Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 01 November 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. 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 3:9-21)

> *Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*
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> *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God." ESV*

Welcome + Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Psalm 9:7-11)

Call to Worship:

Leader: But the Lord sits enthroned forever;
he has established his throne for justice,
and he judges the world with righteousness;
he judges the peoples with uprightness.

People: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

Leader: And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

All: Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Prayer of Invocation + Adoration

Hymns of Praise + Adoration

Hallelujah! What a Savior (Man of Sorrows) (Hymn #246)

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Only a Holy God (Songbook #123)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: The author of the book of Hebrews instructs us, saying, *Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.* (Hebrews 3:12-13).

Let us then confess our sins, saying …

People: **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good within us.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us, wretched offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are repentant according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and holy life—to the glory of His Name, we pray….

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: I declare this sure promise: *And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* (Romans 5:5-8)

People: **Amen!**

Hymn of Renewal

Abide (Songbook #5)

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Ministry Moment: Commissioning of the Bagbys

God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Chris Peterson

Ministries: Grant & Ann Michal Carter & student leadership team
Missionaries: 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.

If you give 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 as a physical token of your offering to the LORD. (This is also a great way to teach children and others about sacrificial giving.) If you would like to participate with your giving in real time, visit wpcbryan.org to give online and navigate to the Giving + Membership tab. You may give online using a credit card or bank draft through our ChurchTrac portal. If you prefer to set up text giving, text the number of an amount to 844-987-4483 and you'll be guided through setup.

Offertory

The Presentation of our Tithes + Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Dismissal for Worship Kidz

God Gives Us His Word

Look and Live!
Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:12-17
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Hymn of Response:

Jesus, Thank You (Songbook#93)

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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:

Man of Sorrows (Songbook #109)

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

Confession of Faith

Philippians 2:6-11

Leader: Let us confess our faith and loyalty to God…

All: *We believe in our hearts and confess with our lips*
that Christ Jesus "being in very nature God,
Did not consider equality with God something to be grasped
But made Himself nothing taking the very nature of a servant
Being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself
And became obedient to death—even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place
And gave Him the Name that is above every name,
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!

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!

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