

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 29 May 2022

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 43:1-3a)

But now thus says the LORD,

He Who created you, O Jacob,

He Who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are Mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 107:1-2)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Unison: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom He has redeemed from trouble...

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Praise to the Lord the Almighty (Hymn #53)

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O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (Isaiah 1:18).*

Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...

People: God of salvation, in Christ You have done great things—our hearts are filled with joy. By Your power You lifted us out of the wasteland of sin. Salvation is Your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace Your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on Your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. (Isaiah 40:1-2)*

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal:

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul (Songbook #42)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Chris Peterson

Missionaries: Wes & Jamie Baker ~ Peru

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: Still, My Soul, Be Still

The Presentation of our Tithes + Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Children Dismissed for Worship Kidz

Children, ages **four through seven**, are invited to attend Worship Kidz which will meet in the Worship Kidz room in the children's education wing. Children can join Worship Kidz leaders in the rear of the sanctuary and will rejoin their families after the sermon. All children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary during the sermon.

Hymn of Preparation:

This Is My Father's World (Hymn #111) (vv 1-2)

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God Gives Us His Word

Morning Lesson

Master and Commander

Luke 8:22-39

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Hymn of Response:

This Is My Father's World (Hymn #111) (v3)

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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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) (Songbook #15)

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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: I Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

People: Amen!

Benediction (vs 2)

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."