

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

JULY 21, 2024 10:45 A.M.

## WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

“The Lord is my Shepherd”

A. Dvorak

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

One: The God of grace and glory has called us to worship in the name of Jesus, the Son of God, the Son of Man.

**All: Let us open our hearts to the fullness of your Gospel Good News, O Lord. Fill us to overflowing with the power and love of your Holy Spirit.**

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. AMEN.**

✠Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#307

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you with humble hearts. We know that we have fallen short of your perfect will for our lives. In thought, word, and deed we have done those things that we ought not to have done and we have neglected to do those things that you have planned for us. Have mercy on us for the sake of Jesus, your Son. Show us the way of your Kingdom and Righteousness. Plant the seed of Peace in our hearts. Show us the way of self-giving love. Remind us that walking extra miles are better than human anger and resentment. Pour your Holy Spirit on us, O Lord, and forgive our foolish, human ways, 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

**"We Are One in the Spirit"**

#300

Time with Children and Youth

**GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED**

Prayer for Illumination

A Unison Reading from Psalm 23

**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

**he restores my soul.**

**He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

**I will fear no evil;**

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff – they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me**

**in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil;**

**my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of  
the LORD forever.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading – Ephesians 2:3-10, 13-22

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

“We Are Made New Through Grace”

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

#### 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 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, and binds us together with all believers in one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

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

#606

Announcements/Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

“One Bread One Body”

J. Foley

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

☒Choral Blessing

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

P. Lutkin

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

Postlude

*When our worship is over, our service begins!*

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

Worship Leader: Steve Coffin

Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin

Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig

Cantors: Kalli Hansen, Anna Clarkson, Da’On Boulanger-Chatman, Stephen Bolduc

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 21, 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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