

Westminster Presbyterian Church

OCTOBER 29, 2023 10:45 A.M.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit "Uyai Mose" (Come, All You People) A. Gondo (Zimbabwe)
arr. Kevin Holland

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

One: We come in Jesus' Name to worship you, good and loving God.

All: Pour the wonder of your love and grace upon us as we worship in Jesus' Name.

One: Remind us, Lord, that you are the one and only God of all the universe, and that you desire us to worship you in spirit and truth. May nothing stand between us and the glory we see in Jesus, your Son.

All: Our hearts are open to you Lord God. Pour your Holy Spirit upon us in this time of worship and praise. AMEN.

✠Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #465

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God of power and might, with humble hearts we confess to you our sin and human brokenness. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors in the way you have loved us. Give us strength to turn from our sin and to embrace the fullness of your kingdom and righteousness. Show us the way of Jesus, the way of self-giving love. Remind us that you want us to forgive those who have injured us, in the same way that you have loved and forgiven us. We are your children, Lord. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we might serve you with all our heart, mind, and spirit, 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

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

#700

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 90:1-17

One: LORD, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

One: You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortal."

All: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

One: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

All: For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

One: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

All: For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

One: The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

All: Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. So, teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

One: Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

All: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands – O prosper the work of our hands!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading – I Thessalonians 2:1-12

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

“Sharing Ourselves – Not Just the Gospel”

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

☒Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

(p. 35 in the Hymnal)

☒Doxology

#606

Announcements

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

“Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge”

Ralph Vaughn Williams

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 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" #727

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing "Siyahamba" (African Song) Doreen Rao

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock
Worship Leader: Sharon Wright
Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin
Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig
Livestream: Leiza McArter
Cantors: Kalli Hansen, Anna Clarkson, Da-On Boulanger-Chatman, Stephen Bolduc

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SESSION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 02 Making Memories/Caregiver's Day Out 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Nov 04 Serve breakfast at the Second Chance Café at The Bridge
- Nov 16 Making Memories/Caregiver's Day Out 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (please join us at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a performance by the Texas Winds, who will present "Sentimental Journey" with sax and piano)
- Nov 28 Session Meets in Media Room at 5:30 PM

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway for those who would like to volunteer to provide and set up the refreshments on the first Sunday of any month, or you may call the church office and let Lisa know to add your name to the list. Coffee is available every Sunday for those who wish to gather and visit and enjoy a cup either before or after church.

MAKING MEMORIES

Making Memories/Caregiver's Day Out is an outreach ministry of WPC that provides a meeting place for adults with early to mid-stage Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, while offering respite for their caregivers. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of every month from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, and combine socialization, exercise, music, and other memory-stimulating activities in a safe and comfortable environment. If you or a loved one is interested in participating or serving as a volunteer, please contact Ann Rosenzweig at annrosenzweig@aol.com.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the WPC Parlor. Pastor John is our discussion leader, and we are currently studying the Book of Job. Come 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. 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>