

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 01 January 2025

## 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 (Isaiah 55:6-11)

*“Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

*“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ESV*

## Welcome + Announcements

# God Calls Us To Worship Him (Psalm 36:5-9)

## Call to Worship:

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
man and beast you save, O Lord.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

All: For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.

## Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

## Hymns of Praise + Adoration

### Great is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn #32)

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# God Graciously Renews Us In Christ

## Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. (Psalm 96:5-6)*

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

All: God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance, we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *Hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. He will redeem His people from all their iniquities. (Psalm 130:7-8).*

All: Amen!

## Hymn of Renewal

### Lord I Need You (Songbook #97)

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## First Scripture Reading

1 Kings 13:1-19

## Ministry Moment

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RUF University of Florida

# God Calls Us To Make Offerings

## Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Bob Gustafson

Missionaries: No no and Kate Beale

Ministry: Isaiah 55 Ministries, Reynosa, Mexico

WPC Ministry: Grow - Women's Ministry [Bible Studies - Leaders & Participants]

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

*By the Word of the Lord*

1 Kings 13

STEVE HAMPTON

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:

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me (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!

## 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."