

Westminster Presbyterian Church

AUGUST 25, 2024 10:45 A.M.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings”

S. Liddle

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

One: God has called us to worship in the Name of Jesus.

All: With all our hearts and minds we worship you Holy God. With all that is within us we give you thanks and praise for the many ways you have shown us love.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord in this time of worship and prayer. It is good that we sing praise to the One God of all creation.

All: Thank you, Lord God! Your love and grace encourage us to remember Jesus' promise never to leave us without comfort. We are your children. Pour the fullness of your Spirit upon us as we walk by faith in a sometimes fear-filled world. AMEN.

✠Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

#275

✠Opening Prayer

A Call to Live God's Best - The Law Mark 12:28-32

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus, we come into your presence with humble hearts. We acknowledge that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors in the same way that we have loved ourselves. Have mercy upon us! Encourage us to seek first your kingdom and righteousness. Remind us that there is nothing in the world that is of more importance than the self-giving love we see in Jesus, your Son, who laid down his

life for us on the cross. Give us this same kind of self-giving love as we live our daily lives, 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

“We Are Standing On Holy Ground”

#406 (sing twice)

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 84

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

All: My soul longs, indeed, it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

One: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

All: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the Valley of Tears they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

One: O LORD of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

All: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

One: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Put On the Whole Armor of God”

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

☒Affirmation of Faith (Psalm 34:18-22) In Unison

We are bold to say together what we believe: “The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and God’s ears are open to their cry. The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and rescues them from their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all. The Lord keeps their bones; not one of them is broken. Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in the Lord will be condemned.” This is what we believe. Thanks be to God!
AMEN!

☒Doxology

#606

Announcements/Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

“Welcome In This Place”

M. Webster/arr. D. Dobrin

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 "Our God Reigns (How Lovely On the Mountains)" See Insert

✠Benediction "Sevenfold Amen" J. Steiner

✠Choral Blessing

(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

Choir Members: Kalli Hansen, Anna Clarkson, Da'On Boulanger-Chatman, Stephen Bolduc, Bill Tiffany, Nancy Morton, and Dani McArter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 25, 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

- Aug 27 WPPK Visitation Day
Aug 27 5:30 PM Session Meeting
Aug 28 WPPK First Day of School
Aug 30 9:30 AM Toddler Music Class with Audrey Schott
 (backyardmusicclasses@gmail.com)
Sept 2 Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day
Sept 3 10:30 AM (Postponed from Aug 27th) Book Club meets in Parlor to discuss
 "Rules of Civility"

NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES

To support North Dallas Shared Ministries (NDSM), a vital component of our charitable mission, we want to gather food. Food is an important resource NDSM provides to our community on our behalf; however, the demand for food has skyrocketed - NDSM now feeds an average of 133 households four days a week and 145 seniors on Fridays. To see if a lot of small sacrifices will make a difference, we'd like our congregation to join their Gleaning Initiative. (Glean - to collect gradually and bit by bit). There are collection boxes in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall where you can place non-perishable foods that you'd like to donate, and we will see that it gets delivered to the right place.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Parlor. The topic for the next several months helps us deal with stress in a Biblical way. We are studying a book by June Hunt called "Handling Stress - A Bible Study." Please feel free to join us!

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>

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