

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 10:45 A.M.

## WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit "Oh Lord What a Morning" Spiritual/arr. D. Dobrin

### ✠Call to Worship

One: With JOY we come to worship our good and grace-filled God.

All: May all that is within us glorify you, O Lord. Be with us in the power and love of your Holy Spirit.

One: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord, our God.

All: May our hearts and lives serve the Lord with gladness. May we know that God alone is Almighty. You alone have made us, O God. We are your people; the sheep of your pasture. May we enter this time of worship with Thanksgiving in our hearts and bless your Holy Name. For God is good, and the loving kindness and faithfulness of God endures forever. AMEN.

✠Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #377

### ✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and most merciful God, we come into your presence to confess our sin and human brokenness. With honest and open hearts, we remember your commandment not to bear false witness against our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord, when we gossip, and forget to love our neighbors in the way you have loved us. Give us courage to keep the things that others share with us in confidence, in the silence and prayer of our own hearts and not as opportunities to make others look bad or to exaggerate our own worth. Remind us that our 'little white lies' come back to haunt us. Forgive us for the ways that we judge what others do and say, while neglecting the things in our lives that hinder our relationship with you and the people around us. Help us to remember that it is only in

love that you asked us to speak the truth. Our desire is to seek your kingdom and righteousness, O God. Help us to keep our thoughts and minds centered on your Word, and not on the things of the world, 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

"We Are One in the Spirit"

#300

Time with Children and Youth

### GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from I Thessalonians 5:1-11, 16-24

One: Now concerning the times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need me to have anything written to you.

**All: For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.**

One: When everyone says, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

**All: But you, beloved, are not in darkness for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.**

One: So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those we are drunk, get drunk at night.

**All: But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for the helmet, the hope of salvation.**

One: For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

**All: Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.**

One: Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of the prophets but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

**All: May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and will do this.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading - Matthew 25:14-30

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

The Message

“Walking in the Light of Jesus’ Love”

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

### WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

(p. 35 in the Hymnal)

✠Doxology

#606

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

“Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come”

E. J. Hopkins

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 **“I Danced in the Morning”** **#157**

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing **“Amen” from Ave Maria** G. Caccini

Postlude

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock  
Worship Leader: Bill Tiffany  
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**

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	Sharon Wright, Clerk
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 20 - 24 Pre-School Closed All Week/Dog Park Open
- Nov 22 - 24 Thanksgiving Holiday – Church Office closing early on 22nd
- Nov 28 Session meets at 5:30 PM in Media Room
- Dec 2 Serve breakfast at The Bridge – meet at church at 7 AM
- Dec 2 Hanging of the Greens at 9 AM
- Dec 7 Making Memories meets 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

### 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!

### 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)

### SERVE AT AUSTIN STREET SHELTER

Help prepare and serve dinner for 400+ homeless people on Saturday, December 16th. Volunteers, age 10 and above, are needed to serve. Are you able to donate 20 bananas or 3 dozen cookies (store-bought packages are fine), and deliver them to WPC on 12/16/23 by 4:00 PM? Those wishing to donate and/or serve can contact Mike Stanley at (817) 724-7430 or [mike@colbystanley.com](mailto:mike@colbystanley.com). We usually meet at the church between 4:00 and 4:30 PM to load up the food and supplies, and the meal is served beginning at 6:00 PM.

## **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).

## **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>