	y	z	i	p	a	m	m	c	m	n	m	v
h	j	o	z	i	i	r	u	p	l	e	a	s	i	n	g	d	l
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v	y	g	c	n	y	t	i	b	k	t	x	i	i	h	h	w	z

Can you find these words?

beloved
commendable
honorable
just pure
pleasing
praise
true
worthy



KOINONIA YOUTH MINISTRY



9:45 AM •
Sunday School •
Koinonia Youth Café

Join us for Sunday School and Confirmation class.



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 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!



TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



Elder Nominations

Nominations for next year's Elder class and Legacy Fund Trustees (the Class of 2030) are requested from Westminster members. To nominate a church member, please complete a suggestion form. Forms can be found in the Parlor by the wood ballot box, or online at www.nashvillewpc.church (click on Forms tab). Nominations close on October 11, 2026. For more information, please contact Krissie Self, Chair, krissiebsself@gmail.com or Terri Eckert, teckert@nashvillewpc.org.



Men's Bible Study: Scripture for Today

7:00 - 8:00 PM

WPC Chancel

Life is best lived in community. Join us as we study the book of Philippians and how it informs our life of faith.

This fall, the Men's Bible Study will meet every Sunday evening.

Led by Donovan Drake.

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:

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Year to Date

Income: \$3,086,035

Expense: 3,159,909

Net Income (loss):

\$ (73,874)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



October 12

Women's Covenant Group

11:30 AM • BYO Lunch

12:00 PM • Presentation

Goodpasture Hall

Our speaker will be Katy Bowser-Hutson, a writer and songwriter. She is the author of *Now I Lay Me Down to Fight* and co-author of *Little Prayers for an Ordinary Day*. She is currently writing a book about play, the attributes of play, the playfulness of God, and what in the world that could mean. Come prepared to discuss and experience play as it relates to our relationship with God and with each other.

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October 27

Westminster Book Group

9:30 AM • Fellowship

10:00 AM • Presentation

Goodpasture Hall

***Lincoln at Gettysburg*
by Garry Willis**

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.



Table & Prayer

Join us each Thursday at 9:00 AM in the Chapel for 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.**

Calendar note:

We won't meet on Oct 15th but will continue on the 22nd.



TASTE AND SEE

Membership Opportunity

Sunday Mornings through October 25
Interested in Westminster? Check out our **New Members & Inquirors 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@nashvillewpc.org.

Learning Opportunity

November 14 • 6:30 PM • Overlook
Westminster Academy

Join Sue Trout for a discussion on *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

For more info, please contact Sarah Bird Kneff, skneff@nashvillewpc.org.

Try Something New

October 24 • 9:00 am

Hiking at Percy Warner Park

Limit: 12 participants • \$20 per person

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

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



Led by Julius Hooper with Event Hosts Brandon Clingman and Andy Garcia

Starts November 3 • 10:00 AM

Clay Weaving & Luminaries

Create a stunning ceramic piece using woven clay lattice techniques.

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



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

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



THE WAY OF WESTMINSTER

In this time of transition, it is important to know why we do the things we do at WPC. Here is one point of interest from our history.

The March 1994 the Session of Westminster moved the U.S. flag out of the Sanctuary and into the Parlor. The second point of the Session's resolution stated:

We are living in a time in which "civil" religion has so mingled with Christian faith with American citizenship that the Church is now struggling to maintain its distinct identity. It is becoming increasingly difficult for Christians to differentiate between being an American and being a Christian. The presence of the U.S. flag in a place of Christian worship contributes to this confusion.

Session took the following action regarding the placement of the flag:

We, as the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, reaffirm the sovereignty of God in all aspects of our lives. Furthermore, as members of Christ's Church universal, we acknowledge our responsibility to our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ to maintain and nurture a loving community in which diversity of opinion is encouraged, accepted, and considered prayerfully.

The entire document can be found online, please scan the QR code.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Acts. Big Love.♥

 *A Different Kind of Fall* —

Radical Hospitality at Room in the Inn

Annette and Mike Crout have been volunteers with the Room In The Inn winter shelter program for over 10 years. In that time, they have witnessed first-hand how great the need is for a nourishing meal, and a warm bed for our unhoused neighbors during the cold winter months. It has been their pleasure to get to know and serve these guests at Westminster. In addition to food, fellowship and a bed, Westminster also offers laundry facilities for our guests. Sometimes the only clothes our guests own are what they are wearing, or all their clothes need to be laundered. With their \$500 mini grant, the Crouths have proposed to purchase scrub sets for the men to wear



while their clothes are being cleaned, new pillows for the beds, and warm socks, hats and winter gloves.

Winter Item Drive

October 4-25

You can join the Crouths in blessing others by donating: white crew socks, stocking caps and winter gloves. (All Adult Men's Size Large). Donation bins will be in the church office.

"Blessed to be a Blessing"

Apply for a Hands On Mission Mini-Grant Today!



Questions or ideas?

Janet Kuhn • janetkuhn@mac.com





MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

FORE

October 19

Westminster Golf Outing Hermitage Golf Course

11:00 AM – Registration and lunch

12:30 PM – Shotgun Start

Cost – \$125 per person

Friends of Westminster are welcome to play. All proceeds and donations will benefit Westminster Home Connection. Scan QR code to register.



Habitat Build

November 7, 8

November 14, 15

Join us!

Scan the QR code to register.



Room In The Inn

November 12

Room In The Inn

Registration is now available to help with RITI this fall.

Scan the QR code to register.





Westminster Golf Outing

October 19

12:30 PM | Shotgun Start

Scan QR code for more info.



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In partnership with the Youth Ministry
The Covenant Class Presents:

know tech **november** *taste. see. know.*

Sundays, October 25 - November 15
9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

What does it mean to be human in the world of AI?

What might Christ call us to as we engage in today's technological world?

What's it like for young people growing up as native tech users
and what might they have to teach us?

What would a theologically informed intergenerational conversation
about technology look like?

We're going to find out.

October 25: Technology & the Incarnation

November 1: Education & How Technology Shapes Us

November 8: Boundaries & How Limits Help Us Be Human

November 15: Empowerment & Where We Go From Here

We hope you'll join us.

Led by:

Adam DeVries, Ashley Higgins, Julius Hooper,
Jessie King, Sarah Bird Kneff, Sophie Maness,
Nathan Scott