

Westminster Presbyterian Church

MAY 14, 2023 10:30 A.M.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

“Enter His Presence”

C. O. Bek

✠Call to Worship

One: Let us worship our good and grace-filled God with joyful hearts.

All: Our hearts are open to you, O God. Be with us in the power of your Spirit as we worship in Jesus' Name.

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

✠Hymn

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

#41

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and most merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come into your presence with humble hearts. We know that we have fallen short of your glory in thought, word, and deed. Our confession is that we have not loved you with our whole hearts and that we have not loved our neighbors in the same way we have loved ourselves. Our prayer is that you pour your Holy Spirit upon us and show us ways to walk in the direction of your Kingdom. Our desire is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Cleanse us that we might be your disciples, 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

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

"Jesus Loves Me!"

#188

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading of Psalm 66

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

All: Sing the glory of God's name; give God glorious praise.

One: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

All: Come and see what God has done; God is awesome in his deeds among mortals. God has turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in the God who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations. Let the rebellious not exalt in themselves.

One: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard, for it is God who has kept us among the living, and who has not let our feet slip.

All: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our back; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

One: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered, and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of the fattest of my sheep, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

All: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what God has done for me. I cried to God and God was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart the LORD would not have listened.

One: But truly God listened; God has given heed to the words of my prayer.

All: Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Gospel Reading Acts 17:22-31

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message “Responding to the One God of All History” Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠Hymn “More Love to Thee, O Christ” #828

✠Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed (p. 35 in the Glory to God Hymnal)

✠The Doxology #606

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God – You may place your offering in the box in the narthex or at the front of the church, or give through Venmo @West-Presby

Anthem 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) M. Redman

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 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" #331

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing "Go Rejoicing" C. O. Bek

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock
Worship Leader: Nancy Morton
Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin
Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig
Livestream: Leiza McArter

Cantors: Kalli Hansen, Anna Peeples, Da-On Boulanger-Chatman, Stephen Bolduc

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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. After worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 17 Celebration Day at WPPK (last day of school for the children)

May 18 Making Memories (Caregiver's Day Out) 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

May 21 Congregational Meeting following the worship service

May 23 Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday in the Parlor (10:30 AM-Noon). All are welcome! The book we'll be discussing in May is "Curing the Blues with a New Pair of Shoes" by Dixie Cash.

UPDATE ON PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

THERE WILL BE A SHORT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON MAY 21 AFTER WORSHIP TO ASK FOR THE CONGREGATION'S APPROVAL TO DISSOLVE THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE. THE WPC SESSION HAS VOTED TO PURSUE A 3-YEAR PART TIME STATED SUPPLY PASTOR.

SPECIAL OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering helps guide young people in Christian formation from their earliest years to young adulthood. With our gifts, we are here to help build these youngest members of the body of Christ into the people God would have them become. Please consider giving generously to help change the lives of young people and provide opportunities for them to grow and share in their faith in Christ . . . for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. (See bulletin insert for additional details.)

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.



MAKING MEMORIES/ADULT CAREGIVER'S DAY OUT

Westminster has been awarded a grant through the AWARE Fund of the Dallas Foundation, designated toward our Caregiver's Day Out program. The AWARE Fund was established in 2014 to support the programs, projects, and research of charitable organizations that actively help all individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease in Dallas and the greater North Texas area. The goal of our program is to provide a meeting place for adults of any faith, race, or ethnicity with early to mid-stage Alzheimer's or related dementia. Meetings combine socialization, exercise, music, and other memory-stimulating activities in a safe and comfortable environment. The caregiver can relax, socialize, run errands, or do whatever activity is needed to allow them to return refreshed. The program is offered on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM. If you or a loved one is interested in participating or serving as a volunteer, please contact Ann Rosenzweig at annrosenzweig@aol.com

DEVONSHIRE SECURITY FUNDRAISER

The Devonshire Neighborhood Association has kicked off a fundraising campaign, which runs through May 31st. A Devonshire resident has offered a generous match of \$25,000, and the funds raised will be targeted to support a comprehensive approach to keeping Devonshire a safe community in which to live, learn, worship, and play. More details are available in a separate insert on the table in the narthex. If you'd like to donate to help secure the \$25,000 match, you may mail a check to:

Devonshire Neighborhood Association
5600 W. Lovers Lane
Suite 116
Box 251
Dallas, TX 75209

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 10:30 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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