

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 28 January 2024

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 (John 5:19-29)

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

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Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 96:5-9)

Call to Worship:

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

People: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

All: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymn #457)

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A Debtor to Mercy Alone (Songbook #1)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:5-7)*

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: Holy and gracious God,
I confess that I have sinned against you.
Some of my sin I know –
thoughts, words, and deeds I am ashamed of –
but some only You know.
In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask Your forgiveness.
Have mercy on me, and bring me to everlasting life.

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

Thy Mercy, My God (Songbook #149)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Tree Triolo

Missionaries: Titus & Crystal Bagby, Joshua & Sarah Coleman, &
Hannah Blankenship

Ministry: RUFI - Texas A&M

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

Knock, Knock

Luke 13:22-35

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Hymn of Response:

How Sweet and Awesome is the Place (Hymn#469)

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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:

We Will Feast in the House of Zion (Songbook #154)

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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?

People: 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:

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!

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Songbook #44a)

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."