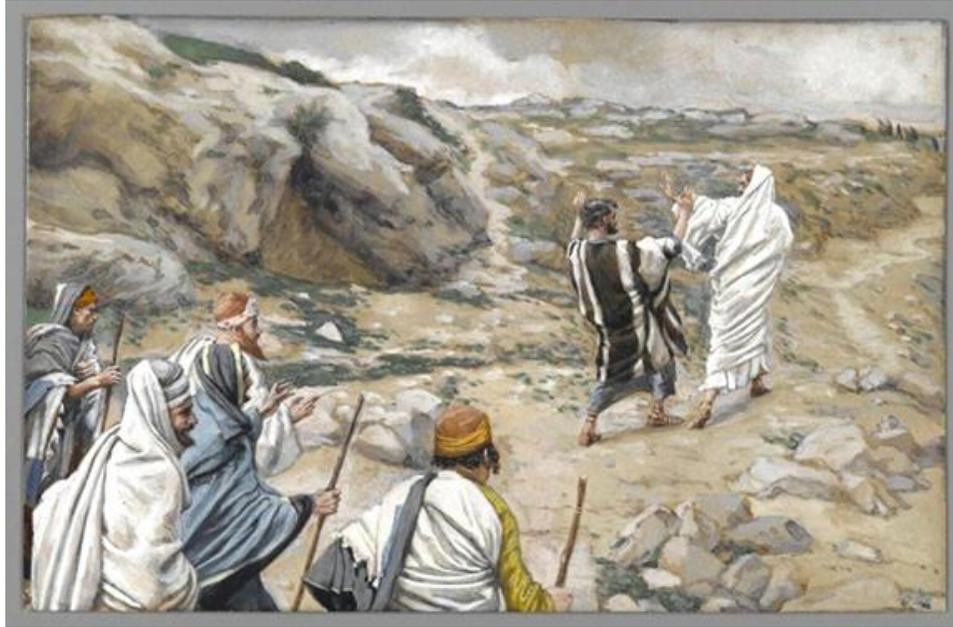


Westminster Presbyterian Church

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

11:00 A.M.



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WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Robert Graham

✠ Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 19:7-10

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

All: The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple.

One: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

All: The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

One: They are more to be desired than gold - even much fine gold.

All: They are sweeter than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

✠ Hymn 493 Now There Is No Male or Female

OMNI DIE



1 Now there is no male or fe-male; now there is no free or slave;
2 Cru - ci - fied with Christ the Sav-ior, bap-tized in his ho - ly death,
3 Death has no do - min-ion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;



now there is no Jew or Gen-tile in the earth Christ died to save.
and as Christ was raised to glo - ry we have new life on this earth.
life's own wa-ters now have marked us, born to God this ver - y hour.



Christ has set us free for free-dom: we no more sing slav-ery's creed;
Power of wa-ter and God's nam-ing, turn-ing us from dark to light,
From this mo-ment and for - ev - er dead to sin, a - live in Christ,



old sub - mis-sions can - not claim us; Christ has set us free in - deed.
joins us to those who, be - fore us, ran the race and fought the fight.
born of wa - ter and the Spir-it, now in Christ we find our life.

✠Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we struggle to heed the words of Jesus.
We have lived for ourselves and apart from your love.
We have turned away from our neighbors
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,
that we may obey your will and follow in the steps of Christ our 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.

✠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.

✠Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of Preparation

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Hymn 654)

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -



joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your



voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

James 3:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-38

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Wilson Nicholson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✕Hymn 627 I Love You, Lord

I LOVE YOU, LORD



I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to



wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take



joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a



sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967, II.A.1.ii

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering, so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Offering Our Gifts to God

Give through Venmo @West-Presby

Offertory Anthem Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Healey Willan

✠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 745 Now Go in Joy

JUNKANOO

Now go in joy to spread the Word till all peo - ple have
heard: God em - brac - es all! Fol - low, then, the dis -
ci - ples' call: tend your neigh - bors with lov - ing care
in dai - ly work and prayer. God's own
grace em - pow - er your spir - it. A - men!

✠Benediction

Postlude Fantasia in F

Dieterich Buxtehude

When our worship is over, our service begins

WORSHIP LEADERS

Guest Preacher: Wilson Nicholson
Worship Leader: Steve Coffin
Music Director/Organist: Seth Luna

Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig
Livestream: Leiza McArter
Dexter Colorado

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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.

TODAY WE WELCOME

Today we welcome Wilson Nicholson to the pulpit. Wilson is a member of Westminster, a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and a candidate for ordination under the care of Grace Presbyterian. Welcome, Wilson!

OFFICE CLOSED

In observation of Labor Day, church offices will be closed Monday, September 6, 2021. Have a safe and happy holiday.

WORSHIP UNDER THE OAKS RETURNS! SEPT. 12, 10:00AM WITH BLESSING OF BACKPACKS, RENOVATION SNEAK PEAK

On September 12 we will have our first outdoor worship service for the fall. Worship will begin at **10:00am**. This will be a very special service as we honor the incoming WPPK Kindergartners and present them with their bibles at the *beginning* of their semester! Worship will also include "Blessing of the Backpacks" for all students and teachers and recognition of the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Finally, after worship, the south wing will be open for a "sneak peak," as the renovation will be *mostly* complete!

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY – SEPTEMBER 11

We hope everyone will join us for an all-church workday on Saturday, September 11, beginning at 8am and ending in the early afternoon. McCaslin Hill anticipates being done with their work in the south wing by September 10. The purpose of this workday will be to unpack the storage unit, move in furniture and other materials for both the church and school, and prepare for outdoor worship the following day. Food will be provided!

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday school is on a brief hiatus until the fall. Stay tuned for details on a new series led by Rev. Dick Powers and Chris Harper, coming soon.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 28 in the Parlor to discuss *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. The group gathers at 10:30 am for fellowship. Book discussion begins at 11:00 am.

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.

RENOVATION UPDATE

At this point, we are basically down to a "punch list" in the south wing. The security door access points and readers have been delayed, but they should be installed very soon. While the south wing will be ready for occupancy by September 10, critical security and technological components will be added in the weeks ahead.

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/UC2YYEjyOjYTxzSzEwiTw>

SESSION

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Nancy Morton	George Edwards	David McAllister	

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