

Westminster Presbyterian Church

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 24, 2022

10:30 A.M.



*"And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord,
because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid." - Ezra 3:11b
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WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude Prelude

Jacques Boyvin

✠ Call to Worship

(Psalm 26, selected verses)

One: Prove me, O Lord, and try me. Test my heart and mind.

All: **Your steadfast love is ever before me. I walk in faithfulness to you.**

One: Around your altar I sing songs of thanksgiving and proclaim your wondrous deeds.

All: **O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place your glory abides.**

One: Redeem me and be gracious to me, O God.

All: **My feet stand on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.**

✠ Please stand as you are able.

✠Hymn 310 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

✠Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God of our Salvation, we are a fickle people.
We make bold promises to you, to ourselves, and to others,
but when it's time to follow through, we crumble and wither.
When loved ones try to hold us accountable,
we tremble and shake and change the subject.
We are quick to resolve to do better: we insist we will worship only you,
love our neighbors as ourselves, and honor your commandments;
but soon we fall again into the same patterns and habits.
Liberate us, God. Set us free for a future in which we are transformed.
Ground us in the sure foundation of Christ your son.
Set us firm upon the rock, as pillars of your love.
With the Spirit's help, we pray.

(time for 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.

✠ Response to Pardon

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.

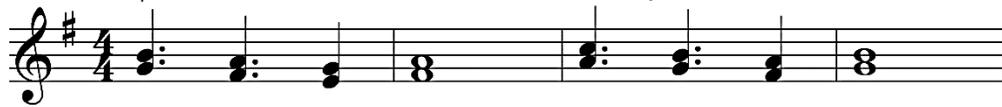
✠ Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you

Please pass the peace to each other, greeting one another in Christ's name and being mindful of social distance.

Hymn of Preparation God Welcomes All (Hymn 399)

THEMBA AMEN



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Ezra 1:1-5

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

Ezra 3:1-4,10-13

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 316 Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
 3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
 4 Let us for-give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
 5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 As mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
 our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

✠Affirmation of Faith

From *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*, 8.17

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren, in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction, in the expectation of his appearance.

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God
Offertory Cry No More

Give through Venmo @West-Presby
Dan Forrest

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

✠Benediction

✠Sung Response Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude Fuge

Johann Pachelbel

When our worship is over, our service begins

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher:	Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell	Sound Technician:	Bill Vilbig
Worship Leader:	Nikki Smith	Livestream:	Leiza McArter
Music Director/Organist:	Seth Luna		Dexter Colorado

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome you to our family of faith! After worship, join us in Fellowship Hall for friendship and conversation. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

CELEBRATING PASTOR ALEX

July 31 is Pastor Alex last Sunday at Westminster. We will have a reception in his honor during After Church Fellowship immediately following worship. Westminster has been blessed to have him as our designated Pastor for the past three years. Please join us as we thank him and wish him, Kathy, Owen and Gabe a fond farewell and many blessings on his next call in New Orleans, Louisiana.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School Class now meets in the new Parlor at 9:30am, where we are set up to hear disks from "The Learning Source". Various selections relate to different books in the New Testament. No zoom link will be available until class resumes in September. Come join us this summer for air conditioning and coffee.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet and go on a field trip to see Where the Crawdads Sing on Tuesday, July 26. Please contact Sandra Beeman (dbsb32@live.com) if you would like to attend and for more information.

ADULT CAREGIVERS' DAY OUT

In partnership with our neighbors in Devonshire, Westminster is beginning initial plans to launch a "Caregivers Day Out" program at the church. The program's goal is twofold: first, to provide adults with early-stage Alzheimer's or related dementias a regular opportunity for socialization, exercise, music, and other brain-stimulating activities in a safe and comfortable environment; and second, to offer their caregivers much-needed time to attend to their own needs with the assurance that their loved one is safe and cared for. The program will happen roughly once a month on Thursdays, beginning June 30, from 9:30am-12:30pm. If you or a loved one is interested in participating or serving as a volunteer, please contact the church office!

UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is tasked with discerning who God is calling to be Westminster's next installed pastor, in accordance with the search/call process of Grace Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA). Committee members are Will Frazier, Talia McAllister, Bill Tiffany, and Nancy Morton. They have made initial contact with the Grace Presbytery Committee on Ministry, who will soon assign them an official liaison. The PNC will give regular updates through the church office bulletin board, email, and announcements in worship. They have elected Bill Tiffany as Chair and Will Frazier as Clerk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 25 - WPPK Summer Camp week 6
Peddleheads Bicycle Camp
- July 31 - Pastor Alex's last Sunday at WPC
- Aug 7 - Welcome Rev. John Blacklock to the pulpit

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Westminster Choir is back to its normal schedule. Rehearsals are held most Wednesday at 7:00pm. Need help learning how to sing? We will teach you. Contact Seth Luna at sethl@wpcd.org.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Westminster welcomes your continued support. Checks can be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8200 Devonshire Dr, Dallas, TX 75209 or give online through Venmo (our username is West-Presby, (last 4 digits 5290). Please note, 2021 pledges must be postmarked by December 31, 2021. If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office dans@wpcd.org or 214-351-3251.

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 10:30am every Sunday morning. To access the livestream, be sure to "Like" the Westminster Presbyterian Church - Dallas Facebook page at www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas. Even if you are not a registered Facebook "user," you should be able to access the live stream by clicking that above link. You can see previously broadcast full worship services and sermons by clicking the "Videos" tab on the Facebook page. Videos of services, sermons, and choral anthems are also available on our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YYEjyOjYTxzSzEwiTw>

SESSION

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	Sharon Wright, Clerk
George Edwards	Jody Clarke	Niklas James	George Edwards, Treasurer
Ann McCullough	David McAllister	Mike Stanley	

TRUSTEES

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>
Susan Edwards	Cheryl Bradford
Carol Powers	Danielle Tsai

FOUNDATION BOARD

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>
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