

✠Please stand as you are able

Westminster Presbyterian Church

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023 10:30 A.M.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

“Create In Me”

K. Green

✠Call to Worship (You are invited to rise in body or spirit and join in the Call to Worship.)

One: We have come to worship you, LORD God. You alone are Holy. You are the LORD and Master of all the universe.

All: Our hearts are open to you LORD Most High. Be with us in the power of your Spirit as we worship and pray in Jesus' Name.

One: On this First Sunday in Lent, we are bold to remember how Jesus dwelt with temptation. As we worship give us the wisdom to listen to the still small voice of God and not the noise of the world around us.

All: This is the day the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. AMEN.

✠Hymn

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

#166

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and most merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come with truth into your presence, trusting in your willingness to forgive and to lead us into a new way of living. With complete honesty, we acknowledge that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. Neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy upon us for the sake of Jesus, your Son. Give us the courage to turn from our self-centered ways and to fully embrace the Kingdom and the righteousness that we see in Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah, our Lord, and Savior. We are your children, Lord. Pour your Spirit upon us and set us free to be your servants, 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 Christ's name.)

Hymn of Preparation

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

#466

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 32

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: Happy are those in whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

One: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night, your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

All: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

One: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

All: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

One: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

All: **Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Old Testament Scripture Reading Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-7

New Testament Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

“Temptation”

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠Hymn

“There is a Place of Quiet Rest”

#824

✠Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed (p. 35 in the 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

Anthem

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

arr. D. Dobrin

Sharing Joys and Concerns

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #465

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing The Lord Bless You and Keep You C. Lutkin

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Dr. Rev. John Blacklock
Worship Leader: Nikki Smith
Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin
Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig
Livestream: Leiza McArter

Cantors: Kalli Hansen, Anna Peeples, Da-On Boulanger-Chatman, Stephen Bolduc

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 26, 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

Feb 27 Book Club meets in the Parlor (10:30 AM-Noon). The book we'll be discussing in February is "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict.

Feb 28 Lenten Prayer Time in Sanctuary at 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (and lunch following)

Feb 28 Devonshire Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Feb 28 Session Meeting at 5:30 PM in the Media Room

Mar 02 Caregiver's Day Out 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Mar 04 Serve Breakfast at the Stewpot's Second Chance Café at The Bridge (details below)

LENTEN TIME OF PRAYER

For the six Tuesdays of Lent, we will gather in the sanctuary from 11:30 to 12:00 noon for a time of prayer. There will also be a time for you to ask any great faith question (not that I have all the answers) and we will pray about your question. After our time of prayer, those who desire will gather for lunch at a place of our choosing. February 28 thru 4, 2023.

PILGRIMAGE RETREAT

David Hurwich from Grace Presbyterian in Plano has joined us in worship this morning. David will invite you to a Pilgrimage Retreat at Camp Gilmont on May 4 to 7, 2023. This is similar to an Emmaus Walk or a Crucillo. I have attended several of these retreats and it is a special time of spiritual renewal.

BOOK SIGNING

Book Signing hosted by AWARE Dallas and Interabang Books: Dr. Anne Fenn, Author of Brain Health Kitchen: Preventing Alzheimer's Through Food.

March 8 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Interabang Books

5600 W. Lovers Lane #142

Dallas, Texas 75209

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 morning of each month. Volunteers usually meet at the church at 7:00 AM, and 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 or mike@colbystanley.com

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 is offered on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM. If you or a loved one is interested in participating or serving as a volunteer, please contact Ann Rosenzweig at annrosenzweig@aol.com

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 or 214-351-3251.



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 live stream, 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>

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