

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 5 May 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 (1 Thess 4:13-18)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words. ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 63:1-4)

Call to Worship:

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy (Hymn #100)

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Be Unto Your Name (Songbook #20)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *The LORD looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man; from where He sits enthroned He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. (Psalm 33:13-15)*

Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...

People: Out of the depths we cry to You, O Lord; hear our voice. Let Your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy. If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? For we know our transgressions, and our sin is always before us. Against You, You only have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from all our sin.

Create in us pure hearts, O Lord, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation that is found in Jesus Christ, we pray...

Silent Confession & Reflection

The Words of the Gospel for those who repent and believe I declare this sure promise:

Leader: I declare this sure promise: *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight...* (Ephesians 1:7-8)

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

I Will Glory in My Redeemer (Songbook #71)

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Thanks and Sendoff

Austin & Alex McCann
Joshua & Sarah Coleman
Hannah Blankenship

God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Titus Bagby

Missionaries: Memli & Luiza (Church Planting Mission)
Ministry: BCS Together
WPC Ministry Teams: Grow - Children's Ministry [Worship Kidz]

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

Release for Worship Kidz

God Gives Us His Word

Morning Lesson

Put The Charts Down

Luke 17:20-37

REV TREE TRIOLO

Hymn of Response:

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (Hymn #521)

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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:

On Jordan's Stormy Banks (Songbook #124)

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

Confession of Faith

Psalm 145:8-13

Unison: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love!

The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.

All You have made will praise You, O Lord; Your saints will extol You.

They will tell of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might,

So that all men may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations!

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

Benediction:

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Leader: *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.*

People: **AMEN!**

Doxology (alt.) (Songbook #44b)

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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."