

Westminster Presbyterian Church
August 15, 2021, the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30am "Worship 101"
11:00am Service of the Word
11:35am Service of the Table



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WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude When In Our Music God Is Glorified

arr. Robert A. Hobby

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

✠Call to Worship

Psalm 111, selected verses

One: In the midst of the congregation, I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

All: The Lord's magnificent works are treasured by all who desire them.

One: God is renowned for the beauty of creation.

All: The Lord is filled with mercy and compassion.

One: God provides food for all who fear God.

All: The Lord's covenant is never far from mind.

One: The precepts of God are trustworthy and established forever and ever.

All: The people fulfill them with truth and righteousness.

One: Redemption has come to the people;
holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.

All: God's praise endures forever.

✠Hymn 755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

WEISSE FLAGGEN



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share:
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;



by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.
may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;
Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;



may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!
im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.
awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

✠Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading

John 6:51-58

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Rev. Jessie Light-Wells

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 522 I Am the Bread of Life (hymnal v. 1, 3, 5)

I AM THE BREAD



1 "I am the bread of life. You who
2 "Un - less you eat of the
3 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 you are the Christ, the



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 Son of God, who has



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

✠Affirmation of Faith

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit always, in every prayer and supplication. Keep alert and persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Opportunities for Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Anthem

Draw Thou My Soul
Adam Dugger

Give through Venmo @West-Presby

Janet Sanborn

✠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.

✠Prayer of Dedication

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

(based on Psalm 51, John 6:22-35)

Compassionate God, it is difficult for us to admit that we are not very careful with our lives. Instead of allowing ourselves to rest in the safety of your love, we abide in places of scarcity and fear. Instead of drinking from the cup of salvation, we prefer our own cups of bitterness and resentment. We could learn your ways of wise choices but prefer sin's silly paths. Forgive us, God of mercy. Remind us that we no longer need to live in the old ways, or to yearn for those good ol' days. Help us to see how we are free to listen to your hopes, to learn from your heart, and to walk with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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.

✠Response to Pardon.

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. At the conclusion of the passing of the peace, if you have been sitting toward the back of the sanctuary, you are encouraged to move closer to the front for the next portion of the service.

Hymn 469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your
Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren
pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and 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.

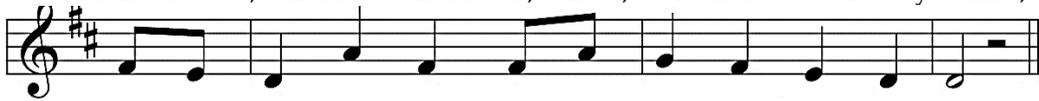
Words of Institution and Communion of the People

Hymn During Communion Feed Us, Lord

FEED US



1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Prayer after Communion

✠Blessing and Sending

✠Congregational Response Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread (v.1 only)
*Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart
Savior abide with us and spread your table in our heart.*

ST. FLAVIAN

Following worship, "communion" continues with food and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS - AUGUST 8, 2021

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Jessie Light-Wells	Sound Technician:	Bill Vilbig
Worship Leader:	Judy Ziehm	Livestream:	Leiza McArter
Music Director/Organist:	Seth Luna		Dexter Colorado
Cantors	Adam Dugger Will Frazier		

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.

WELCOME TO THE PULPIT

Rev. Jessie Light-Wells is the Campus Minister for UKirk SMU, a brand new PC(USA) campus ministry at SMU. In August, she completed her two-year term as the Monie Pastoral Resident at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, where she was ordained to ministry and launched the evening Worship at Five service with her partner, Zach Light-Wells. She is a cradle Presbyterian and a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

PASTOR ALEX ON VACATION

Pastor Alex is on vacation through Tuesday, August 17. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Dick Selby, who has graciously offered his availability should a need arise. You can contact him at richard.selby@sbcglobal.net and 972-406-0511.

HYMNS TODAY

During the summer months, our full chancel choir takes a break. Individual choir members and cantors take turns leading hymns in worship. Thank you, Adam Dugger and Will Frazier, for leading our hymns.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday school is on a brief hiatus until the fall. This Sunday Music Director Seth Luna will lead "Worship 101" in the sanctuary beginning at 10:30am. This will include information, discussion, and Q&A about the scripture, worship elements, themes, and music for that day's service, so that we can all gain a deeper understanding for *why* we worship the way we do! See you at 10:30am in the sanctuary!

COMMUNION THIS WEEK

Today, we are celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper (communion) during worship. Our observance of communion will happen in the context of a more intimate, informal time of prayer and sharing joys and concerns. The objective guiding this change is to foster more meaningful prayer, closer relationships, and a deeper sense of community as part of worship at Westminster. Communion is open to all people who desire to follow Christ. Sanitizer is available as you come forward (on the first row of pews). The bread is all gluten free. There are also communion pods available for anyone who needs a more sanitary option. As Presbyterians we believe that Christ's body is present through the gathering of believers who come in humility, faith, and love (as opposed to the belief that the bread and juice/wine literally become Christ's flesh and blood).

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 fellowship hall with a label to direct them to the proper agency, or you are also encouraged to bring donations to worship to place on the communion table during the time for offering. After worship, we will make sure they are delivered.

WHAT'S YOUR MASK POLICY?

Masks are recommended on the Westminster campus for everyone in accordance with this week's updated guidelines. Thank you for your cooperation. Let's stop the spread!

TOWN HALL MEETING - PUBLIC SAFETY

On Tuesday, August 17 Westminster will host a Public Safety Town Hall Meeting for the Devonshire and Greenway Parks neighborhoods. Dallas Police Chief Eddie Garcia will be speaking. The meeting begins at 6:30pm in the WPC sanctuary and will also be streamed on Facebook (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YYEjyOBjYTxy_zSzEwiTw). RSVP's are requested via online form (<https://form.jotform.com/211859019021147>) and questions must be submitted in advance.

RENOVATION UPDATE

The renovation is in high gear, and the final form of the south wing is beginning to take shape! Progress last week includes the following: painting throughout the south wing, installation of cabinetry; lighting; the cable drops have been completed. Painting, millwork, and electrical work will continue this week.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Pastor Alex is putting together a class for all who are interested in church membership or learning more about what it means to be Presbyterian. Class schedule TBD, depending on the preferences of the students. If you would like to participate, please contact Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell (alexl@wpcd.org or 214-351-3251).

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 or 214-351-3251.

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 11 am every Sunday morning. To access the livestream, 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 that 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/channel/UC2YYEjyOBjYTxzSzEwiTw>

SESSION

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Will Frazier	Carol Powers	Danielle Tsai

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