

Westminster Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 10:45 A.M.



WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

Here (Hear)

C. O. Beck

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

One: With JOY we come to worship Almighty God in the Name of Jesus, God's Son.

All: Our hearts are open to you, O Lord. Fill us with the fullness of your love and grace as we worship and pray in Jesus' Name.

One: Our help is found in the Name of the Lord, the Maker of all the heavens and the earth.

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

✠Hymn

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

#41

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come into your throne room of grace to confess our sin and human brokenness. In thought, word, and deed we have fallen short of your glory. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors in the way Jesus has loved us. Have mercy on us in the name of your Son, Jesus. Give us courage to turn away from our human brokenness and to embrace the fullness of your kingdom. Remind us that just as Jesus laid down his life for us in love, so you desire that we lay down our lives for the friends and neighbors that cross our paths each day. Thank you for your never-ending love. May all that is within us give glory and honor to your Holy 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

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 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

#169

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 103:1-14, 17-18, 22

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

One: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good, as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

One: God made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel.

All: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: God will not always accuse, nor will God keep his anger forever.

All: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear the Lord.

One: As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.

All: As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

One: For God knows how we were made; God remembers that we are dust.

All: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear the Lord, and God's righteousness to children's children, to those who keep God's covenant and remember to do God's commandments.

One: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of God's dominion.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Gospel Reading - Matthew 18:21-35

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

"Forgiveness Runs Deep"

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

☒Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (p. 35 in the Glory to God Hymnal)

☒Doxology

#606

Minute for Mission - The Stewpot

Adrienne Nicholson

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

"Ubi Caritas"

Durufle

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 Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

#182

✠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: Nikki Smith
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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 17, 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 have invited members of Westminster 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. If interested, please register using the QR Code on the enclosed flyer.

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

<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	Sharon Wright, Clerk
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