

Westminster Presbyterian Church

APRIL 7, 2024 10:45 A.M.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Choral Introit

✠Call to Worship: (Please rise if you are able and join in the Call to Worship.)

One: Bless this time of worship and prayer, O Lord Most High.

All: Give us courage to worship you in spirit and in truth. May this time of worship give us cause to remember the love you have shown us in Jesus, your Son.

One: May all that is within us give our good and grace-filled God honor and praise as we worship in Jesus' Name.

All: We are your family, Lord Jesus. Teach us the ways of your Kingdom, the way of self-giving love and mercy. Pour your Holy Spirit upon us in this time of worship. We ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

✠Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection!"

#233

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and Most Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come with humble hearts before your throne of grace. We acknowledge that we have fallen short of your glory. We have not loved you, or our fellow human beings, in the same way you have loved us. Remind us of the love that we see in Jesus when he laid down his life on the cross for the sins of the world. Renew our commitment to follow in the footsteps of the Risen Christ and give us courage to overcome the everyday temptations that eat away at our desire to be your disciples. Our prayer is not only for ourselves, but also for those around us. May the world be filled with the glory we see in Jesus, the Risen Christ, this day and forever. We pray 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

#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 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

#234

A Time with Our Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 133 and Acts 4:32-35

One: How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard of Aaron, running down over his robes. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

One: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

All: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

One: Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possession, but everything they owned was held in common.

All: With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

One: There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

All: They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Message

"I Believe - Help My Unbelief"

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Unison)

p. 35 in the Hymnal

Announcements/Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God

✠The Doxology

#606

The Anthem

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

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.

The Sharing of Jesus' Body and Blood - Holy Communion

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of love you have given us in this time of Holy Communion. Our time together in your presence encourages us to live out your love and grace in everything we do and say. Teach us the way of Jesus' self-giving love. Renew our commitment to be your disciples and to walk in the footsteps of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Fill us to overflowing with the power and the love of your Holy Spirit. We are yours, precious Lord. May all that is within us praise your Holy Name. AMEN.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✘Hymn "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" #248

✘Benediction

✘Choral Blessing

(Worship is complete after the Choral Blessing. You are free to leave or stay during the Postlude.)

✘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: Bill Tiffany
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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SESSION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 7, 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

April 13 9:00 AM Donuts with Dad/Devonshire Neighborhood Association

April 14 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM All Church Work Day and sandwich making event following worship

April 18 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Making Memories/Caregiver's Morning Out

April 20 Serve at Austin Street Shelter (see details below)

April 23 5:30 PM Session Meeting

April 27 10:00 AM Carnival hosted by WPPK Parents Group

April 29 12:30 PM Popsicles in the Park for WPPK 2024-25 new families

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY & AFTER CHURCH MISSION EVENT

Following worship on April 14th there will be an All Church Work Day to clear our stage and clean out the HVAC enclosed area of a foot of leaves and twigs. There is also an "ACME" designated day: After Church Mission Event. Help is needed to make 300 sandwiches for distribution to Austin Street Center. Ingredients will be supplied and there will be food for the volunteers, as well.

SERVE AT AUSTIN STREET SHELTER

Help prepare and serve dinner for 400+ homeless people on Saturday, April 20th. Volunteers, age 10 and above, are needed to serve. Are you able to donate 20 bananas or 3 dozen cookies (store-bought packages are fine), and deliver them to WPC on 4/20/24 by 4:00 PM? Those wishing to donate and/or serve can contact Mike Stanley at (817) 724-7430 or mike@colbystanley.com. We usually meet at the church between 4:00 and 4:30 PM to load up the food and supplies, and the meal is served beginning at 6:00 PM.

MAKING MEMORIES

Westminster Presbyterian is the proud recipient of a recent grant from AWARE in support of our Making Memories program. In partnership with The Dallas Foundation, a 501(c)(3) publicly supported charity, AWARE conducts an annual grant review process resulting in the selection of the **most exemplary** nonprofit organizations in Dallas and the North Texas region that are working on the front lines in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. AWARE provides funding and support to those leading groups which offer programs, education, and resources to caregivers and victims of Alzheimer's disease, and to organizations doing valuable research to find prevention and ultimately a cure.

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.

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>