

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 22 September 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 130)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

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O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

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Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 146:1-5)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

All: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Come Thou Fount (Hymn #457)

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Praise the Father, Praise the Son (SB#128) (Songbook #128)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (Isaiah 1:18)*

Therefore, let us confess our sins saying ...

Leader: **Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *To Jesus Christ, who loves us and freed us from our sins by His blood and made us to be a kingdom, priests of His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever... (Revelation 1:5-6)*

All: 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: Craigs (MTW – Serving Short-term Missions in Mexico)

Ministry: Families Count

WPC Ministry: Grow - Training, Leadership, & Adult Discipleship Team

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

Dismissal for Worship Kidz

God Gives us His Word

Living Hope

I Peter 1:3-12

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Hymn of Response:

He Will Hold Me Fast (Songbook #57)

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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:

Christ is Mine, Forevermore (new)

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed¹

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell²; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic³ church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.*

All: AMEN!

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

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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."

¹ **The Apostles' Creed** is an ancient creed (or, statement of faith) of the Church and historically has been widely used and cherished by believers. Although it was not written by the Apostles, we believe it to be a concise summary of their teachings. It may have originated as a baptismal formula around the 2nd century, and developed into its present form by the 6th or 7th century.

² **Jesus' descent into hell** consisted in His priestly act of offering Himself up as a sacrifice for sins, undergoing the wrath of God on the Cross, and remaining under the power of death for three days before being vindicated in His resurrection.

³ The term "**catholic**" means "**universal**" and hence does not refer to one particular church, but to Christ's universal Church, wherever she may be found gathering in Christ's name.