



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day — August 14, 2022

All human beings, by nature, desire to know.

—Aristotle, *Metaphysics*, I, i.

The Lord will be a teacher to us too, if we acknowledge our ignorance and are not reluctant to learn.

—John Calvin, *Commentary on Acts*, Chapter Eight

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Hymn Tune Settings

Paul Manz

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” (Hymn 282)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Fountain Reverie

Percy Fletcher

(During the Call to Worship in Music you are requested to enter into a time of silence,
actively opening your spirit to God's presence in your midst.)

INTROIT - “Sing Alleluia Forth”

David H. Williams

Sing Alleluia forth in duteous praise. Alleluia!

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

The Reverend Dr. Caitlin T. Deyerle

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor with a verbal greeting or enthusiastic wave.)

*HYMN 263 - “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

St. Denio

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God,

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us: we do not see your kingdom in our world; we do not hear your word of grace.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Give us new life by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with your love to be your faithful people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: God's Holy Spirit gives us new life: eyes to see and ears to hear. Thanks be to God for this Good News:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

H. W. Greatorex

**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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Hosea 11:1-9

Pew Bible, pp. 842-843 OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Children in Pre-K—Grade 3 will leave the service at this time.
An adult leader will be in the Narthex to escort them to the theater.)

ANTHEM - "Glory to Him"

Johann Christian Geisler

Glory to him who is the resurrection and the life. They that believeth in him shall live though they be dead. Glory to him from the assembly who waits upon him; and those that surround him. Glory to him forever and forever. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - Matthew 23:8-12; John 14 (selected verses)

Pew Bible, pp. 25,108-109 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN - "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" [see inside back cover]

Nettleton

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker, Jr.

A Prayer for Going Back to School

Focus: "But the Teacher, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." —Jesus to his disciples, John 14:26

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

From "A Declaration of Faith," Presbyterian Church (US), 1977
The Reverend Anna G. Owens

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus

God kept his promises.

**All that we can ever hope for
was present in Christ.**

But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

**The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.**

**In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,**

assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. Amen.

OFFERING DEDICATION AND PRAYER

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

ANTHEM - "Thy Holy Wings"

Swedish folk tune, arr. Robert Hobby

Thy holy wings, dear Savior, spread gently over me,
And through the long night watches I'll rest secure in thee.
Whatever may betide me, be thou my hiding place,
And let me live and labor each day, Lord, by thy grace.

Thy pardon, Savior, grant me, and cleanse me in thy blood;
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children, great and small,
And as we seek thy blessing, enfold us one and all.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

*HYMN 282 - "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Wer nur den lieben Gott

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (all sing) - "Go with Us, Lord"

Tallis' Canon

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit, strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - Sortie

Marcel Dupré

(The Concluding Voluntary is the final Alleluia of our worship.
You are invited to remain in silence.)

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Music Participants: Summer Choir – Kathy Raisch and Sharon Norton, Sopranos – Hilary Toerner, Flutist – The Reverend John Neely is Organist-Director.

Today's Music: Today's Music: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever (1 Timothy 1:17) is the basis for "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise." (Hymn 263). The rollicking rhythm of the Welsh melody rushes the singer along to the climactic poetic thought of God being invisible only because God is hidden by the splendor of light.

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, has a text that is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune *Nettleton* honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton.

Based on Psalm 55:22 ("Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you"), "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (Hymn 282) reminds us of God's care. The hymn does not promise that evil will never befall us, but it does promise to provide us with the strength to carry us through the evil days. Trust and faith in such times are difficult, but God will not forsake us in our time of need.

The flowers in the Chancel are given in memory of Betty and Dan Elliott by their family: Caroline, Margaret, Lisa and Gary Shoup.

Infants and Toddlers, Room 108 (Infant - 3 years old), are cared for from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 108. Parents of infants will be contacted via text by the nursery staff in case immediate communication is needed while they worship in the Sanctuary. During the worship hour, children take part in an activity and enjoy a snack.

Summer Programming – Theater (Pre-K - Grade 3). Children will leave the service after the first Scripture (10:20 a.m.). An adult leader for this age group will be in the Narthex to greet them and escort them to the Theater. Programming ends at 11:20 a.m.

From the Garden – join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for fresh produce and a variety of home-made baked goods and jams. All donations go to the Dayton Foodbank.

All are invited to sing in our drop-in, no excuses **Summer Choir**. Every Sunday through September 4, we will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Choir Room and prepare anthems on the spot to sing at the 10:00 a.m. service. You do not have to be involved in the choir regularly in order to participate in the Summer Choir. **All singers must be vaccinated and willing to wear a mask.** For more information, contact John Neely (john@westminsterdayton.org).

Bell choir information and registration forms for Knox Ringers (grade 7-12) have been mailed. Rehearsals are on Sundays, 11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m., beginning September 11. In order to participate, registration is necessary. Contact John Neely (john@westminsterdayton.org) for more information. Additional forms are in the Church Office. A great year has been planned. Registrations are due next Sunday, August 21.

