

Westminster Presbyterian Church

NOVEMBER 17, 2024 10:45 A.M.



WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome & Introduction of Rev. Beverly Hughes

Introit

"Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing", from Cantata 140

J. S. Bach

✠Call to Worship (Please rise in body or spirit and join me in God's Call to Worship.)

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: We are your children, Lord God of all creation, be with us in this time of worship and prayer.

All: You are Almighty, Lord God. Pour the Spirit of Jesus upon us in this time of worship. Thanks be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

✠Hymn

“My Lord What a Morning”

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✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions: and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence, for we know where we have missed the mark and are unfaithful to your high calling.

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.)

✠Hymn of Preparation

“What Wondrous Love is This”

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Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalms 37:1-9

One: Fret not yourself because of the wicked, be not envious of wrongdoers.

All: For they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

One: Trust in the Lord and do good; so you will dwell in the land and enjoy security.

All: Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

One: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will act.

All: He will bring forth your vindication as the light, and your right as the noonday.

One: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

All: Fret not yourself; over him who prospers in his way, over who carries out evil devices!

One: Refrain from anger and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

All: For the wicked will be cut off; but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! AMEN!

New Testament Reading – James 1:1-27

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

“The Book that Almost Wasn’t”

Rev. Beverly Hughes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

☒Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(p. 35 in the Hymnal)

☒Doxology

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Announcements/Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

“Let Gloria be Sung to You” from Cantata 140

J. S. Bach

Sharing Joys and Concerns

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" # 463

✠Benediction (Worship is complete after the Benediction. You are free to exit or stay and enjoy the Postlude music.)

✠Choral Blessing "Go Rejoicing!" C. O. Beck

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Guest Pastor: Rev. Beverly Hughes

Worship Leader: Steve Coffin

Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin

Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig

Livestream: Leiza McArter

Choir Members: Kalli Hansen, Anna Clarkson, Da'On Boulanger-Chatman, Stephen Bolduc, Bill Tiffany, Nancy Morton, and Dani McArter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 17, 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

Nov 17 12:30 – 3:00 PM Devonshire Neighborhood Chili Cook-off on front lawn

Nov 19 10:30 Book Club meets and will continue discussion of “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” and also have a book exchange.

Nov 21 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Making Memories/Caregivers Morning Out in Fellowship Hall

Nov 23 9:00 – 12:00 Hanging of the Greens and WORK DAY with St. Patrick's Anglican Church.

Nov 28 & 29 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Please join Westminster Preschool and Kindergarten's Christmas Toy Drive in support of The Family Place. Bring **NEW** unwrapped toys to Sunday services and place them in the bin at the back of the church between 11/11 and 12/6/24. Please use the QR code on the flyer, which links to their **Amazon Wish List!**

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>

SESSION

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