

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 12 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

(Lamentations 3:22-26)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,

"therefore I will hope in him."

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,

to the soul who seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly

for the salvation of the Lord. ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 9:7-11)

Call to Worship:

Leader: But the Lord sits enthroned forever;
he has established his throne for justice,

People: and he judges the world with righteousness;
he judges the peoples with uprightness.

Leader: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

All: Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymn #53)

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Psalm 113: Who is Like the Lord our God (Songbook #136)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *The Psalmist has said, "If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?" (Psalm 130: 3).*

Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...

People: **Almighty God, our most merciful Father, we have sinned against You and against others—in thought and in word and in deed—in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry for our sinfulness and repent of all of our sins. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us for our wandering ways; and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your most holy Name, 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: 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

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

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Ministry Moment:

Sabbatical Rest:

Wade & Marian Coleman

God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Wade Coleman

Missionaries: Wes & Jami Baker, Trujillo, Peru

Ministry: Peru Missions

WPC Ministry Teams: Share - Fellowship 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

Release for Worship Kidz

God Gives Us His Word

Morning Lesson

Praying Persistently

Luke 18:1-8

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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:

Be Thou My Vision (Hymn#642)

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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)

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."