

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP —06 April 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 (Exodus 12:3-15)

Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is

the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (*Psalms 145:1-5, 8-9*)

Call to Worship:

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

People: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

All: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

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

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Praise the Father, Praise the Son (Songbook #127)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? (Psalm 130:3)*

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: Heavenly Father, you have graciously provided us with Christ, our faithful guide, who accompanies us in moments of calm, and through the darkest valleys. You have committed to showering us with your kindness and mercy throughout our lives. Yet, we confess that we frequently doubt your compassion and dedication. Instead of relying on you to meet our needs through Christ, we often sinfully seek other avenues. We humbly ask for your forgiveness, and pray that you teach us to always find comfort in Jesus, our caring and loving Shepherd, no matter the circumstances. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. (2 Corinthians 5.17)*

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

Lord I Need You (Songbook #106)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Pat Wells

Missionaries: Memli & Luiza (Church Planting Mission)

Ministry: BCS Together

WPC Ministry: Grow - Children's Ministry [Worship Kidz]

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

Preparing for Supper

Luke 22:1-13

REV WADE COLEMAN

Hymn of Response:

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right (Songbook #165)

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God Feeds Us His Covenant Meal

The Lord's Supper:

Preparation for Communion

Mystery of the faith:

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith...

Unison: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again!!

Leader: Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed!

People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast!* (I Corinthians 5: 7-8)

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God! Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving!

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:

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery (Songbook #43)

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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?

People: 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:

Hebrews 13:20-21

Leader: *May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.*

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."