

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 21 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 (Matthew 18:21-35)

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 135:1-3)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Praise the Lord!
Praise the name of the Lord,
give praise, O servants of the Lord,

People: who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God!

All: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (Hymn#165)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, (Ephesians 2:1)*

Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...

People: Heavenly Father, like our first parents, we are easily captivated by the objects that our eyes desire. We confess that though you have given us Your most cherished treasure, yet we prize many other things more highly than Christ. Forgive us for trusting more in other things than in the provision of Your Son. God Almighty, by your Holy Spirit, cause us to cherish Christ above all our other desires, so that we will be truly satisfied in Him. In the name of Jesus, 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) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

Lord I Need You (Songbook #97)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Chris Peterson

Missionaries: Austin & Alex McCann, Emma Pearson

Ministry: RUF A&M

WPC Ministry Teams: Worship - A/V Team

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

Faith and Forgiveness

Luke 17:1-10

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Hymn of Response:

Thy Mercy, My God (Songbook #149)

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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:

Cornerstone (Songbook#40)

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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?

Unison: 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:

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

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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."