

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 14 April 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 1:43-46, 5:24-29)

*The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."*

*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. ESV*

## Welcome + Announcements

### God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 103:1-5)

#### Call to Worship:

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

All: who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

#### Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

#### Hymns of Praise + Adoration

#### Come Thou Fount (Hymn#457)

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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: *The Prophet Isaiah declared, Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on 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, you are the all-wise King who created and sustains all things by your wisdom. Your holiness and power are made evident in your providential care for everything you have made, including us. Yet, we acknowledge that we've not always shown the gratitude and reverence that befits your majesty. At times, our focus has been sinfully swayed by worldly pursuits, like power, wealth, and status. Forgive us, we pray. We thank you for the unwavering faith of Jesus, who always put you first above all else. Guide us daily towards a deeper appreciation and understanding of your ways, until that day when we find eternal peace in your presence. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *I declare this sure promise: He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:24-25)*

People: Amen!

## Hymn of Renewal

**Come All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor (Songbook #34)**

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# Reception of New Members

## God Calls Us to Make Offerings

### Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Pat Wells

Missionaries: Memli & Luiza

Ministry: Heads, Hearts & Hands (H3)

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

*Rich Man & Lazarus*

Luke 16:19-31

REV WADE COLEMAN

Hymn of Response:

Upon a Life I Have Not Lived

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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

## The Apostles' Creed<sup>1</sup>

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell<sup>2</sup>; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church<sup>3</sup>, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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. 2) (Songbook #26)

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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."

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<sup>1</sup> **The Apostles' Creed** is an ancient creed (or, statement of faith) of the Church and historically has been widely used and cherished by believers. Although it was not written by the Apostles, we believe it to be a concise summary of their teachings. It may have originated as a baptismal formula around the 2<sup>nd</sup> century, and developed into its present form by the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> century.

<sup>2</sup> **Jesus' descent into hell** consisted in His priestly act of offering Himself up as a sacrifice for sins, undergoing the wrath of God on the Cross, and remaining under the power of death for three days before being vindicated in His resurrection.

<sup>3</sup> The term "**catholic**" means "**universal**" and hence does not refer to one particular church, but to Christ's universal Church, wherever she may be found gathering in Christ's name.