

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 28 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 (1 Samuel 2:1-10)

Then Hannah prayed and said:

*"My heart rejoices in the Lord;
in the Lord my horn is lifted high.
My mouth boasts over my enemies,
for I delight in your deliverance.*

*"There is no one holy like the Lord;
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.*

*"Do not keep talking so proudly
or let your mouth speak such arrogance,
for the Lord is a God who knows,
and by him deeds are weighed.*

*"The bows of the warriors are broken,
but those who stumbled are armed with strength.
Those who were full hire themselves out for food,
but those who were hungry are hungry no more.
She who was barren has borne seven children,
but she who has had many sons pines away.*

*"The Lord brings death and makes alive;
he brings down to the grave and raises up.
The Lord sends poverty and wealth;
he humbles and he exalts.
He raises the poor from the dust*

*and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes
and has them inherit a throne of honor.*

*"For the foundations of the earth are the Lord's;
on them he has set the world.
He will guard the feet of his faithful servants,
but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.*

*"It is not by strength that one prevails;
those who oppose the Lord will be broken.
The Most High will thunder from heaven;
the Lord will judge the ends of the earth.*

*"He will give strength to his king
and exalt the horn of his anointed." ESV*

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 30:4-5, 12)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

People: For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Leader: Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

All: that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymnal #457)

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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death (new)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."* (Matt. 22:36-40)

Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...

Leader: *Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon. We do it all so easily: pretend, lie, envy, lust, criticize, brood, ignore, deny, consume, hoard, defame, distort, make excuses, and then expect an easy forgiveness for the asking.*

God, forgive us for our negligence of Your holy character. Let us not misinterpret Your patience with our sin as though it were permissiveness. Loving Father, astonish us with a wholesome, godly fear which will not drive us to despair, but cause us to number our days and give us hearts of wisdom. In Jesus' 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: *"To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him ... O my God, incline Your ear and hear. Open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by Your name. For we do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of Your great mercy."* (Daniel 9:9,18).

All: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

Thy Mercy My God (SB#149) (Songbook #149)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Paul McDonald

Missionaries: Memli & Luiza (Church Planting Mission)

Ministry: BCS Together

WPC Ministry: Share - Senior Saints

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

The King's Honor

Esther 6:1-13

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Hymn of Response:

I Will Glory in My Redeemer (Songbook #71))

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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

Psalm 23

Leader: Let us confess our faith and trust in God...

All: 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.

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

Benediction:

Ephesians 3:20-21

Leader: *Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.*

All: AMEN!

At the Name of Jesus (Songbook #19)

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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."