

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 12 November 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 Peter 2:4-10)

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

*"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

*"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,"
and*

*"A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense."*

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 117)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!

People: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

All: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Hymn#296)

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Blessed Be Your Name (Songbook #30)

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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, (Ephesians 2:1) Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...*

People: Heavenly Father, like our first parents, we are easily captivated by the objects that our eyes desire. We confess that though you have given us Your most cherished treasure, yet we prize many other things more highly than Christ. Forgive us for trusting more in other things than in the provision of Your Son. God Almighty, by your Holy Spirit, cause us to cherish Christ above all our other desires, so that we will be truly satisfied in Him. In the 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 our 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:

Thy Mercy, My God (Songbook#149)

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Reception of New Members

Covenant of Baptism

Kelly Sevcik

God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Pat Wells

Missionaries: Austin and Alex McCann RUF at Texas A&M

Ministry: Emma Pearson RUF intern

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

God of All Hope

Romans 15:7-13

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Hymn of Response:

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

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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:

Man of Sorrows (Songbook #104)

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

Confession of Faith

II Corinthians 5:14-17

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away behold, the new has come.

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

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 (Vs. 1) (Songbook #26)

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."