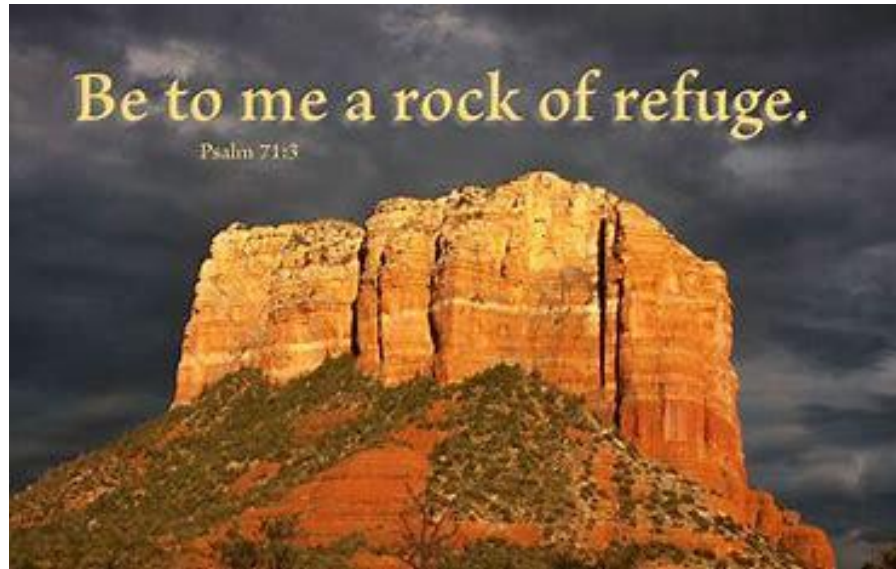


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 10:45 A.M.



WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude (Acolyte brings in the Light of the World)

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Choral Introit

“Psalm 71”

Chabanel

✠Call to Worship: (Please rise if you are able and join in the Call to Worship)

One: God has called us to worship in the Name of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

**All: Let all that is within us bless God's Holy Name.**

One: With JOY we come to worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: Pour your Holy Spirit upon us, Holy and Almighty God. Give us praise in our hearts for the redemption you have provided for us in Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

✠Hymn

**“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”**  
(This is a hymn of the Reformation written by John Calvin.)

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✠Opening Prayer:

Living God’s Best – The Law as found in I Corinthians 13:4-7

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and Most Merciful God, we come into your presence with humble hearts. We know that we have fallen short of your glory. We have not loved in the way of Jesus. We are often afraid to lay down our lives in love for the people around us. Rather than follow Jesus’ example, we have been content to follow the desires of our own hearts. Our desire is that you teach us the way of Jesus’ self-giving love. Give us hearts that seek first your kingdom and righteousness. Restore the presence of Godly JOY in our hearts and give us peace, for Jesus’ sake. AMEN.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠Congregational Response

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

✠Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you**

(Please pass the peace to each other, greeting one another in Jesus’ Name.)

**A Time With Our Children and Youth**

## GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

### Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 71:1-6, 9, 12-19A

One: In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**ALL: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

One: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**ALL: Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. Do not cast me off in the time of my old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.**

One: O God do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me! Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek to hurt me be covered with scorn and disgrace.

**ALL: But I will hope continually and will praise you more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past my knowledge.**

One: I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God, I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

**ALL: O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Message

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

“God Has a Plan for Us – Don't Be Afraid”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- ✠Hymn                      “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)”                      #687
- ✠Affirmation of Faith (Unison)                      The Apostles' Creed                      p. 35 in the Hymnal
- Ordination and Installation Service for Ruling Elder Class of 2027  
Diana Maglott - Ordination and Installation  
Mike Stanley - Installation
- Announcements  
Minute for Mission                      Jody Clarke
- Offering Our Gifts to God
- The Anthem                      “Ubi Caritas”                      Durufle
- ✠Prayer of Dedication
- ✠The Doxology                      #606

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Intercessions

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

## The Lord's Prayer

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 Sharing of Jesus' Body and Blood – Holy Communion

### Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Let us pray: Thank you, Lord God, for the gift of Jesus. In love you have given your only begotten Son to us. You have allowed Jesus' body to be broken and his blood to be shed so that we might have life. Show us the way of Jesus' self-giving love as we relate to ourselves and to the people you put in our lives. Remind us of the faith, hope, and love that are the foundations of our life together as the people of God. With thanksgiving in our hearts, we are bold to praise and glorify your Holy Name. With JOY we remember the gift of love that Jesus has shown the world. May we glorify You in all we do and say, and may we enjoy your presence with us forever. AMEN.

## WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" #321

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing "Seasons of Love" from "Rent"

(Acolyte returns the Light back into the World)

(Worship is complete after the Benediction. You are free to exit or stay for the Postlude.)

✠Postlude

*When our worship is over, our service begins!*

Please join us for After Church Fellowship this morning in the Fellowship Hall.

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

Worship Leader: Sharon Wright

Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin

Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig

Livestream: Leiza McArter

Choir Members: Stephen Bolduc, Da'On Boulanger-Chatman, Anna Clarkson, Kalli Hansen, Jeremy Duncan, Dani McArter, Nancy Morton, and Bill Tiffany

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2, 2025

### WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome you to our family of faith! Let us know of your attendance by filling out one of our visitor cards found on the table in the narthex. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 2            **10:45 Worship and Installation and Ordination of Diana Maglott and Installation of Mike Stanley to the elder class of 2027. After Church Fellowship to follow in the Fellowship Hall.**
- Feb 3 – 7       **WPPK Teacher Appreciation Week**
- Feb 6            **9:30 – 12:30 Making Memories/Caregiver's Morning Out**
- Feb 9 – 16      **"Spread the Love" SoupMobile Peanut Butter Drive**
- Feb 15          **Serve dinner at Austin Street Shelter – meet at church at 4:00 PM**

### WPPK TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (Feb 3 – 7)

DID YOU KNOW? Of our 23 staff members:

- 1 - 10 WPPK years - 10 staff members
- 11 - 20 WPPK years - 9 staff members
- 21+ WPPK years - 4 staff members
- Total WPPK years among 23 staff - 290 years in profession
- Total Early Childhood Education years among 23 staff - 529 years in profession
- Bachelor's degree in early childhood, Child Development, Elementary Ed - 10
- Master's degree is same - 10

Many thanks to the staff of Westminster Presbyterian Preschool & Kindergarten whose commitment, hard work, and good intentions are greatly appreciated!

Gail Bittle	Joanne Gates	Aimee Madden	Amy Phillips
Michele Brockette	Laurel Henderson	Wanda Meador	Jo Marie Prachyl
Cristine Connolly	Lisa Howeth	Tricia Morris	Whitney Rowland
Elyse Dieste	Kristin Ingram	Julie Nance	Jenny Tabor
Suzanne England	Christina Kieffer	Becky Ogden	Jessica Vaden
Becca Fletcher	Natalie Louis	Lisa Pennington	

## “SPREAD THE LOVE” SOUPMOBILE PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

Westminster Presbyterian (including WPPK) will be collecting jars of peanut butter from February 9 - 16 to deliver to the SoupMobile. The SoupMobile is a mobile soup kitchen that was founded in 2003 that feeds the homeless and needy children in Dallas. The Mission Statement is three simple words spoken by Jesus more than 2000 years ago: “Feed My Sheep”. Let’s spread the love by loading them up with peanut butter – it contains many nutrients, including protein, fiber, healthy fats, magnesium, and vitamins.

## SERVE AT AUSTIN STREET CENTER

Help prepare and serve dinner for 400+ homeless people on Saturday, February 15th. Volunteers, age 10 and above, are needed to serve. Are you able to donate 20 bananas or 3 dozen cookies (store-bought packages are fine), and deliver them to WPC on or before 2/15/25 by 4:00 PM? Those wishing to donate and/or serve can contact Mike Stanley at (817) 724-7430 or [mike@colbystanley.com](mailto:mike@colbystanley.com). We usually meet at the church between 4:00 and 4:30 PM to load up the food and supplies, carpool to the shelter and do final prep, and the meal is served beginning at 6:00 PM.

## ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Westminster welcomes your continued support. Checks can be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8200 Devonshire Dr, Dallas, TX 75209 or you may give online through Venmo (our username is West-Presby and the last four digits, if requested, are 5290). If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office at [dans@wpcd.org](mailto:dans@wpcd.org) or 214-351-3251.



### SESSION

*Class of 2025*  
Sandra Gilbert  
Steve Coffin

*Class of 2026*  
Jody Clarke  
Bill Tiffany

*Class of 2027*  
Diana Maglott  
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