

Westminster Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 10:45 A.M.



WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

Hear (Here)

C. O. Beck

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

One: As we come to worship in Jesus' Name, we give thanks to God for the gift of God's Word.

All: I treasure your Word in my heart, O God, so that I may not sin against you. Teach us your wisdom as we worship you in spirit and in truth.

One: As we ponder your great love, precious Lord, we remember the words of the apostle Paul in his letter to Timothy.

All: All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. Let us worship God in the Name of Jesus, God's Son. AMEN.

✠Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

#450

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy God of power and might, we come boldly into your presence with humble hearts. We know that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all our hearts. We have not loved our neighbors, as ourselves. Our prayer is that you change our hearts and give us renewed strength to seek first your Kingdom and your righteousness before we seek any human thing. Pour the fullness of your Spirit upon us and give us courage to walk in the ways of your Son, Jesus, each moment of our lives. 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 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

#453

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 119:33-48

One: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

All: **Give me understanding that I may keep your Law and observe it with my whole heart.**

One: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in them.

All: Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

One: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

All: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

One: Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, your salvation according to your promise. Then I shall have an answer for those who taunt me, for I trust in your Word.

All: Do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your ordinances. I will keep your Law continually, forever and ever.

One: I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought your precepts. I will also speak of your decrees before kings and shall not be put to shame.

All: I find my delight in your commandments because I love them. I revere your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Gospel Reading - Romans 13:8-14

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

"Learning to Love God's Commandments"

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(p. 35 in the Hymnal)

✠Doxology

#606

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

"Teach Me O Lord"

Atwood

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	"I Love to Tell the Story"	#462
✠Benediction		
✠Choral Blessing	"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"	Rutter

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 Peebles, Da-On Boulanger-Chatman, Stephen Bolduc

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 10, 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. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 21 Making Memories/Caregivers Day Out 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Sept 24 ALPHA begins and will meet weekly through Nov. 12th at 5:00 - 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall (see below for additional info)
- Sept 26 Book Club meets in the Parlor at 10:30 AM. For September, we are reading "The Dictionary of Lost Words" by Pip Williams. All are welcome!
- Sept 26 Session Meets in Media Room at 5:30 PM

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 or serving as a volunteer, please contact Ann Rosenzweig at annrosenzweig@aol.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the WPC Parlor. Pastor John is our discussion leader, and the class is using the book God Is Calling You to Be Fearless and to FEAR LESS by Marta E. Greenman and Maureen H. Maldonado. It is unnecessary to purchase a book, but it may be purchased for \$29.99 plus tax. Come join us!

ALPHA

In a world of isolation, anonymity, and keyboard-warriors, Alpha offers content and guidance for churches, ministries, and individuals to create a space for honest and open conversations about life's biggest questions: "Why do bad things happen to good people?" "What's the purpose of life?" "What's next?" Everyone is welcome and no questions are off limits. St. Patrick's Anglican Church will launch Alpha this fall and members of Westminster are invited to join them! The first meeting is Sept. 24th from 5 - 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The last Sunday will be Nov. 12th. Dinner is included.

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.



AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway for those who would like to volunteer to provide and set up the refreshments on the first Sunday of any month, or you may call the church office and let Lisa know to add your name to the list. Coffee is available every Sunday for those who wish to gather and visit and enjoy a cup either before or after church.

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>

Session

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