

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 17, 2021  
11:00 A.M.



"Colorful Hands" mural at George Fox University, Newburg, OR. Photo: Tim Mossholder on Unsplash.com

## WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

*Messiah* - G.F. Handel

### ✠Call to Worship

One: Lord, where can I go from your Spirit?

All: **And where can I flee from your presence?**

One: If I ascend to heaven, you are there.

All: **If I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

One: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

All: **Even there your hand will lead me; your right hand will hold me fast.**



1 You are be - fore me, Lord, you are be - hind,  
 2 Then from your Spir - it where, Lord, shall I go;  
 3 If I should take my flight in - to the dawn,  
 4 If I should say, "Let dark - ness cov - er me,  
 5 Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;



and o - ver me you have spread out your hand;  
 and from your pres - ence where, Lord, shall I fly?  
 if I should dwell on o - cean's far - thest shore,  
 and I shall hide with - in the veil of night,"  
 try me, O God; my mind and spir - it try;



such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful for me,  
 If I as - cend to heav - en you are there,  
 your might - y hand will rest up - on me still,  
 sure - ly the dark - ness is not dark to you:  
 keep me from an - y path that gives you pain,



too high to grasp, too great to un - der - stand.  
 and still are with me if in hell I lie.  
 and your right hand will guard me ev - er - more.  
 the night is as the day, the dark - ness light.  
 and lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way.

✠Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we look for you in the wrong places.  
 We put our trust in material things.  
 We worry about things we cannot change.  
 We wonder if you are even there at all.  
 For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us.  
 For all the ways we have neglected your word  
 and ignored your people, forgive us.  
 Do not be far from us, Lord.  
 There is no one else we can turn to for help.  
 Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you. Amen.

*(time for silent confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

One: Children of God, 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 and being mindful of social distance.

Hymn of Preparation God Is Here Today

DIOS ESTA AQUI

God is here to - day; as cer - tain  
*Dios es - tá a - quí, tan cier - to co - mo el*

as the air I breathe, as cer - tain  
*ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan cier - to co - mo*

as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as  
*la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan*

cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.  
*cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.*

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Job 19:7-15, 23-27

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 779 How Long O God, Will My Prayers Be in Vain?

LAND OF MERCY



1 How long, O God, will my prayers be in vain? Why must I  
2 When e - vil pros-pers and hope is long gone, do not for-  
3 Ear - ly and late will my tongue sing your praise; you will up-



lan - guish in sor - row and pain? Do not a - ban - don a  
sake me, your pres-ence with-drawn. Shield and pro - tect those who  
hold me the length of my days. You are a strong-hold for



child you have made; you are my shel - ter, my so - lace and shade.  
call on your name; you are my God, and your bless-ing I claim.  
all the op-pressed; hear us, O God! Let your peo - ple be blessed.

✠Affirmation of Faith

Hebrews 5:7-10a

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated as God's high priest.

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Offering Our Gifts to God

Give through Venmo @West-Presby

Offertory Out of the Deep (Ps. 130)

Chris Massa

✠Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

...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.

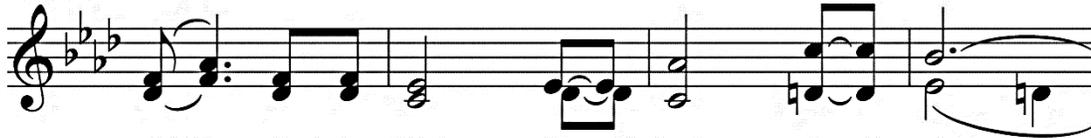
# WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn 834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me  
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger



stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
near; when my life is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I



light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

✠Benediction

Postlude

*When our worship is over, our service begins*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell  
Worship Leader: Ann McCullough  
Music Director/Organist: Seth Luna

Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig  
Livestream: Leiza McArter  
Dexter Colorado

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome you to our family of faith! After worship, join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

### ALEX OUT OF THE OFFICE; GUEST PREACHER NEIL MOSELY ON OCT. 24

Pastor Alex will be out of town this week on a continuing education retreat. Next week on Oct. 24 we will welcome to the pulpit Neil Moseley, consultant and founding partner of The Church Cartographers, who WPC has contracted to accompany and advise us with our church revitalization efforts in the coming months.

## CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIME

At their stated meeting on September 26, the Session voted to move forward with a change in the time of worship. **Beginning on October 31, worship will begin at 10:30am every Sunday through the end of the year**, regardless of whether the service is held outdoors or indoors. Worship on 10/10, 10/17, and 10/24 will still be at the "old" time of 11:00am. Then, starting on 10/31 (an outdoor service) and every week thereafter for the rest of 2021, worship will begin at 10:30am.

