

Westminster Presbyterian Church
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 5, 2023 10:45 A.M.



WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Liebster Jesu

J. S. Bach

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Choral Introit

"Come and Go with Me" (spiritual)

Michael Burkhardt

✠Call to Worship

One: Let us worship our good and grace-filled God as we celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith.

All: As saints of God standing by faith on the solid Rock of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, we give thanks for the millions of God's children who have found peace near to the heart of God.

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

All: We are children of God through faith in Jesus, the Christ. With all our hearts and minds we give thanks and praise to the One God of all creation. Hallelujah!

✠Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

634

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and loving God, despite our sin and human brokenness you have loved us with everlasting love. Pour your love and forgiveness upon us. In our human strength we have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors in the same way we love ourselves. Show us the way of your Son, Jesus. Give us courage to walk in the way of your Kingdom and righteousness. Remind us to turn from our human, self-centered ways, and to embrace the new way of living we see in Jesus, your Son. Have mercy on us, loving God. Set us free to be your disciples in a broken world, 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 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Psalm 90)

687

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Singing of Psalm 34 "Taste and See"

520

(Cantors will sing the verses and congregation sings the refrain)

Message

"The Lord Redeems Us - Take Refuge in Jesus" Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn

"Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm"

731

(If you'd like to light a candle for a friend or family member, please come forward during the singing of the hymn.)

Remembering the Saints at Westminster who passed into the arms of Jesus this past year:

Chris Harper

Susan Gee

George Gee

Michael Mead

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Unison)

p. 35 in the Hymnal

✠The Doxology

606

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God

The Anthem

“In the Sweet By-and-by”

Howard Helvey

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Intercessions

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

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

Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

450

(to be sung during Communion)

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

With Thanksgiving in our hearts, we give thanks to God for the spiritual presence of God in these gifts of bread and wine. We are reminded of Jesus' words: "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Thank you for your presence with us, Lord God. Thank you for a deep assurance that you have a place of quiet rest near to your heart when our time on earth has ended. You are a good and merciful God and with all our heart, mind, and spirit, we worship you, this day and forever. AMEN.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

- ✠Hymn "For All the Saints" (Choir will sing verse 3 a cappella) # 326
- ✠Benediction
- ✠Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" Op. 65, No. 59 Sigfrid Karg-Elert

When our worship is over, our service begins

(Please join us for After Church Fellowship this morning in the Fellowship Hall.)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock
Worship Leader: Ann McCullough
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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SESSION

Class of 2023

Jody Clarke
David McAllister

Class of 2024

Lynn Puchlopek
Mike Stanley
Russell Puchlopek

Class of 2025

Sandra Gilbert
Ann McCullough

Sharon Wright, Clerk
George Edwards, Treasurer

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Class of 2023

Anne McCullough
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 5, 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

- Nov 07 **WPC to serve as a Voting Site for Joint Election and Constitutional Amendment**
- Nov 12 **Devonshire Neighborhood Assoc. Chili Cook-Off 1:30 – 3:30 PM**
- Nov 16 **Making Memories/Caregiver's Day Out; Texas Winds to perform at 10:30 AM (Sentimental Journey with sax and piano).**
- Nov 23/24 **Thanksgiving Holiday – Church Office and WPPK closed**
- Nov 28 **Session meets at 5:30 PM in Media Room**

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 10:30 a.m. in the WPC Parlor. Pastor John is our discussion leader, and will begin a new series on the Book of Job beginning October 8th. Come join us!

THE BRIDGE

Westminster provides volunteers to serve breakfast at the Stewpot's Second Chance Café at The Bridge in Downtown Dallas on the first Saturday morning of each month. Volunteers usually meet at the church at 7:00 AM, and Mike Stanley sends out a reminder via email. If you have any questions and/or wish to volunteer, please contact him at (817) 724-7430 or mike@colbystanley.com

SERVE AT AUSTIN STREET SHELTER

Help prepare and serve dinner for 400+ homeless people on Saturday, October 21st. Volunteers, age 10 and above, are needed to serve. Are you able to donate 20 bananas or 3 dozen cookies (store-bought packages are fine), and deliver them to WPC on 10/21/23 by 4:00 PM? Those wishing to donate and/or serve can contact Mike Stanley at (817) 724-7430 or mike@colbystanley.com. We usually meet at the church between 4:00 and 4:30 PM to load up the food and supplies, and the meal is served beginning at 6:00 PM.

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 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. 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>