

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 21 November 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 (Isaiah 53:3-6)

*He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.*

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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Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: *For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." (Galatians 3:10-11) Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...*

People: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and mourn our many sins, which provoke most rightly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous to us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For the sake of Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your Name, we pray ...**

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32)*

People: **Amen!**

Hymn of Renewal:

Jesus, I Come

Words by William True Sleeper, Music by Greg Thompson @ Greg Thompson Music. CCLI#148879

Baptism of Kase Scott Oliphint

Covenant Child of Jared & Jenny Oliphint
Baptized by Rev. Dr. Scott Oliphint

God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Rev. Wade Coleman

Missionaries: Tim + Cheri Hoke ~ African Bible University

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.

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Offertory "For Me to Live Is Christ"

The Presentation of our Tithes + Offerings

Prayer of Dedication: Randy Wipke

Hymn of Preparation:

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted (vv 1-2) (Songbook #144)

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God Gives Us His Word

Morning Lesson

Grafted: The Beautiful Benefits of Justification II

Romans 5:1-11

REV. WADE COLEMAN

Hymn of Response:

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted (vv 1-2) (Songbook #144)

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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

His Mercy Is More (Songbook #61)

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

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.

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

Leader: *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

People: *Amen!*

Benediction Song (verse 2)

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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."