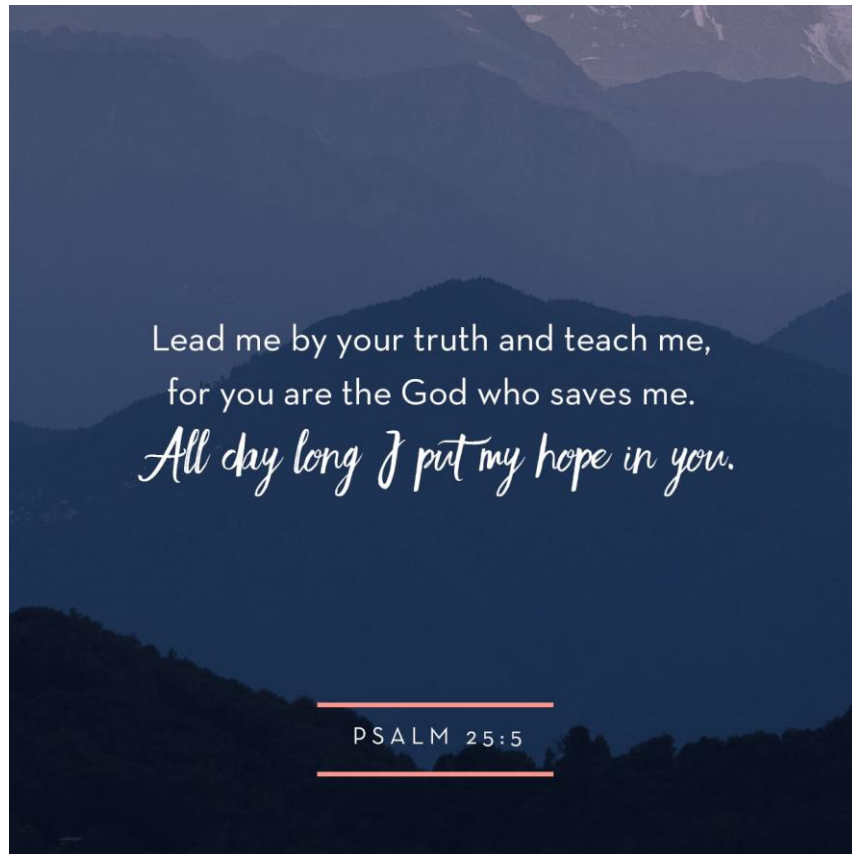


Westminster Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 10:45 A.M.



WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

"Bless the Lord, My Soul"

J. Berthier

✠Call to Worship

One: As we open our hearts to worship on this First Sunday in Lent, our prayer is that you will be with us Holy and Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **We are your children Lord Jesus. As we journey with you during Lent to the cross, give us hearts and minds that are open to your perfect will for our lives.**

One: God has called us to be the Church of Jesus Christ in this place. God will never fail us.

All: May all that is within us bless your Holy Name, God Most High, Creator and Redeemer of all the heavens and the earth. Let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

✠Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

#450

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and Most Precious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come with humble hearts into your presence. We know that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, your Son. Give us renewed strength to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit, and to pray with the energy that only a personal relationship with Jesus can bring, that our lives and our world will glorify you more and more each day. Show us the joy that we see in Jesus, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross and gave his life as a ransom for many. We are yours, Lord God. Give us the courage to be your disciples in our broken and divided world. We ask these things in Jesus' Name. 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

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

#166

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 25:1-10

One: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

All: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

One: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

All: Make me know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me. You are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

One: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

All: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

One: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, God instructs sinners in the way. God leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble God's way.

All: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Mark 1:9-15

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

"Discerning God's Will"

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 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Traditional/arr. D. Dobrin

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 Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #182

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing "Rest in God Alone" Stephen DeCesare
(Worship is complete after the Choral Blessing. Feel free to leave or stay to enjoy the Postlude.)

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

Worship Leader: Lynn Puchlopek

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

February 18, 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 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

- Feb 18** Father Daughter Valentine's Dance hosted by St. Pat's & DNA
- Feb 19** Church Office and WPPK closed in observance of President's Day
- Feb 27** WPC Session Meeting at 5:30 PM in Media Room
- Mar 17** St. Patrick's Day Celebration – party outdoors with fajitas, live music, and a bouncy house for the kids (hosted by St. Patrick's Anglican Church)!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (Feb 14 – Mar 31)

Matthew 25 teaches us that, in every time and season the Church finds itself and its Savior through relationships with those in need. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of the suffering and vulnerable. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries! If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

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 in or serving as a volunteer, please contact Ann Rosenzweig at annrosenzweig@aol.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 will begin a new Lenten study on February 18th, using a newly published book by Elizabeth F. Caldwell entitled "Pause/Spending Time with the Psalms". 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 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>

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