

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 19 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

*He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.  
Surely He has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed Him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But He was pierced for our transgressions;  
He was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with His wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on Him  
the iniquity of us all.*

*Isaiah 53:3-6*

## Welcome + Announcements

# God Calls Us to Worship Him

Psalm 32:1-2, 10-11

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

People: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Unison: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

## Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

## Hymns of Praise + Adoration

### Holy, Holy, Holy! (Hymn #100)

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### 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) (Songbook #28)

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# God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

## Preparation for Confession of Sin

Leader: *The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD is on His heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; His eyes examine them. (Psalm 11:4). Let us, therefore, confess our sins saying ...*

People: Our just and gracious God, Your eyes are too pure to look upon evil; You cannot tolerate wrong. But You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in Him. We confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of Your glory.

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In Your Son is our hope of salvation; in Your promise is our hope of redemption. Restore us in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, for His glory and our good, we pray.....

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).*

People: Amen!

## Hymn of Renewal:

### I Asked the Lord (Songbook #66)

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# God Calls Us to Make Offerings

## **Tithes + Offerings:**

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Darrell Stanley

Missionaries: John and Kathy Clow ~ Honduras

Hope Pregnancy Center

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.

If you give 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 as a physical token of your offering to the LORD. (This is also a great way to teach children and others about sacrificial giving.) If you would like to participate with your giving in real time, visit our website to give online, under the Giving + Membership tab. Or, set up text giving: text the number of an amount to 979-200-4600 and then enter your credit card information.

## Offertory: Holy is He

## The Presentation of our Tithes + Offerings

## Prayer of Dedication: Jim Thomas

## Hymn of Preparation:

## A Debtor to Mercy Alone (vv 1-2) (Songbook #1)

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# God Gives Us His Word

## Morning Lesson

*Grafted: The Sinfulness of Sin*

Romans 1:18-32

REV. WADE COLEMAN

## Hymn of Response:

### **A Debtor to Mercy Alone (v 3) (Songbook #1)**

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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

### Man of Sorrows (Songbook #104)

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## Taking Together the Bread and Cup

## God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

### Benediction: Ephesians Numbers 6:24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

People: Amen!

### Gloria Patri

### 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."