

Westminster Presbyterian Church

JULY 14, 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, the Son of God.

All: Let us sing praise to the one and only God of all creation.

One: With all our hearts and minds let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: We are your children, Lord God. Be with us in the power of your Holy Spirit in this time of worship and prayer. Let us worship our good and grace-filled God and sing praise to God with all our hearts. AMEN.

✠Hymn

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

#645

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come into your presence acknowledging our sin and human brokenness. In thought, word, and deed we have fallen short of your glory. Remind us when we confess our sin that you are faithful and just, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and mercy; you are willing to forgive us all our unrighteousness. Give us courage to walk with faith into the future you have planned for us, trusting that you have a good plan for our lives and for our world. We believe that you have called us to faithfulness. We believe that you have called not only us, but also our world to seek first your Kingdom and righteousness. Lead us in the way of Jesus' love and grace, that our lives might be made new, and that the world will become a better place to live, 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.)

✠Hymn of Preparation

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

#687

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 24

One: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. For God has founded the world on the seas and established it on the rivers.

All: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in God's Holy place?

One: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

All: They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek the Lord, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

One: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

One: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, the Lord is the King of glory.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

☒Affirmation of Faith (Taken from A Brief Statement of Faith – 1983.)

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 one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all the families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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.

☒Doxology

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Announcements

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

“My Lord, What a Morning”

arr. D. Dobrin

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 **God Is Working His Purpose Out** (insert)

✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing "Every Time I Feel The Spirit" African American Spiritual

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins!

(Worship is complete after the Choral Blessing. You are invited to stay for a short Congregational Meeting to elect two Westminster members to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee.)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock
Worship Leader: Nancy Morton
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

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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 18 9:30 – 12:30 Making Memories/Caregivers Morning Out meets in Fellowship Hall**
July 21 Covered Dish Lunch in Fellowship Hall following worship. Bring your favorite dish to share. After lunch we will have a Workday and do some necessary cleaning up and work around the church.
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>

SESSION

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