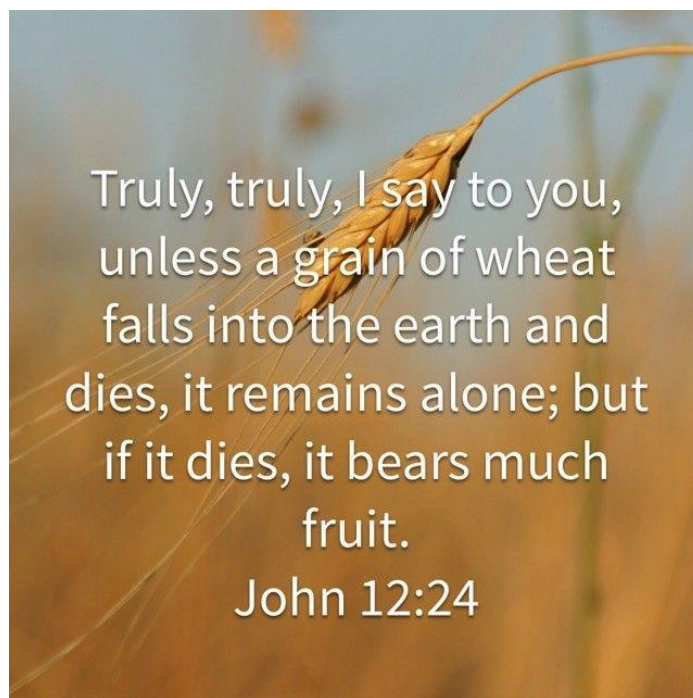


Westminster Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 17, 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: The God of all creation has called us to worship in the Name of Jesus.

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

One: This is the day that God has given us to worship and give thanks for Jesus' resurrection. It is the Lord's Day, a day to celebrate God's presence among us.

All: Even during this time of Lent when we journey with Jesus to the cross, we give thanks to God for the victory that is ours through faith in Jesus, the Messiah. Thanks be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

✠Hymn

“Open My Eye, That I May See”

#451

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy God of all creation, we come to you with hearts that are open to hear your Word. We know that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. We are your children; yet there are times when our thoughts are not your thoughts and your plans for us go by the wayside. Have mercy on us for the sake of Jesus, your Son. Fill us with a desire to follow the leading of your Spirit, that we might walk in the ways of Jesus, your Son. Our prayer is not only for ourselves, but also for the world. Give us courage to work for Godly change in all the institutions and governing agencies that surround us. May our world be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. We pray 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

“Swing Lo, Sweet Chariot”

#825

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 51:1-13, 14b

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

One: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

All: Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

One: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. May my tongue sing aloud of your deliverance.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading – John 12:20-36

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

“Learning to Put God’s Will First”

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

“Unless a Grain of Wheat”

B. Farrell/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

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

#649

✠Benediction

Choral Blessing

“Rest in God Alone”

Stephen DeCesare

(Worship is complete after the Choral Blessing. You are free to exit or stay for 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

March 17, 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

Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Celebration hosted by St. Pat's Anglican Church on the front lawn following worship. . . all are invited!

Mar 21 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Making Memories in Fellowship Hall

Mar 24 Assist St. Pat's with filling Easter eggs with candy following worship, for the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th

Mar 28 6:00 – 8:00 PM Maundy Thursday gathering in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to "Wash Hands and Break Bread Together" in commemoration of the Last Supper. RSVP to WPCDOOffice@wpcd.org no later than March 24th. St. Patrick's Anglican Church is invited to join us.

Mar 29 6:00 PM Good Friday Service in the sanctuary with St. Patrick's Anglican Church

Mar 30 9:00 – 11:00 AM Community Easter Egg Hunt on Front Lawn

Mar 31 Easter Sunday Worship of Jesus' Resurrection 10:45 a.m.

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to join St. Pat's on March 24th in the Fellowship hall after worship to help fill Easter eggs with candy for the neighborhood Easter egg hunt (to be held on Mar 30th). Please bring a bag of candy. We will have some pizza and a fun time!

WPPK KINDERGARTNERS NEED YOUR HELP

The Kindergartners are collecting travel size toiletry items through the end of March, to be donated to Community Partners of Dallas . . . shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss. Please help if you can! There is a collection box in the church hallway (near the door to the preschool).

MO RANCH MEN'S CONFERENCE is May 3-5. Steve Coffin and Pastor John will be attending. You are welcome to join us.

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. We are looking at a book by Elizabeth F. Caldwell entitled "Pause/Spending Time with the Psalms". 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>

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