

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 17 September 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 (1 John 4:7-12)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 36:7-10)

Call to Worship:

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

All: Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Praise To the Lord (Hymn #53)

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Come All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor (Songbook #34)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived. (Ephesians 2:1-3a)*

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: Heavenly Father, you are the holy and perfect One in all your ways. Your kindness and care toward us are undeserved, yet you have lavished your love upon us. You faithfully pursue us with your eternal promise to work all things for our good and your glory. Yet, we acknowledge our frequent struggles with malice, hypocrisy, envy, deceit, and slander. Our minds often dwell on the sins and weaknesses of others, as we attempt to justify ourselves in self-righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. We thank you for the cleansing power of Christ's blood, which washes away our sins, and for the righteousness of Christ, which covers our rebellious record with the splendor of his perfect holiness. Help us, Lord, to see the excellence and beauty of Christ in our worship, our work, and our daily lives. In name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal:

My Redeemer's Love (Songbook #112)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Chris Peterson

Missionaries: Ryan and Katie Pekarek

Ministry: Ben & Beth Hailey ~ Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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

Grafted: A Lifestyle of Genuine Love

Romans 12:9-16

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Hymn of Response:

I Asked the Lord (Songbook #66)

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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:

His Mercy Is More (Songbook #61)

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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:

Numbers 6:24-26

Leader: *The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.*

People: *AMEN!*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Songbook #44)

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."