

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday in Lent
MARCH 3, 2024 10:45 A.M.



WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Choral Introit

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”

J. Berthier

✠Call to Worship

One: Let us worship God in the Name of Jesus, God's Son.

All: With all our hearts and minds we worship you, O God Most High. Be with us in the power of your Holy Spirit as we worship in spirit and in truth.

One: May all that is within us give our good and grace-filled God all honor and glory.

All: We are your people God of power and might. Fill us with your Holy Spirit as we worship and pray in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

✠Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#307

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you with humble hearts. We know that we have fallen short of your glory. In thought, word, and deed we have done those things that we ought not to have done. We have neglected to do those things that are pleasing in your sight. Have mercy on us for the sake of Jesus, your Son. Give us hearts that are open to the leading of your Holy Spirit. Show us the way of human kindness, the way of forgiving love. Give us hearts that intercede for the brokenness we see in the world, for the lust for power and self-interest that surrounds us. Show us the way of Jesus' kingdom, that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. We ask these things in the name of your Son, and our Lord, Jesus. 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

"I Am the Bread of Life"

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A Time with Our Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 19

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

All: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

All: In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

All: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings from the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

One: But who can detect their errors?

All: Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from proud thoughts; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading: John 2:13-22

Message Rev. Dr. John Blacklock
“Let Us Proclaim God’s Greatness – Even When We Don’t Understand”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed p. 35 (front of Hymnal)

Announcements/Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God

✠The Doxology #606

The Anthem “The Heavens are Telling” D. Dobrin

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Intercessions

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

The Lord’s Prayer page 35 (in front of Hymnal)

The Sharing of Jesus’ Body and Blood – Holy Communion

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Thank you, Lord, for being spiritually present with us in this time of Holy Communion. You have shown us what true love is all about by laying down your life for us on the cross. Give us courage to remember your sacrifice. May we be bold to lay down our lives in love for the people you put in our lives. You are a good God. We give you thanks and praise all the days of our lives, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

- ✠Hymn "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" # 260
- ✠Benediction
- ✠Choral Blessing "Rest in God Alone" Stephen DeCesare
- ✠Postlude

(Please join us for After Church Fellowship this morning in the Fellowship Hall)

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 3, 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 7 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Making Memories in Fellowship Hall

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 and Potluck luncheon following worship service in Fellowship Hall; Session Member for Class of 2025 to be elected.

Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Luncheon 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

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!

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