

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025 10:45 a.m.

## WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude (Acolyte brings in the Light of the World)

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Choral Introit

“Hear (Here)”

C. O. Beck

✠Call to Worship: (Please rise if you are able and join in the Call to Worship)

One: Our good and grace-filled God has called us to worship in the Name of Jesus.

**All: We hear your call to worship and pray, O Lord. Pour the fullness of your Holy Spirit upon us as we gather in Jesus' Name.**

One: Great is your faithfulness, O God. There is no shadow of turning with you. Your faithfulness is forever. Your compassion never ceases.

**All: With praise in our hearts, we are bold to believe that God is for us and not against us. Draw us nearer to the peace we see in Jesus, the Christ. We are your children, Lord. Pour your Holy Spirit upon us in this time of worship and prayer. AMEN.**

✠Hymn of Praise

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

# 488

✠Opening Prayer

Living God's Best - The Law as Found in Philippians 4:4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and Most Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you with humble hearts. We acknowledge our sin and human brokenness. We have not loved in

the way of your Son, Jesus, and it is difficult for us not to worry about the things in our lives that can't be easily fixed. Give us strength to be overcomers and courage to rejoice in your care for us even when our lives seem to be falling apart. Give us your peace, gracious Lord. Thank you for the hope that your forgiveness brings to our lives. We ask these things in Jesus' 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.

### A Time With Our Children and Youth

### GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

### Prayer for Illumination

### A Responsive Reading from Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

One: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

**ALL: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

One: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**ALL: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.**

One: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret – it only leads to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

**ALL: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though they look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek will inherit the land and delight themselves in prosperity.**

One: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in time of trouble.

**ALL: The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Message “Jesus’ Advice About Living a Spirit-filled Life” Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

### WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✘Hymn “Living For Jesus” (See Insert)

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

Announcements/Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God

✘The Doxology # 606

The Anthem “Borning Cry” John Ylvisaker

### Sharing Joys and Concerns

One: Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

## 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 "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" # 661

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing "Go Forth in Peace" C. O. Beck

(Acolyte returns the Light back to the World)

(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: Anna Ackerman, Stephen Bolduc, Da'On Boulanger-Chatman, Anna Clarkson, Jeremy Duncan, Kalli Hansen, Dani McArter, Nancy Morton, and Bill Tiffany

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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

- Feb 25      **Book Club meets in Parlor at 10:30ish AM. The group will be reviewing “Leaving Time” by Jodi Picoult**
- Feb 25      **Session meets at 5:15 PM in Parlor or Media Room**
- Mar 5        **Ash Wednesday**
- Mar 7        **1:00 – 2:30 PM Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the “new home” of The Twelfth Step Ministry located at 5324 W. Northwest Highway. (Westminster has been providing meeting space 4 days a week for some of their groups while the new building was under construction. All are invited to attend and celebrate this special day!)**

Westminster playgrounds are currently closed for construction of a new playground! The large playground and the Interior Playground (where construction will be happening) will have locked gates and banners posted to convey *no accessibility* until construction is complete. Only the Toddler playground, for Toddler only age and size children, is open to the community. Thank you for following these safety measures while we are under construction.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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>

### SESSION

*Class of 2025*  
Sandra Gilbert  
Steve Coffin

*Class of 2026*  
Jody Clarke  
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