

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 31 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 (I Peter 1:3-9)

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ESV*

## Welcome + Announcements

# God Calls Us to Worship Him (Luke 24:34)

## Call to Worship:

Leader: This is the good news—  
the grave is empty;  
Christ is risen.  
Hallelujah!

People: This is the good news—  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.  
Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news—  
once we were no people;  
now we are God's people.  
Hallelujah!

People: Christ is our peace,  
the indestructible peace  
we now share with each other.  
Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!  
The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

## Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

## Hymns of Praise + Adoration

### Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Hymn #277)

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### Rejoice, the Lord is King (Songbook #310)

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# God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

## Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD is on His heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; His eyes examine them. (Psalm 11:4).*

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: O God of all glory, cursed was Your Son who paid our debt. Pierced was He for our transgressions. Smitten was He for our iniquities. All we like sheep have gone astray, each has turned to his own way, but You, Oh Lord, have laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Yet we know that our Redeemer lives. Precious Redeemer, You who were lifted up upon a cross, are now ascended to highest heaven. You who were crowned with thorns, are now crowned with glory. You are the victory of eternal life. Your death is our life, Your resurrection is our peace, Your ascension is our hope of glory.

## Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).*

People: Amen!

## Hymn of Renewal

### In Christ Alone (Songbook #74)

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# God Calls Us to Make Offerings

## Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Darrell Stanley

Missionaries: Scott and Kathy Craig, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

Ministry: Mexico Border

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

*Resurrection Peace*

Luke 24:36

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Hymn of Response:

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

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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

Philippians 2:6-11

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

All: 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:

Hebrews 13:20-21

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!

# Hallelujah Chorus (choir leads, congregation to sing along)

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## 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."