

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP —16 February 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 5:1-7 & Hebrews 1:1-2)

*Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.*

*And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?*

*And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.*

*I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.*

*For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!*

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 24:3-6 & 9-10)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.

Leader: He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

People: Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

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

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Blessed Be Your Name (Songbook #33)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!* (Psalm 27:14)

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: Jesus, our hearts are full of sinful thoughts, worries, and shame that we would prefer to conceal rather than bring honestly before You. Forgive us for the ways we have chosen dishonesty over truth, in order to protect ourselves, impress others, and escape the pain of change. Help us to live in the light of Your cleansing grace.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*? (1 John 1:8-9)

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

In Christ Alone (Songbook #79)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Mike McDonald

Missionaries: Redeemer College Station, Ben and Beth Hailey

Ministry: Reach South TX and South TX Presbytery

WPC Ministry: Worship - Liturgists, Deacons & Assistants, Offertory

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

How a Son is Treated

Luke 20:9-18

REV WADE COLEMAN

Hymn of Response:

Cornerstone

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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:

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder (Songbook #104)

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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:

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!*

People: **AMEN!**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Songbook#50a)

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."