

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 13 October 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 (Matthew 22:15-22)

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away. ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 145:1-3, 13)

Call to Worship:

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
[The Lord is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.]

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

○ Worship the King (Hymn#2)

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Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Songbook #55)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved—*
(Ephesians 2:4-5)

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

All: Lord, we come to you today aware of our need for Your grace. We have fallen short of Your glory and not lived as children under Your Lordship. We have sought pleasures apart from Your presence. We desire fame from others rather than honor from You. Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us of our sins.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: Hear the Good News!

Anyone who sins has an advocate with God: Jesus Christ, the righteous one. By His death on the cross He has reconciled you to God so that He may present you holy, blameless, and above reproach. (Based on I John 2:1, Colossians 1:22, Romans 4:25)

All: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

I Am Not My Own (new)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Paul McDonald

Missionaries: Nono & Kate Beale, Reynosa, Mexico

Ministry: Isaiah 55 Ministries

WPC Ministry: Serve - Local & Global Serve Team Members

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

Life in the Public Square

I Peter 2:13-17

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Hymn of Response:

May the Mind of Christ My Savior (Hymn#644)

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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

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 catholic church³, 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:

Jude 24, 25

Leader: *To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!*

All: AMEN!

Benediction vs. 1 (Songbook #26)

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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.