

Westminster Presbyterian Church

APRIL 28, 2024 10:45 A.M.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

“Gloria”

A. Ramirez

✠Call to Worship (You are invited to rise in body or spirit and join in the Call to Worship.)

One: We come into God's house of prayer to worship in the Name of Jesus, the Son of God.

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

One: Our desire is to worship you in spirit and truth, O God. May nothing that we do or say keep us from hearing the still small voice of your Holy Spirit.

All: Let us worship Almighty God, our Creator, and our Redeemer. May all that is within us bless God's Holy Name. AMEN.

✠Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

366

✠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 to confess our sin and human brokenness. We know that we have fallen short of your glory. In thought, word, and deed we have missed the goal that your kingdom offers us. Give us courage to ponder your love as we pray together: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” We trust in your forgiving love, Lord Jesus. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we might live in your love and grace more and more each day. 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

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

828

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer of Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Acts 8:26-40

One: Then the angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south" to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza. (This is the wilderness road.)

All: So Philip got up and went.

One: Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Cadace, queen of Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

All: Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked him, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

One: The Ethiopian eunuch replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

All: Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation, justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

One: The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

All: Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

One: As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He then commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

All: When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Epistle Reading - I John 4:7-21

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

"Jesus' Love Changes Our Hearts"

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

"Love Changes Everything"

by Espy and Moore

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 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" # 833

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing "May the Road Rise Up to Meet You" D. Dobrin

(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

April 28, 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 on the table in the narthex. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 2 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Making Memories meets in Fellowship Hall
- May 4 Serve Breakfast at the Second Chance Café at the Bridge/Stewpot – contact Mike Stanley at (817) 724-7430 or mike@colbystanley.com and plan to meet at church at 7:00 AM.
- May 4 Joint and Special Election, Fellowship Hall
- May 15 Last day of the semester for WPPK/Celebration Day (11:00 – 11:30 AM)
- May 16 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Making Memories meets in Fellowship Hall

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 info@makingmemoriesdallas.com.

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

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. 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>

SESSION

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