

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 01 October 2023

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 (Daniel 4:34-35)

*At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven,
and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and
praised and honored him who lives forever,*

*for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;
all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay his hand
or say to him, "What have you done?"* ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 24:1, 7-10)

Call to Worship:

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

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

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By Faith (Songbook #31)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *The Prophet Isaiah declared, Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55:6-7).*

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: Heavenly Father, you are the all-wise King who created and sustains all things by your wisdom. Your holiness and power are made evident in your providential care for everything you have made, including us. Yet, we acknowledge that we've not always shown the gratitude and reverence that befits your majesty. At times, our focus has been sinfully swayed by worldly pursuits, like power, wealth, and status. Forgive us, we pray. We thank you for the unwavering faith of Jesus, who always put you first above all else. Guide us daily towards a deeper appreciation and understanding of your ways, until that day when we find eternal peace in your presence. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *I declare this sure promise: He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:24-25)*

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal:

He Will Hold Me Fast (Songbook #57)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Greg Williamson

Missionaries: Tim and Cheri Hoke, African Bible College

Ministry: Gideons, International

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

The Presentation of our Tithes + Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

God Gives Us His Word

Morning Lesson

City Of God & City Of Man

Romans 13:1-7

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Hymn of Response:

Be Thou My Vision (Hymn #642)

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God Feeds Us His Covenant Meal

The Lord's Supper:

Preparation for Communion

Words of Institution: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Invitation + Warning

Prayer + Setting Apart the Bread and Wine

Holy Communion

Distribution of Communion Elements

Communion Hymn:

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand (Songbook 124)

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

Benediction:

Jude 24, 25

Leader: *To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!*

People: **AMEN!**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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."