

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP —18 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 (Mark 10:42-45, Phil. 2:5-11)

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (*Psalms 111:1-4, 10*)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

People: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Come Thou Fount (Hymn #457)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *The LORD looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man; from where He sits enthroned He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.* (Psalm 33:13-15)

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

People: Out of the depths we cry to You, O Lord; hear our voice. Let Your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy. If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? For we know our transgressions, and our sin is always before us. Against You, You only have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from all our sin.

Create in us pure hearts, O Lord, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation that is found in Jesus Christ, we pray...

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: I declare this sure promise: *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight...* (Ephesians 1:7-8)

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

I Am Not My Own (Songbook #72)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Darrell Stanley

Missionaries: RUF Ministers, Staff, & Interns

Ministry: RUF Multiple Locations

WPC Ministry: Grow - Children's Ministry [Life Groups]

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

Children Dismissed for Worship Kidz

God Gives Us His Word

Humbly Serve

John 13:15-17

REV WADE COLEMAN

Hymn of Response:

The Wonderful Cross (Songbook #154)

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The Ordination of Steven Hampton to the Gospel Ministry

PROCEEDING FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS PRESBYTERY

Questions for Installation

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

Questions for Installation

1. Do you, the elders of Westminster Presbyterian Church, as representatives of South Texas Presbytery, continue to profess your readiness to receive Steven Hampton?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Charges to Pastor, Session, and Congregation

Rev. Tree Triolo

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

R.E. Paul McDonald & R.E. Pat Wells

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 (Songbook #172)

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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 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."

Postlude