

✠Please stand as you are able

Westminster Presbyterian Church

May 7, 2023 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD



“The Stoning of Saint Stephen” by Rembrandt van Rijn

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

“Enter His Presence”

C. O. Bek

✠Call to Worship

from Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Serve the Lord with gladness!

One: Come into His presence with singing!

All: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

✠Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

#263

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Lord, we confess that we have sinned, both by what we have done and what we have left undone. We are quick to condemn and slow to forgive others. We fail to remember the needy. Forgive, O Lord, our trespasses, and bring us to repentance, through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

“Come, Christians, Join To Sing”

#267

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 102

One: You, O Lord, are enthroned forever;

All: You are remembered throughout all generations.

One: You will arise and have pity on Your people;

All: The appointed time has come.

One: Nations will worship the name of the Lord,

All: So that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:

One: The Lord looks down from His holy height,

All: From heaven, the Lord looks at the earth.

One: Of old You laid the foundation of the earth,

All: And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Acts 7:54-60

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

“The Stoning of Stephen”

Rev. Dr. Ron Salfen

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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

✘Doxology

#606

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God – There is a box in the narthex and another at the front left side of the sanctuary near the altar, where you may place your offering. Alternatively, you may give through Venmo @West-Presby.

Anthem

“Come My Way, My Truth, My Life”

Warner

Sharing Joys and Concerns

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right to give you our thanks and praise, O Lord

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)

Praise be to You, O Lord, for your constant love for us. We are grateful for the shared bread and cup and the communion of all the believers around Your table. Send us forth in a spirit of thanksgiving, serving our Savior, Christ Jesus, for we pray in His name. Amen.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #268

✠Benediction

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

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins!

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Rev. Ron Salfen
Worship Leader: Bill Tiffany
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

MAY 7, 2023

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 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

The WPC Session has voted to pursue a 3-year Part Time Stated Supply Pastor. This means that the Pastor Nominating Committee has been disbanded. The Session will now approve a job description and according to Committee on Ministry rules, interview at least 3 candidates. Please keep this process in your prayers!

SPECIAL OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering helps guide young people in Christian formation from their earliest years to young adulthood. With our gifts, we are there 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 for 2024. The AWARE Fund was established in 2014 to support charitable organizations' programs, projects, and research that actively help all individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease in Dallas and the greater North Texas area. Our program aims 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

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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