

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2023 10:30 A.M.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude "O Hail this Brightest Day of Days" J.S. Bach

✠Call to Worship

One: In this New Year of hope and joy, we give thanks to God for all our many blessings.

All: Thank you, Lord, for all the ways you have loved and cared for us.

One: With joy, we remember that we have been baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God! We have been baptized in Jesus' Holy Name. Let us worship our good and grace-filled God in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✠Hymn of Praise "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" # 475

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and Most Merciful God, we come into your holy presence to confess our sins and human brokenness. Despite our desire to walk in the ways of Jesus' love and truth, we have fallen short of your glory in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, loving God. Help us to remember our baptisms and live in the power and love of your Holy Spirit, that day by day we might grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with your love and grace. We are your children, 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

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.**

Hymn of Preparation “Baptized in Water” # 482

A Time with Our Children and Youth

GOD’S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Isaiah 42:1-9

One: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

All: **My servant will not cry or lift his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.**

One: My servant will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

All: **Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

New Testament History Reading Acts 10:34-44

New Testament Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-4:1

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message “When the Spirit Baptizes – Work Begins” Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” p. 35 – Glory to God Hymnal

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God – you may place your offering in the box in the narthex or at the front of the church, or give through Venmo @West-Presby

Sharing Joys and Concerns

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table

The Communion Prayer

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 Gifts of God for the People of God

The Bread (The Bread will be placed in your open hand.)

The Wine

✠Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy and most loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your presence among us in this bread and wine. Give us the courage to take your presence with us as we leave this time of worship. May we be your disciples of love and grace in a broken world. With all our heart and mind, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" # 488

✠Benediction

✠Sung Response - Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #606

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

Postlude

"In Thee is Gladness"

J.S. Bach

When our worship is over, our service begins

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock
Worship Leader: Steve Coffin
Organist: Joyce Warren
Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig
Livestream: Leiza McArter

ANNOUNCEMENTS
JANUARY 8, 2023

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 at the end of each pew. After worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 8 - "Un-hanging of the Greens" today after church; help is needed to take down and pack away the Christmas trees and decorations!
- Jan 16 - Office is closed in observance of MLK Day
- Jan 19 - Caregiver's Day Out (9:30 AM - 12:30 PM)
- Jan 24 - Session Meeting at 5:30 PM in the Media Room
- Jan 24 - Book Club meets in Parlor (10:30 AM - Noon). The book we'll be discussing this month is "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese.
- Feb 4 - Serving breakfast at the Second Chance Café at The Bridge (Contact Mike Stanley for information on volunteering to help out)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning January 15, 2023, the WPC Sunday School class will begin a new study of the book of Revelation for 12 weeks. This will be a good time for any new friends to join the class. We meet in the church parlor from 9:30 to 10:15 each Sunday morning. Pastor John leads the group, and we all participate, ask questions, and discuss. Come join us.

STEWARDSHIP

For those who are planning to make a commitment and have not already done so, kindly return your pledge card or provide feedback to Dan Stoyak in the church office as soon as possible to help facilitate the 2023 budget process kicking off. Thank you for considering a gift of your time, talent, and/or resources to support our common mission at Westminster.

THE BRIDGE

Westminster provides volunteers to serve breakfast at the Stewpot's Second Chance Café at the Bridge in Downtown Dallas on the first Saturday of each month at 7:00 AM. Mike Stanley sends out a reminder via email. If you have any questions and/or wish to volunteer, please contact him at 817-724-7430.

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 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 or 214-351-3251.



ADULT CAREGIVER'S DAY OUT

In partnership with our neighbors in Devonshire, Westminster has launched a “Caregivers Day Out” program at the church. The program’s goal is to provide adults with early-stage Alzheimer’s or related dementias a regular opportunity for socialization, exercise, music, and other brain-stimulating activities; and 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 on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 9:30am-12:30pm. If you or a loved one is interested in participating or serving as a volunteer, please contact Ann Rosenzweig at annrosenzweig@aol.com

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 10:30 am 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 the 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/@WestminsterPresbyterianDallas>

SESSION

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| <i>Class of 2023</i> | <i>Class of 2024</i> | <i>Class of 2025</i> | Sharon Wright, Clerk |
| Jody Clarke | Niklas James | Ann McCullough | George Edwards, Treasurer |
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