

Westminster Presbyterian Church

JUNE 30, 2024 10:45 A.M.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

“O, Happy Day”

African American Spiritual

✠Call to Worship (You are invited to rise in body or spirit and join in the Call to Worship.)

One: God has called us to worship in the Name of Jesus. With all our hearts, let us give thanks to Almighty God.

All: We give you thanks and praise, O God. You are to be honored above all our human ways. You alone are the one God of all creation.

One: Our God is an awesome God and is to be worshipped and praised above all our human sources of power and might.

All: Thanks be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is good. With all that is within us, we worship you, O God, in the Name of your Son, Jesus. AMEN.

✠Hymn

“O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)”

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✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison) – Adapted from the Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom alone we must worship, and in whom alone we must put our trust. It is this God who has created the entire human race and endowed every human being with wisdom, justice, free will, and self-consciousness in all perfection. We confess that through no fault of God, all human beings have fallen from this state of Godly worth and have conspired against the sovereign majesty of God. As a result, the image of God in every human being has been defaced. In confessing this truth, we believe that through faith in Jesus, God's Son, people of faith are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit and are filled with the grace and the blessings that are found in Jesus. Thanks be to God!
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.)

✠Hymn of Preparation

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

834

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 30

One: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

All: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you brought me up from Sheol and have restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

One: Sing praises to the LORD, O you God's faithful ones. Give thanks to God's holy name. For God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

All: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face, and I was dismayed.

One: To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

All: "Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

One: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

All: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Old Testament Reading – Lamentations 3:19-23, 40-41, 52-58

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The Message

“God’s Faithfulness in Times of Trouble”

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✘Affirmation of Faith – Portions of “A Brief Statement of Faith” in The Book of Confessions:
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, binds us together with all believers in one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Announcements/Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

“Fly Away Medley”

M. Hayes

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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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✠Benediction

“Every Time I Feel The Spirit”

African American Spiritual

✠Choral Blessing (Worship is complete after the Choral Blessing. You are free to exit or stay during the Postlude.)

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock
Worship Leader: Sandra Gilbert
Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin
Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig
Livestream: Leiza McArter
Cantors: Kalli Hansen, Anna Clarkson, Da’On Boulanger-Chatman, Stephen Bolduc

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 30, 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

- July 4 9:00 AM Devonshire Neighborhood Fourth of July Parade & Gathering**
- July 6 Serve breakfast at The Second Chance Café at The Bridge – meet at church at 7AM**
- July 18 9:30 – 12:30 Making Memories/Caregivers Morning Out meets in Fellowship Hall**
- July 23 10:30 Book Club meets in Parlor – we are reading “The Women” by Kristin Hannah**
- July 23 5:30 PM Session Meeting**

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.

MAKING MEMORIES

Making Memories/Caregiver's Day Out is an outreach ministry of WPC that provides a meeting place for adults with early to mid-stage Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, while offering respite for their caregivers. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of every month from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, and combine socialization, exercise, music, and other memory-stimulating activities in a safe and comfortable environment. If you or a loved one is interested in participating in or serving as a volunteer, please contact Ann Rosenzweig at info@makingmemoriesdallas.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Parlor. The topic for the next several months helps us deal with stress in a Biblical way. We are studying a book by June Hunt called “Handling Stress – A Bible Study.” 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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