

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday after Epiphany

JANUARY 26, 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

Introit

“Ascribe to the Lord”

J. Metzger

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

One: We come with Joy to worship Almighty God. May all that is within us give thanks and praise to the one God of all the universe.

All: Thank you, Lord God, for calling us to this time of worship and prayer. Open our hearts to the fullness of your Word.

One: God is at work among us. Jesus is our Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit is leading us to the fullness of the Kingdom. This is what worship in Jesus' Name is all about.

All: You are with us, Lord God. Where two or more are gathered in Jesus' Name your promise is to be with us. May this time of worship give you all the honor and the glory. AMEN.

✠Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#39

✠Opening Prayer

Living God's Best - The Law As Found in Nehemiah 8

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 sinned and fallen short of your glory. In thought, word, and deed we have not done the things that you have desired for us. Instead, we have listened to our human desires and have done what seems right in our own eyes. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us of your forgiving love. Restore to us the Joy of our salvation and lead us in the way of Jesus, our Lord and our Savior. 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

(Please pass the peace to each other, greeting one another in Christ's name.)

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 19

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

All: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

All: In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them. Nothing is hid from its heat.

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

All: More to be desired are they than gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

One: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

All: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent and do not let them have dominion over me.

One: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading – Luke 4:14-21

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

“Jesus Preaches Good News”

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

#625

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

(p. 35 in the Hymnal)

Announcements

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

“The Heavens Are Telling”

D. Dobrin

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠Doxology

#606

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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" #14

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing "Amen" Fr. Francisco

(Acolyte returns the Light back to the World)

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

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

Worship Leader: Steve Coffin

Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin

Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig

Livestream: Leiza McArter

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 26, 2024

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

- Jan 28 10:30 AM Book Club – we'll be reviewing *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
- Jan 28 5:00 PM Stated Session Meeting including examination of new elders
- Jan 29 7:00 PM Greek Class (see below)
- Feb 1 Breakfast at The Bridge – meet at church at 7:00 AM to carpool if you'd like to help serve breakfast at the Second Chance Café.
- 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.
- Feb 3 – 7 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

THE GREEKS ARE COMING! THE GREEKS ARE COMING!

An intermediate Greek class is coming to Westminster Presbyterian Church to take advantage of its central location, media room, and tradition of hospitality to the community. After completing an introductory study in Biblical Greek, the small group of students from First Presbyterian have worked through basic Greek grammar and are ready to start reading New Testament Greek texts, beginning with Mark's gospel. Anyone who has studied Greek is invited to join. The class meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Media Room. If you are interested in participating, please contact:

Elder David White
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or

Dick Powers
214-563-2253
dickpowers@mac.com.

“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. Peanut butter can help with heart health, digestion, and blood sugar management.

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 10:45 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. 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

Class of 2024

Mike Stanley

Sharon Wright

Class of 2025

Sandra Gilbert

Steve Coffin

Class of 2026

Jody Clarke

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