

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 17 May 2026

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 (John 21:1-14)

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 145:1-3, 10-13a)

Call to Worship:

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

People: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

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

People: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!

Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymn of Praise + Adoration

Come Thou Fount (Hymn #457)

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Mighty to Save (Songbook#111)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *And one called to another and said:*

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!"*

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" (Isaiah 6:3-5)

Let us then confess our sins, saying ...

All: Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to live faithfully as Your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus to this broken world. Yet we acknowledge we are often more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles hindering us from being Your representatives in the world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of Your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus's powerful name.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." (Isaiah 6:6-7)*

All: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

Jesus I Come (Songbook #88)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Darrell Stanley

Missionaries: Grant & Anne Michal Carter & Student Leadership Team

Ministries: RUF - A&M

WPC Ministry: Worship - Communion Logistics 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

The Fisher of Fishers

Luke 5:1-11

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Hymn of Response:

May the Mind of Christ My Savior (Hymn #644)

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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:

O Church of Christ Invincible (Songbook #115)

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed¹

All: 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:

Psalm 67:1-2

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.*

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."

Postlude

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.