

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 10 November 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 (Hebrews 12:1-11)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

*“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reprovved by him.*

*For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”*

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have

had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 103:1-4)

Call to Worship:

Leader:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

All: who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

This is My Father's World (Hymn #111)

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How Great is Our God (Songbook#64)

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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)*

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

All: God of salvation, in Christ You have done great things—our hearts are filled with joy. By Your power You lifted us out of the wasteland of sin. Salvation is Your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace Your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on Your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. (Isaiah 40:1-2)*

All: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

His Mercy is More (Songbook #61)

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Reception of New Members

God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Darrell Stanley

Missionaries: Tim & Cheri Hoke African Bible College

Ministry: Heads, Hearts & Hands

WPC Ministry: Grow - Women's Ministry [Leadership 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

The Break up with Sin

I Peter 4:1-11

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Hymn of Response:

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

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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:

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) (Songbook #15)

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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?

Unison: 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:

2 Corinthians 13:14

Leader: *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

All: AMEN!

Benediction (vs. 2) (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."