This change comes in response to results from a worship survey that was offered in spring of 2021. Reasons for the 10:30am time change include: a significant percentage of respondents preferred worship to start earlier than 11am; Worship Under the Oaks has seen greater attendance when it is held earlier than 11am; the lack of a consistent worship time from week to week has hurt attendance overall; moving worship more than 30 minutes earlier than 11am would greatly inconvenience both staff and volunteers involved with choir, Sunday school, and sound/tech. The Session welcomes your comments and feedback concerning the change, and at the end of the year they will evaluate whether to make the 10:30am worship time permanent.

## TIME FOR GENEROSITY!

It's that time of year! We will be launching a Stewardship campaign in the coming weeks for the NEW thing that God is doing at Westminster! Watch for a stewardship packet and pledge card in the mail soon, and please prayerfully discern how God can use your gifts for the furthering of the Kingdom at Westminster.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - SEMESTER II - HOW AND WHY TRIBAL FAITH BECAME A WORLD RELIGION

The Adult Sunday School Class continues October 17, in the old classroom (room 102) led by Rev. Dick Powers at 9:15 a.m. coffee in hand. This Sunday the class will consider the fall of Judah. The story is II Kings 24. Chapter 25 is the companion story of the fall of Jerusalem itself, but we will do it the following week. Chapter 24 has some juicy stuff in it. Look at verses 3-4 and consider issues of justice, forgiveness, we can do reconciliation or lack thereof, etc. Recall that the issue of syncretism is alive and well here; for newcomers a review of that. See you at 9:15am in person or to join by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600004372?pwd=ajlvNWFGMG0zR3Q5YWZtdzZWZlZrUT09>

## DOG PARK COFFEE

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, WPC serves coffee in the Westminster Dog Park from 9-10:30 am. It's a great way to welcome guests to our campus. To volunteer, contact Mike Stanley ([mike@colbystanley.com](mailto:mike@colbystanley.com)).

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 26 in room 102 to discuss *The Thursday Morning Murder Club* by Richard Osman. The group gathers at 10:30 am for fellowship. Book discussion begins at 11:00 am.

## CHURCH WORKDAY

Join us on Saturday, October 30 from 8:00am - 12 noon for an all-church workday! Indoor and outdoor projects available: emptying pod, general cleanup, changing some hardware inside and gardening. All are welcome!

## LUNCHEON: PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOME AND SERVICES

This year's Dallas Luncheon is shifting from an in-person luncheon to a Virtual Luncheon which will be hosted online. We've put together a program that we hope will inspire you. Please save the date of November 3 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. to hear President David Thompson, local staff, and clients share how PCHAS transforms lives. See Link below for details on how the virtual luncheon works.

[http://giving.pchas.org/site/MessageViewer?em\\_id=1982.0&dlv\\_id=6213&pgwrap=n](http://giving.pchas.org/site/MessageViewer?em_id=1982.0&dlv_id=6213&pgwrap=n)

## SAVE THE DATE! DNA ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Join the Devonshire neighborhood for the annual Chili Cook-off on Sunday November 14 from 2-5pm on the front lawn of Westminster! Would you like to enter a famous family recipe? Prizes awarded! Come enjoy the fun and a beautiful day on the front lawn. Questions? Email: [devonshire75209@gmail.com](mailto:devonshire75209@gmail.com)

## MUSIC MINISTRY

The Westminster Choir is back to its normal schedule. Rehearsals are held most Wednesday at 7 pm. Need help learning how to sing? We will teach you. Contact Seth Luna at [sethl@wpcd.org](mailto:sethl@wpcd.org).

## WHAT'S YOUR MASK POLICY?

In accordance with the guidance of the CDC and our local leaders, and in line with Christ's concern for the most vulnerable, we kindly ask *everyone*, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth while in common areas of the church (sanctuary, hallways, fellowship hall, meeting rooms). Remember, all services are streamed live on Facebook (see below) as an alternative to coming in-person.

## SUPPORT OUR MISSION PROJECTS

Westminster has long been generous supporters of North Dallas Shared Ministries (non-perishables) and Austin Street Center (hygiene items). These donations can be left in the workroom to be delivered.

## ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Westminster welcomes your continued support. Checks can be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8200 Devonshire Dr, Dallas, TX 75209 or give online through Venmo (our username is West-Presby, (last 4 digits 5290). If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office [dans@wpcd.org](mailto:dans@wpcd.org) or 214-351-3251.

### SESSION

<i>Class of 2021</i>	<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>	Sharon Wright, Clerk
Robin Bradford	Steve Coffin	Jody Clarke	George Edwards, Treasurer
Nancy Morton	George Edwards	David McAllister	

### TRUSTEES

<i>Class of 2021</i>	<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>
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Will Frazier	Carol Powers	Danielle Tsai

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