

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 17 March 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 (Isaiah 55:1-9)

*"Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
"Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon 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.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts. ESV*

## **Welcome + Announcements**

### **God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 130:1-5)**

#### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

People: O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

All: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

## **Prayer of Invocation + Adoration**

## **Hymns of Praise + Adoration**

### **O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus (Hymn #535)**

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### **Mighty to Save (Songbook #108)**

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# God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

## Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *"Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon 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, we are a people often totally consumed by the fleeting attractions of this world, often neglecting to live in light of the eternal city You have prepared for us. Forgive us for our shortsightedness and preoccupation with temporary pleasures. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask that You would renew our hearts and minds, that we may live as citizens of Your everlasting kingdom. Help us to more and more find hope in the work of Jesus, who died and rose again, securing our place in the heavenly city. May our lives be a reflection of the hope and joy soon to be found in our future home. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)*

People: Amen!

## Hymn of Renewal

### Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder (Songbook #93)

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# God Calls Us to Make Offerings

## Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Mike McDonald

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

*Prodigals and Presbyterians*

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

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Hymn of Response:

Abide With Me (Songbook #3)

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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:

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

## Confession of Faith

Romans 8:31-35; 37-39

Unison: *What then shall we say to these things?*

*If God is for us, who can be against us?*

*He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how  
will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?*

*Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?*

*It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?*

*Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised –  
who is at the right hand of God who indeed is interceding for us.*

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*

*Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or  
nakedness, or danger, or sword? ...*

*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him  
who loved us.*

*For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor  
things present nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all  
creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus  
our Lord.*

## God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

Leader: *May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant  
brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the  
sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He  
work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be  
glory forever and ever.*

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."