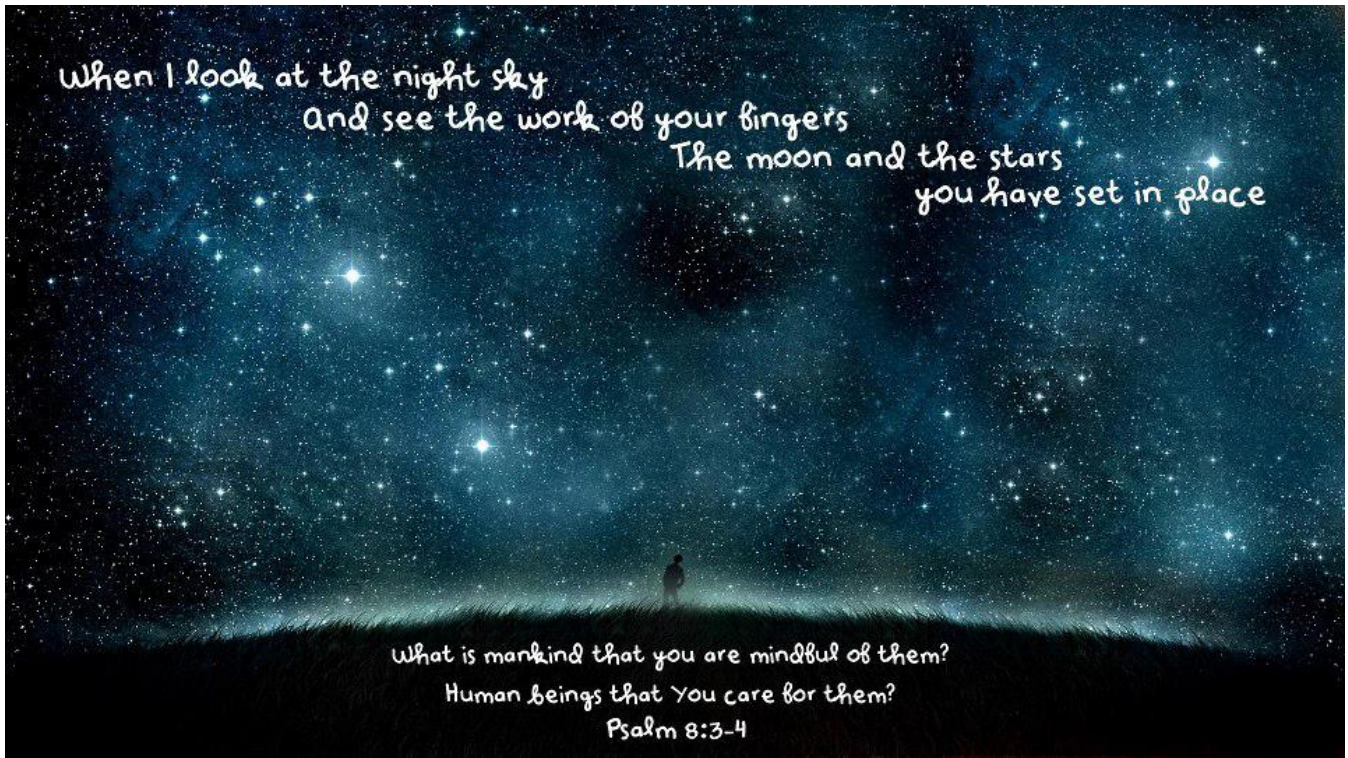


Westminster Presbyterian Church
OCTOBER 6, 2024 10:45 A.M.



WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Choral Introit

“Hinei Ma Tov (Psalm 133)”

L. Bernstein

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

One: Let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our help is found in the Name of the Lord, the Maker of all the heavens and the earth.

All: With hearts of praise and thanksgiving we are bold to worship the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ on this World Communion Sunday. Thanks be to God for the many ways that God has shown love to the world.

One: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
All: Let us worship God in the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

✠Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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✠Opening Prayer

A Call to Live God’s Best – The Law as Found in Psalm 133:1

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and Loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come into your presence with humble hearts. We know that it is your desire that we learn to live together in the peace and unity of your Holy Spirit. Our confession is that we have fallen short of your perfect plan for our lives. Instead of living in love and forgiveness, we have allowed human pride and arrogance to separate us from you and from one another. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, your Son. Show us the way toward grace and unmerited favor. Take from us our eagerness to judge others and give us the grace to walk extra miles, to forgive in the same way you have forgiven us. We are your children, Lord. Pour the power of your Holy Spirit upon us, for Jesus’ sake. 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 8

One: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above all the heavens.

ALL: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foe, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

ALL: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

One: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

ALL: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:13-16

Message

“Who Has God Made Us To Be?”

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

p. 35 in the Hymnal

Announcements/Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God - The Peacemaking Offering

The Anthem "Suffer* the Little Children" M. Armstrong
(*The word "suffer" in this context, means to allow, to permit, to let.)

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Intercessions

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

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.

The Sharing of Jesus' Body and Blood – Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving Following Communion (Unison)

With thankful hearts we have come near to the throne of grace. The spiritual presence of Jesus, the Christ, has reminded us that we have been loved and forgiven. Jesus has laid down his life for us on the cross, showing love, and now it is our turn to lay down our lives in love for the people God puts in our paths. Give us wisdom and grace, Lord Jesus, and show us new and creative ways to build communities of faith, hope, and love. Allow the peace of Christ to bloom and blossom among us, bringing hope to people of faith. AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 6, 2024

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

- Oct 6 World Communion Sunday and final request for the Peace & Global Witness Offering (see bulletin insert)
- Oct 6 11:45 Making sandwiches for Austin Street Center after worship service (No Coffee Fellowship after church, but volunteers to help make sandwiches are welcome)
- Oct 13 Stewardship Sunday with After Church Fellowship following worship service!
- Oct 17 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Making Memories/Caregivers Morning Out in FH
- Oct 19 Serve dinner at Austin Street Center – meet at the church at 4:00 PM
- Oct 22 10:30 AM Book Club meets in Parlor to discuss “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” by James McBride
- Oct 29 5:30 PM October Stated Session Meeting

SERVE AT AUSTIN STREET SHELTER

Help prepare and serve dinner for 400+ homeless people on Saturday, October 19th. Volunteers, age 10 and above, are needed to serve. Are you able to donate 20 bananas or 3 dozen cookies (store-bought packages are fine), and deliver them to WPC on/or before 10/19/24 by 4:00 PM? Those wishing to donate and/or serve can contact Mike Stanley at (817) 724-7430 or mike@colbystanley.com. We usually meet at the church between 4:00 and 4:30 PM to load up the food and supplies, and the meal is served at Austin Street Center beginning at 6:00 PM.

NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES

To support North Dallas Shared Ministries (NDSM), a vital component of our charitable mission, we want to gather food. Food is an important resource NDSM provides to our community on our behalf; however, the demand for food has skyrocketed – NDSM now feeds an average of 133 households four days a week and 145 seniors on Fridays. To see if a lot of small sacrifices will make a difference, we'd like our congregation to join their Gleaning Initiative. (Glean – to collect gradually and bit by bit). There are collection boxes in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall where you can place non-perishable foods that you'd like to donate, and we will see that it gets delivered to the right place.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Parlor. On Sunday, September 8, we begin the study of James using a book by John MacArthur: James: Guidelines for a Happy Christian Life. Please feel free to join us!

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 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. 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>

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