

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 3 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

(Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16, & 23-26)

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ESV

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 48:1-3, 9-11)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

People: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.

Leader: Within her citadels God
has made himself known as a fortress.

People: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

Leader: As your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

All: Let Mount Zion be glad!
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments!

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymn of Praise + Adoration

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Hymn #30)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *"Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our
God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:6-7)*

Let us then confess our sins, saying ...

All: Heavenly Father, we are a people often totally consumed by the fleeting attractions of this world, often neglecting to live in light of the eternal city You have prepared for us. Forgive us for our shortsightedness and preoccupation with temporary pleasures. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask that You would renew our hearts and minds, that we may live as citizens of Your everlasting kingdom. Help us to more and more find hope in the work of Jesus, who died and rose again, securing our place in the heavenly city. May our lives be a reflection of the hope and joy soon to be found in our future home. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)*

All: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

I Will Glory in My Redeemer (Songbook #77)

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God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Paul McDonald

Missionaries: Reach S. Texas & S. Texas Presbytery - Church Planting

Mission: Families Count

WPC Ministry: Grow - Youth Ministry

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

Babylon is Falling

Revelation 18

REV STEVE HAMPTON

Hymn of Response:

Come Ye Sinners (Songbook #44)

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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:

Be Thou My Vision (Hymn #642)

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

Confession of Faith

from Jeremiah 10 & Psalm 73

*All: No one is like You, O Lord; You are great,
And Your name is mighty in power.*

*Who should not revere You, O King of the nations? This is Your due. Among
all the wise men of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like
You.*

*I am always with You; You hold me by my right hand.
You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory.*

*Whom have I in heaven but You?
And earth has nothing I desire besides You.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.*

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Forth

Benediction:

Ephesians 3:17-19

Leader: *That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted
and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love
of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the
fullness of God.*

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