

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 27 July 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 51:1-6 & 10-12)

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*

*For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit. ESV*

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 103:1-5)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

All: who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy (Hymn #100)

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10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) (Songbook #1)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: The Psalmist proclaimed: *For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found.* (Psalm 32:3-6a).

Let us then confess our sins saying ...

Leader: Most merciful Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before You. Forgive us the sins of our tongues –

All: For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others; for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Leader: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes –

All: For impurity in our glances and imagination; for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than You have given us.

Leader: Forgive us the sins of our hearts –

All: For hard-heartedness toward You and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, self-pity; and above all for rebelling against Your Lordship and doubting Your love.

Now, Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, melt our hearts. Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, to live for You and not for ourselves, to be transformed into Your likeness, to live wholly for Your glory. Take away our mourning and give us music; remove our sackcloth and give us Your beauty. In Jesus' name we pray . . .

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: I declare this sure promise: *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him* (John 3:16-17).

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

Psalm 130 - From Depths of Woe (Songbook #139)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Wade Coleman

Missionaries: **Ryan & Katie (MTW)

Ministry: Hope Pregnancy Center

WPC Ministry: Share - Men's Ministry [Fellowship]

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

God Gives Us His Word

Happy are the Forgiven

Psalm 32

REV. WADE COLEMAN

Hymn of Response:

In Christ Alone (Songbook #79)

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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:

Cornerstone

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed¹

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell²; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church³, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

Benediction:

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28

Leader: *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

People: AMEN!

Benediction (vs. 1) (Songbook #30)

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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."

¹ **The Apostles' Creed** is an ancient creed (or, statement of faith) of the Church and historically has been widely used and cherished by believers. Although it was not written by the Apostles, we believe it to be a concise summary of their teachings. It may have originated as a baptismal formula around the 2nd century, and developed into its present form by the 6th or 7th century.

² **Jesus' descent into hell** consisted in His priestly act of offering Himself up as a sacrifice for sins, undergoing the wrath of God on the Cross, and remaining under the power of death for three days before being vindicated in His resurrection.

³ The term "**catholic**" means "**universal**" and hence does not refer to one particular church, but to Christ's universal Church, wherever she may be found gathering in Christ's name.