

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 12 September 2021

The Sanctuary: A House of Prayer and Preparation

Welcome to Westminster! We offer a short time for meditation at 9:40, before the service starts. Join us to prepare your heart for worship, and we will begin our time of announcements and the call to worship at 9:45.

Offering Stones

If you give financially to Westminster online or by mail, please take a stone as you enter the sanctuary. You may place your stone in the offering plate as it comes your way during the offertory as a physical token of your offering to the LORD. (This is also a great way to teach children and others about sacrificial giving.)

Meditation: Preparing our Hearts for Worship

*I will take my stand at my watch post
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.*

And the LORD answered me:

*"Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.
For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.*

*"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.*

Habakkuk 2:1-4

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Psalm 135:1-3, 5

Leader: Praise the LORD!
Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,

People: who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God!

Leader: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to His name, for it is pleasant!

Unison: For I know that the LORD is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

In Christ Alone (Songbook #74)

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Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery (Songbook #30)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Preparation for Confession of Sin

Leader: The Psalmist proclaimed, O LORD, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. (Psalm 139:1-4). Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: Our gracious Father, we lower our heads before You, and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are not our own, but have been bought with the precious blood of Jesus. Therefore, we belong to You.

Too often we carry on our lives as if You did not exist, and we fall short of being faithful witnesses for You. For these things as well as for all our sins we ask Your forgiveness.

We also ask for Your strength to fight against our selfish tendencies. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we will conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Remind us that we always live before Your face. Grant us a desire to strive for holiness in all that we do out of reverence for You, we pray....

Silent Confession & Reflection

The Words of the Gospel for those who repent and believe:

Leader: I declare this sure promise: *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.* (Psalm 103:8, 12).

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Songbook #160)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Pat Wells

Missionaries: Kris and Paula Lundgaard

Ben & Beth Hailey ~ Redeemer Presbyterian Church

People: 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.

The Collection of our Tithes + Offerings

While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom, the church is the primary means by which that kingdom is established on earth. Thus, God calls us first and foremost to be faithful in the regular, ongoing support of one's local church body through tithes and offerings. If you haven't made tithing a practice, please consider adopting tithing or generous giving as a spiritual practice—that you might grow in faith and that together we might increase Westminster's capacity to be the body of Christ in Bryan & College Station for the world.

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Offertory: Majestic Holy One

The Presentation of our Tithes + Offerings

Prayer of Dedication: Curtis Krajca

Hymn of Preparation:

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood (vv 1-2) (Hymn #253)

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God Gives Us His Word

Morning Lesson

Grafted: Gospel Confidence

Romans 1:1-17

REV. WADE COLEMAN

Hymn of Response:

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood (vv 3-5) (Hymn #253)

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God Feeds Us His Covenant Meal

The Lord's Supper:

A Word about Communion at Westminster

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to an evangelical church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

Preparation for Communion

Words of Institution: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Invitation + Warning

Prayer + Setting Apart the Bread and Wine

Holy Communion

Westminster uses wine and grape juice in serving the Lord's Supper. You will find pre-packaged cups of grape juice marked "J" on the outer row of each tray and pre-packaged wine marked "W" in the inner rows of the tray. Each person may take the element according to his or her conscience.

We offer an alternate bread wafer for those with gluten and dairy allergies (also soy and egg free). These cups are marked gluten free in the service trays.

Prayers for Those Not Communing:

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that You promise. Amen. **Prayer of Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me and run with perseverance the race that You have set before me, looking only to You, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

Distribution of Communion Elements

The Power of the Cross

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Unison: 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.

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

People: Amen!

Doxology

Passing of the Peace

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH A SIGN OF FRIENDSHIP SUCH AS:
"THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU" & "AND ALSO WITH YOU."