Westminster Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP — 29 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, 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 36:5-9)

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light. ESV

Lighting of the Advent Candle — the Morris Family

First Week of Advent: The Prophets Candle (purple candle)

The first candle is the Prophets Candle, signifying the Light of Hope to the prophets. The prophets were men called by God to speak His Word to the people of Israel. At times, the prophets spoke promises made by God that would come true many years in the future. Often the promises related to the coming of the Messiah, God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Hymn of Praise + Adoration

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Hymn #208)

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God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Leader: *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.* (Ephesians 2:1-3)

Let us then confess our sins, saying …

People: Lord Christ, We confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love. But also our resistance to follow You without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You with joy, with gratitude, with obedience, and with love, as You have loved us.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus…

Silent Confession & Reflection

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

Leader: *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.* (Ephesians 2:8-9)

People: Amen!

Hymn of Renewal

Lord I Need You (Songbook #106)

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Sacrament of Baptism

Theodore James Kennedy

Covenant Child of Curry and Liz Curry

Leah Louise Hurley

Covenant Child of Andrew and Lauren Hurley

God Calls Us to Make Offerings

Tithes + Offerings:

The Offering of the Prayers of the People: Mike McDonald

Missionaries &	**Jay & Riley (Central Asia)**
Ministries:	Wes and Jami Baker - Peru Missions
WPC Ministry:	Grow - Children's Ministry [Nursery - workers & volunteers]

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

Love's Pure Light: The Word
John 1:1-4
REV WADE COLEMAN

Hymn of Response:

Across the Lands (Songbook#8)

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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:

Crown Him (Christmas) (Songbook#47)

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Taking Together the Bread and Cup

Confession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

All: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.*

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 to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

People: AMEN!

Advent Doxology

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