

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 01 December 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 (Gen. 15:1-6, 17:15-21)

*After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.*

*And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with*

*him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.” ESV*

## **Welcome + Announcements**

### **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**the Jenkins Family**

### **First Week of Advent: The Prophets Candle (purple candle)**

The first candle is the Prophets Candle, signifying the Light of Hope to the prophets. The prophets were men called by God to speak His Word to the people of Israel. At times the prophets spoke promises made by God that would come true many years in the future. Often the promises related to the coming of the Messiah, God’s Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 105:1-6)**

#### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

People: Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually

All: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

## Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

## Hymns of Praise + Adoration

### Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Hymn #196)

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## God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

### Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling... (Isaiah 30:15)*

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

All: Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.  
We forget our neighbor's needs  
And do not love You above all else.  
We need a Savior.  
Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts.  
O come, O come, Savior of the world, we pray...

### Silent Confession & Reflection

The Words of the Gospel for those who repent and believe:

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)*

All: Amen!

## Hymn of Renewal

### Come All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor (Songbook #34)

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# God Calls Us to Make Offerings

## Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Titus Bagby

Missionaries: RUF Ministers, Staff, & Interns

Ministry: (Multiple locations)

WPC Ministry: Grow - Children's Ministry [Life Groups]

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

*New Life: Nothing is Impossible with God = Isaac*

Genesis 21:1-7

REV. WADE COLEMAN

Hymn of Response:

Joy Has Dawned (Songbook #90)

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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:

All Sufficient Merit (new)

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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:**

**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)**

**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."