

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 11 February 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 (Psalm 40:4-11)

*Blessed is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.
In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."
I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.
I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.*

*As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain
your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve me! ESV*

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 34:1-3,8)

Call to Worship:

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

All: **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymn #53)

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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: *If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*
(1 John 1:6, 8, 10)

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.* (1 John 2:1-2)

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

The Wonderful Cross

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Titus Bagby

Missionaries: Anne Michal Carter, RUF Campus Staff, Mississippi College

Ministry: Hope Pregnancy

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

Sitting 1st Chair

Luke 14:1-11

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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

Philippians 2:6-11

Minister: Let us confess our faith and loyalty to God...

Unison: We believe in our hearts and confess with our lips
that Christ Jesus "being in very nature God,
Did not consider equality with God
Something to be grasped but made Himself nothing
Taking the very nature of a servant
Being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself
And became obedient to death—
Even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place
And gave Him the Name that is above every name,
That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow
In heaven and on earth and under the earth
And every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord
To the glory of God the Father!

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 to God the Father Sing (Songbook #44B)

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."