

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP —4 May 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 102:1-3)

*Hear my prayer, O Lord;
let my cry come to you!
Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress!
Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call!

For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace. ESV*

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 46:1-5, 8, & 10)

Call to Worship:

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present^[b] help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

Leader: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

People: 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, What a Friend for Sinners (Hymn #498)

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Cornerstone (Songbook #n/a)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked*
(Ephesians 2:1)

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: Heavenly Father, like our first parents, we are easily captivated by the objects that our eyes desire. We confess that though you have given us Your most cherished treasure, yet we prize many other things more highly than Christ. Forgive us for trusting more in other things than in the provision of Your Son. God Almighty, by your Holy Spirit, cause us to cherish Christ above all our other desires, so that we will be truly satisfied in Him. In the name of Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*
(Ephesians 2:8-9)

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

I Asked the Lord (Songbook #73)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Mike McDonald

Missionaries: **Ryan & Katie (MTW);

Ministry: Hope Pregnancy Center

WPC Ministry: Share - Men's Ministry [Bible Studies]

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

Prayer and Betrayal

Luke 22:39-53

REV WADE COLEMAN

Hymn of Response:

Thy Mercy My God (Songbook #162)

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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 (Hymn #460)

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only- begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the Prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

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!**

Praise to God the Father Sing (Songbook#50b)

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."