

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP WITH VIRTUAL COMMUNION ON ZOOM

1. Prepare your communion elements – put your bread on a plate and pour your juice in a small, shallow glass or cup.
2. Around 11am on Sunday, May 3, click this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87570936828?pwd=OWNWZFlOYWdDUlppU3NOaUN1aDdTZz09>
3. Follow any on-screen prompts or instructions.
4. Enjoy seeing familiar faces and hearing familiar voices as we worship “face to face” over the internet! The meeting “room” will open at 10:30am for questions and conversation/fellowship. Worship will begin at 11am. Communion will occur around 11:30, near the end of the service. Don’t forget to download the worship bulletin here:
https://www.wpcd.org/images/images_A10505/Sunday%20Bulletin%205.3.2020.pdf

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS / TROUBLESHOOTING

Will I need to download any software to use Zoom?

If you have never used Zoom before, you will most likely need to download and run some basic software. Just follow the on-screen prompts after you click the link. None of the software is harmful to your computer.

Can I test this out beforehand?

YES!! We are going to have TWO “practice Zooms,” at 1:45pm on Friday May 1 and 1:45pm on Saturday May 2. Just click the same link above. The procedure and meeting information for the practice Zoom is the same as it will be for the “real thing.” In addition, if you want to join the room in advance of the beginning of worship on Sunday morning, the meeting “room” for the service will be open beginning at 10:30am.

What is the Zoom “Meeting ID” for our worship service?

Our meeting ID is 875-7093-6828. (An alternative way to join the zoom worship service, besides clicking the link above, is to go to the Zoom home page, www.zoom.us, click “Join a Meeting,” and then enter the Meeting ID.)

My computer can’t run the software/doesn’t have a camera. Can I join by phone?

Yes. Call 1(346)248-7799. (If you are calling from a landline, note that this is a long-distance call and charges may apply.) When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 875-7093-6828.

Don’t I need a password?

No. I had originally created and shared a password to join the service, but have since changed my mind and decided against requiring a password to ensure ease of access for our church family.

Don’t I need to create a Zoom account and username?

No. You only need a zoom account to be a meeting “host.” To be the guest of a meeting someone else has created, all you need is the correct software installed on your computer.

What if I'm running late on Sunday morning?

Don't worry! You can join the worship service at any time while the "meeting" is in progress. However, the live meeting WILL end a little after 12pm. If you click the link and get a message that the meeting has ended or isn't available, you can view the service on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas/> or YouTube page, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YYEjyOBjYTxzSzEwiTw>

I don't like this. Can I just watch the service on Facebook or YouTube like I have in past weeks?

Of course you can! You don't have to use Zoom. The worship service will "air" on Facebook and YouTube at 11am on Sunday morning, in the exact same way it has in the past few weeks. The recordings will be archived and available to watch on our Facebook or YouTube pages at any time.

I finally got used to using Facebook or YouTube to see the service. Why are you all the sudden encouraging me to learn how to use Zoom, too?

Because Zoom is a tele-conference service, it allows us to actually see each other's faces and hear each other's voices—unlike watching videos on Facebook or YouTube. Believe it or not, it is our theology that prompted the switch to Zoom. This worship service will be our first during the pandemic that includes communion. As Presbyterians, we believe the way Christ becomes present to us when we take communion is primarily in the presence of the other believers who have gathered with us in his name – the "body of Christ." Therefore, in these extraordinary times when it is unsafe for us to be present together physically, Zoom's video technology is the most personal, interactive means for us to be present virtually.

What if I have more questions?

Feel free to call or text me at 972-998-3740.

In Christ,

Pastor Alex