

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent

FEBRUARY 25, 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: We come with JOY to worship God in the Name of Jesus.

All: May all that is within us worship God's Holy Name.

One: Be with us Lord God, as we worship and pray. Fill us with the power and love of your Holy Spirit.

All: We are eager to hear your Word and to worship you, O Lord of all creation. May all that is within us worship your Holy Name. AMEN.

✠Hymn

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

#169

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and loving God of all creation, we come into your presence to confess our sin and human brokenness. Like all the created universe, we have fallen short of your glory. We have been quick to see the faults of those around us and slow to see our own human failings. Have mercy on us for the sake of Jesus, your Son. Show us the way of Godly praise. Open us to the self-giving love we see in Jesus, a love that covers a multitude of sin and brings peace to our broken world. Give us hearts open to leading your Holy Spirit and minds that are filled with never-ending prayer for the friends, neighbors, and enemies you put in our lives. Our desire is to be your disciples, Lord God. Keep us from the human anger and bitterness that separates us from you and our brothers and sisters, and plant the seed of peace in our hearts, 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 "Glory Be to the Father" #581

✠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 "You Are My Strength When I Am Weak" #519

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 22:1-5, 9, 19-31

One: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

All: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

One: Yet, you are Holy! You are enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were saved. In you they trusted and were not put to shame.

All: Therefore, commit your cause to the LORD. Let God deliver you – let God rescue the one in whom God delights.

One: Do not be far away, O LORD! You alone are my help; come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion!

All: From the horns of the wild oxen, you have rescued me. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters. In the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.

One: You who fear the LORD, praise God! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify God; stand in awe of the Almighty One, all you offspring of Israel!

All: For God did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; God did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.

One: From you, O God, comes my praise in the great congregation. My vows I will pay before those who fear you. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek you shall praise the LORD. May their hearts live forever.

All: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. All the families of the nations shall worship before you, Lord. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and God rules over all the nations. To God indeed shall all who sleep on the earth bow down, even those who are dust shall bow, and I shall live for this God.

One: Posterity will serve this God and future generations will be told about the LORD.

All: Many will proclaim God's deliverance to people yet unborn, saying: "God has done it!"

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Gospel Reading – Mark 8:27-38

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

“The Cost of Discipleship”

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

“Agnus Dei” (from Mass in Bb)

F. J. Haydn

Sharing Joys and Concerns

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

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WE BEAR GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn

“Take My Life”

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✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing

“Rest in God Alone”

Stephen DeCesare

(Worship is complete after the Choral Blessing. You may 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: Steve Coffin

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 25, 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 25 Farewell Reception in honor of Ann McCullough, following worship service today in Fellowship Hall**
- Feb 27 5:30 PM Session Meeting in Media Room**
- Mar 2 Serve breakfast at The Second Chance Café at The Bridge (meet at church at 7 AM)**
- Mar 9 2:00 PM Celebration of Life Service in memory of Danielle Tsai and reception following in Fellowship Hall**
- Mar 10 Annual Congregational Meeting following worship service in Fellowship Hall**

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!

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.

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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