

✠Please stand as you are able

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 2023 10:30 A.M.



## WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

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

One: Let us worship God with joyful hearts as we gather in Jesus' Name.

**All: Our help is found in the Name of the Lord, the Maker and Redeemer of all the heavens and the earth.**

One: Open our eyes to the fullness of your Kingdom, Lord. Fill our time of worship with the power of your Holy Spirit.

**All: Our hearts are open to hear your still, small voice, O God. Give us insight into your perfect will for our lives. AMEN.**

✠Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

# 451

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come into your presence with humble hearts to confess our sins. We have fallen short of your glory in thought, word, and deed. We have allowed the wisdom of the world to blind us to your perfect will for our lives. In the same way that we have shielded ourselves from you, we have neglected to love those around us in the way you have loved us. Give us hearts of repentance. Show us the way of self-giving love. Give us the courage to listen to the leading of your Spirit and to walk in faith into a future that is filled with new life and hope. Set us free to be your children, Lord. Thank you for your forgiving love. 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

Open the Eyes of My Heart

# 452

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Unison Reading of Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Gospel Reading John 9:1-41

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

“Opening Our Eyes to Jesus”

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

# 453

✠Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (p. 35 in the Glory to God Hymnal)

✠The Doxology

# 606

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

“Be Thou My Vision”

Raelfman

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

**You Are My Strength When I Am Weak**

**# 519**

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing

Postlude

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock  
Worship Leader: Sandra Gilbert  
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  
MARCH 19, 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**

- Mar 19 Annual Congregational Meeting 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM following worship service
- Mar 21 Lenten Prayer Time with Pastor John in Sanctuary at 11:30 AM
- Mar 26 Worship and Celebration/Recognition Sunday for WPPK Teachers
- Mar 28 Book Club meets at 10:30 AM in the Parlor to discuss "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge - anyone is welcome!
- Mar 28 Session Meeting at 5:30 in Media Room
- Apr 01 Work Day to spruce up the building and grounds - Volunteers Needed!!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our annual congregational meeting is today, immediately following the worship service. Annual Reports from each of the committees will be presented along with our 2023 Budget. We will also elect a nominee for an elder for the Class of 2024, two 2023 Nominating Committee members, and a new member for the Foundation Board. We will be asking for nominations from the floor, as well. Please stay so we will have a quorum.

**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 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 April 4, 2023.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (February 22 - April 9, 2023)**

Join Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. **One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.** You can contribute through WPC, donate by credit card online at [pcusa.org/give-oghs](https://pcusa.org/give-oghs), or text OGHS to 91999. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

## CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, March 26 is Westminster Celebration Sunday! This year there are six women who will be recognized for 5, 10 & 15 years of dedication to the community of Westminster Presbyterian Pre-K School. Please join us during worship & for a “lite bite” lunch afterward.

## PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE NORTH TEXAS RETREAT

David Hurwich from Grace Presbyterian in Plano has invited all to participate in a Pilgrimage Retreat at Camp Gilmont on May 4 to 7, 2023. This is similar to an Emmaus Walk or a Crucillo. There is a flyer posted on the bulletin board in the office hallway, and you can find detailed information and register online at [ntpp.org](http://ntpp.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 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.



## 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](https://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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