Are you interested in becoming a part of the **Westminster Choir** (college age and up)? Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., beginning on September 8. Now is the time to speak with John Neely (john@westminsterdayton.org). Join us for great music making and fellowship.

Choir schedules for the next academic year for children, youth, and adults have been posted on the church website (www.westminsterdayton.org/music).

The upper section of the balcony is closed to accommodate continuing work on the organ pipes and for the restoration of the balcony stained glass window.

No members are known to be in the hospital at this time.
Recently hospitalized and released: Pam Koerner; Wilma Jangling.

Nancy Hodgkins is away on vacation and study leave. She will return to the office on Tuesday, August 30.

Westminster Email Prayer Ministry

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone." 1 Timothy 2:1

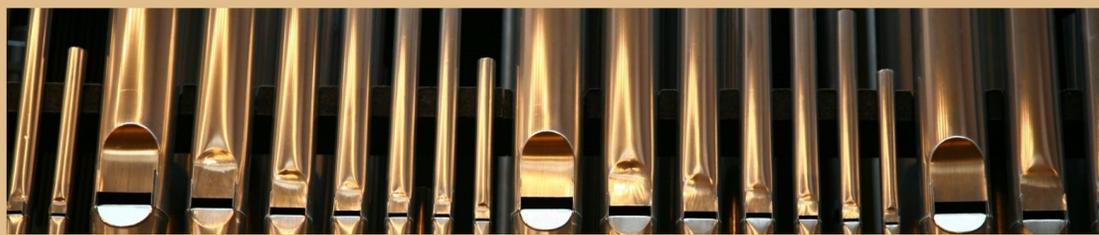
The Email Prayer Ministry offers Westminster members and friends of the church a way to share personal concerns with a dedicated prayer team, assured that their requests will be remembered faithfully before God in prayer. Requests received remain confidential. To ask for a prayer request; go to the church website, or submit your prayer request directly to wpcprayers@westminsterdayton.org

If you are interested in joining our Prayer Ministry Team, contact Linda Mione (osulinda@gmail.com or 937-269-6996).

Organ Demonstration

Today!

11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m.



Join John Neely in the choir loft, or sit in the pews down front to view the demonstration by way of a video projection screen.

Learn a little about...

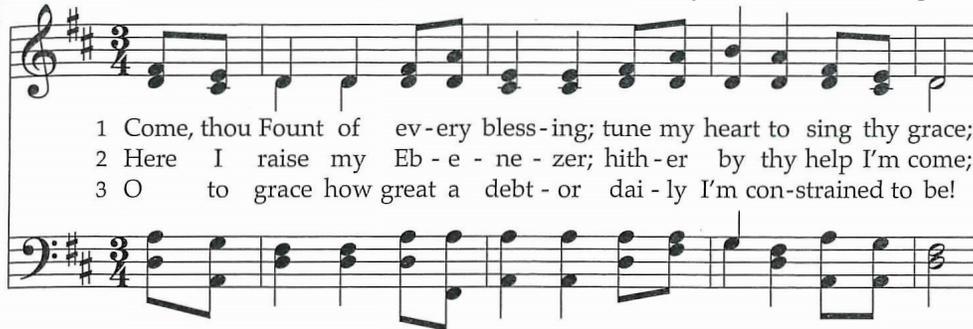
- All the buttons on the console
- Combining all the various sounds
- Using the four manuals (keyboards)
- The function of the 32-note pedal board for the feet
- And more!



Donate items to the W.I.S.E. Ministry school supply drive and help students and teachers at Eastmont Elementary and DECA Middle start the year strong! Supplies can be dropped off at the school bus underneath the W.I.S.E. Bulletin Board or may be dropped off at the Church Office. Monetary donations are also accepted.

- Pencils
- Mechanical Pencils
- Composition Notebooks
- Pencil box or Pencil bag
- Plastic 2 pocket folders
- 1 or 2 inch binders
- 3 pronged folder all colors
- Copy Paper
- Colored Pencils
- Liquid Hand sanitizer
- Small Dry Erase Boards (smaller than or about the size of a sheet of paper)
- Dry Erase Markers

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



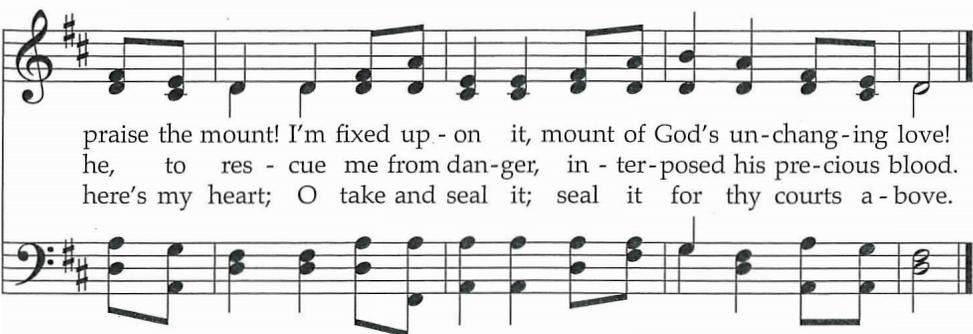
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

