

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP —23 March 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 (Psalm 67)

*May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!*

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!*

*The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him! ESV*

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 46:1-2, 8, & 10)

Call to Worship:

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present^[b] help in trouble.

People: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present^[b] help in trouble.

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

All: "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Jesus Shall Reign (Hymn #441)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *"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. (Isaiah 55:6-7)*

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: Heavenly Father, we are a people often totally consumed by the fleeting attractions of this world, often neglecting to live in light of the eternal city You have prepared for us. Forgive us for our shortsightedness and preoccupation with temporary pleasures. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask that You would renew our hearts and minds, that we may live as citizens of Your everlasting kingdom. Help us to more and more find hope in the work of Jesus, who died and rose again, securing our place in the heavenly city. May our lives be a reflection of the hope and joy soon to be found in our future home. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)*

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

Come All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor (Songbook #42)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Titus Bagby

Missionaries: Grant & Anne Michal Carter RUF - A&M

Ministry: RUF – A&M Student Leadership Team

WPC Ministry: Worship - A/V 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

Talk To Strangers

Acts 8:26-40

REV ROBBIE MILLS

Hymn of Response:

Jesus with Thy Church Abide (Songbook #99)

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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:

The Earth Is The Lord's (Songbook #150)

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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:

Numbers 6:24-26

Leader: *The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.*

People: **AMEN!**

At the Name of Jesus (Songbook#18)

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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."