

Westminster Presbyterian Church

OCTOBER 20, 2024 10:45 A.M.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Spiritual

✠Call to Worship

One: We gather together on this Lord's Day to worship Almighty God!

All: Thanks be to God for the wonder of creation. God is at work all around us.

One: We gather in the Name of Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Man.

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. AMEN.

✠Hymn of Praise

"Here I Am, Lord"

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✠Opening Prayer

A Call to Live God's Best - The Law As Found in Psalm 91:9-10

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and Loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you with humble hearts to confess our sin and human brokenness. We confess that we have fallen short of your glory. In thought, word, and deed we have found refuge in the things of the world rather than in your love and grace. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, your Son. Teach us to live in the way of Jesus. Encourage us to walk extra miles of love and grace rather than to repay evil for evil and allow roots of bitterness to fill our hearts. Give us courage to seek first your Kingdom and righteousness, 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

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

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Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 104:1-7, 10-17, 24, 27-34

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

All: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

One: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stand above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder, they take to flight.

All: You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst. By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

One: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

All: The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its throne in the fir trees.

One: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All: **These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.**

One: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, for the Lord looks on the earth and the earth trembles, and the Lord touches the mountains, and they smoke.

All: **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my life. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 6:25-33

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

“Don’t Worry! God Has the Whole World in His Hands!”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

☒Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

(p. 35 in the Hymnal)

☒Doxology

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Announcements

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

On Eagle’s Wings

M. Joncas

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 "I'm Gonna Live" Spiritual

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 20, 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

- Oct 22 10:30 AM Book Club meets in Parlor to discuss "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride
- Nov 2 Serve breakfast at the Second Chance Café at The Bridge – meet at church at 7AM
- Nov 3 Feast of All Saints' Day, Communion Sunday, and After Church Fellowship
- Nov 5 WPPK closed/Church is serving as a polling location for Presidential election
- Nov 17 12:30 – 3:00 PM Devonshire Neighborhood Chili Cook-off on front lawn

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 3, one of the most important days on the liturgical calendar is the Feast of All Saints' Day. This day has great meaning for us as we remember those who have completed their earthly pilgrimage in death and have received God's promised rest. Having received the promise of their baptism, these saints have joined the great company of all those who share in Christ's glory. In keeping with tradition, we will remember those who have died in the last twelve months. If you wish to have your loved ones included in this remembrance, please submit their names, relationship to you, and date of death by Sunday, October 27th to wpcdooffice@wpcd.org.

We have lost two beloved saints this year:

Margot Knothe, Deacon on January 5, 2024

Danielle Jenkins Tsai, Elder on February 19, 2024

NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES

To support North Dallas Shared Ministries (NDSM), a vital component of our charitable mission, we want to gather food. Food is an important resource NDSM provides to our community on our behalf; however, the demand for food has skyrocketed – NDSM now feeds an average of 133 households four days a week and 145 seniors on Fridays. To see if a lot of small sacrifices will make a difference, we'd like our congregation to join their Gleaning Initiative. (Glean – to collect gradually and bit by bit). There are collection boxes in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall where you can place non-perishable foods that you'd like to donate, and we will see that it gets delivered to the right place.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Parlor. On Sunday, September 8, we begin the study of James using a book by John MacArthur: James: Guidelines for a Happy Christian Life. Please feel free to join us!

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>

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