

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 7 July 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 (Psalm 23:1-6)

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures.*

*He leads me beside still waters.*

*He restores my soul.*

*He leads me in paths of righteousness*

*for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil,*

*for you are with me;*

*your rod and your staff,*

*they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me*

*in the presence of my enemies;*

*you anoint my head with oil;*

*my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me*

*all the days of my life,*

*and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord*

*forever. ESV*

## Welcome + Announcements

# God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 96:1-4)

## Call to Worship:

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

## Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

## Hymns of Praise + Adoration

### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Hymnal #92)

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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 proclaimed: *The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? 'I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve.'* (Jeremiah 17:9-10).

Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...

People: Almighty God, we believe that You are coming again in power to judge the earth. But we confess that we have not lived as those who daily expect Your kingdom.

We have spoken harsh words, thought impure thoughts, and lived casual lives. We have ignored Your promised judgment by not loving You with our whole hearts or our neighbors as ourselves.

Have mercy on us and forgive us for all our offenses. In Your tender kindness, embrace us with Your fatherly love, and fill our hearts with the joyful expectation of seeing You soon, face to face. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: *The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.* (Proverbs 18:10).

All: Amen!

## Hymn of Renewal

### Cornerstone (Songbook #40)

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# God Calls Us to Make Offerings

## Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Paul McDonald

Missionaries: Jim & Carin (MTW) NYC

Ministry: Gideons International

WPC Ministry: Grow - Children's Ministry [VBS & Volunteers]

All: 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

*Haman's Plot*

Esther 3:1-15

REV TREE TRIOLO

Hymn of Response:

Though Troubles Assail Us

John Newton, 1779, arr. by S. Hampton, 2023.

## 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:

In Feast or Fallow (Songbook #75)

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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?

All: *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:

### 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.*

All: **AMEN!**

### Praise to God the Father Sing (Songbook #44b)

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### Passing of the Peace

Leader: 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."