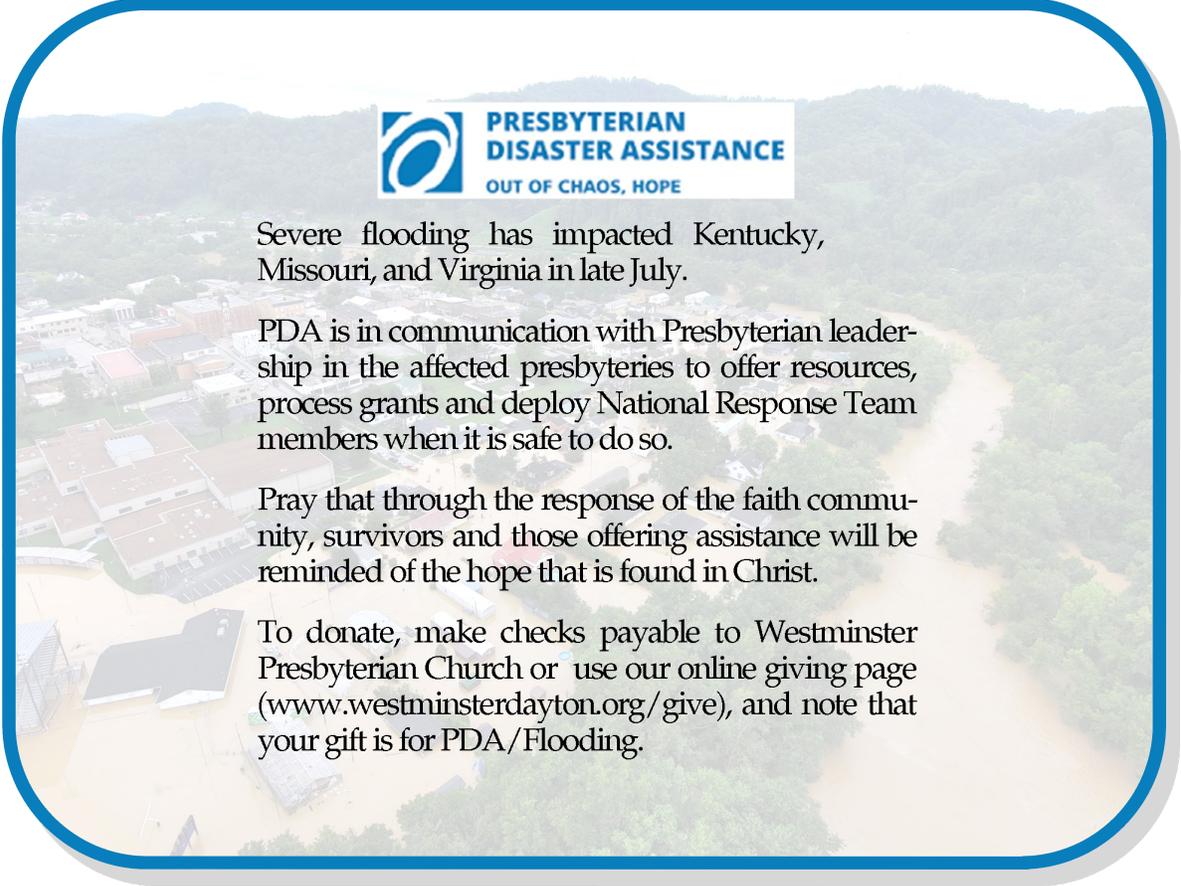


Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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Where Loving God and Neighbor Is Transforming Lives*



Severe flooding has impacted Kentucky, Missouri, and Virginia in late July.

PDA is in communication with Presbyterian leadership in the affected presbyteries to offer resources, process grants and deploy National Response Team members when it is safe to do so.

Pray that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ.

To donate, make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church or use our online giving page (www.westminsterdayton.org/give), and note that your gift is for PDA/Flooding.

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“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (263)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of
Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness
and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth
thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou Fount of every blessing:
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's redeeming love!
Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.
O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,

Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

**“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide
Thee” (282)**

If thou but trust in God to guide thee.
With hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, what'er betide thee,
To bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that nought can move.
Only be still and wait God's leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take what'er thy Keeper's pleasure
And all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear
To One who holds us always dear.
Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's
ways,
But do thine own part faithfully;
Trust the rich promises of grace,
So shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
The soul secured by trust indeed.