

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 14 August 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 (Revelation 15:3-4)

*And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,*

*“Great and amazing are your deeds,  
O Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways,  
O King of the nations!  
Who will not fear, O Lord,  
and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come  
and worship you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”*

## Welcome + Announcements

## God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 103:1-4)

### Call to Worship:

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all His benefits,

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity,  
Who heals all your diseases,

Unison: Who redeems your life from the pit,  
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy...

### 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

## Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! (Psalm 27:14)*

Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...

People: Jesus, our hearts are full of sinful thoughts, worries, and shame that we would prefer to conceal rather than bring honestly before You. Forgive us for the ways we have chosen dishonesty over truth, in order to protect ourselves, impress others, and escape the pain of change. Help us to live in the light of Your cleansing grace.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.? (1 John 1:8-9)*

People: Amen!

## Hymn of Renewal:

### Before the Throne of God Above (Songbook #21)

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## God Calls Us to Make Offerings

### Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Council Mills

Missionaries: Anne Michal Carter ~ RUF @ Mississippi State

Elder-Aid BCS

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

### The Presentation of our Tithes + Offerings

### Prayer of Dedication

### Hymn of Preparation:

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymn #457) (vv 1-2)

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# God Gives Us His Word

## **Morning Lesson**

*Worship in a Broken World*

Psalm 9:1-12

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## Hymn of Response:

**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymn #457) (vv 3-4)**

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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

#### Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery (Songbook 35)

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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: Jude 24-25**

*Now to Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.*

People: Amen!

### **Doxology**

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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."