

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

NOVEMBER 12, 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/arr. Kevin Holland

✠Call to Worship

One: Let us come with JOY to worship God in the Name of Jesus, the Son of God, and the Son of Man.

**All: We come with JOY to worship God in Jesus' Name. May this time of worship and prayer remind us to keep our eyes and ears open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

One: May we wake up from our slumber, O God. May all that is within us bless your Holy Name.

**All: We are your disciples, Lord Jesus. Use this time of worship to bring us closer to your perfect will for our lives. AMEN.**

✠Hymn

“Lord I Want to Be a Christian”

# 729

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy God of all creation, we come to you with humble hearts. We know that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. Too many times we have desired and coveted the things around us, the things that we can see and touch, the things that look good on the outside but have no lasting value. Remind us to turn our eyes upon your Son, Jesus. Teach us to not be dominated by the things of the world, remaining oblivious to the unseen spiritual blessings that come to those who put your kingdom and righteousness before any human thing. Forgive us, Lord. Lead us to places of peace and rest in all that we do and say. 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

“Living for Jesus”

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Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3a, 7-12

One: Finally, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God (as, in fact, you are doing), you should do so more and more.

**All: For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification. For God did not call us to impurity but in holiness. Therefore, whoever rejects this, rejects not human authority but God, who also gives his Holy Spirit to you.**

One: Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another;

**All: And indeed, you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia.**

One: But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more.

**All: Aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

The Message

“How Should We Then Live?”

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

### WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

(p. 35 in the Hymnal)

✠Doxology

#606

Minute for Mission

Mike Stanley

Offering Our Gifts to God – This is our 2024 Pledge Dedication Sunday. As the offering plate is passed, you are encouraged to place your offering, as well as your pledge card, in the offering plate as the Lord leads you. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

Anthem

“Keep Your Lamps!”

Spiritual, Arr. Andre Thomas

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.**

Elder Installation Service and Questions to Jody Clarke (Nov 2023 – Nov 2026)

**Installation Prayer**

**WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

✠Hymn "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" # 353

✠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: Nikki Smith

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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 12 Devonshire Neighborhood Assoc. Chili Cook-Off 1:30 – 3:30 PM (TODAY)
- Nov 12 Alpha Series continues 5 – 7 PM in Fellowship Hall
- Nov 16 Making Memories/Caregiver's Day Out; Texas Winds to perform at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall (Sentimental Journey with sax and piano). All are invited and welcome to come hear this talented duo!
- Nov 23/24 Thanksgiving Holiday – Church Office and WPPK closed
- Nov 28 Session meets at 5:30 PM in Media Room
- Dec 2 Serve Breakfast at The Bridge
- Dec 2 Hanging of the Greens at 9:00 AM

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 working through the Book of Job. Come join us!**

### 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.**

#### **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 10:45 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](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>**

#### **SESSION**

##### *Class of 2024*

**Lynn Puchlopek  
Mike Stanley  
Russell Puchlopek**

##### *Class of 2025*

**Sandra Gilbert  
Ann McCullough**

##### *Class of 2026*

**Jody Clarke**

##### **Sharon Wright, Clerk**

**George Edwards, Treasurer**

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