

Celebration of Worship

September 15, 2024

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Reflection

Harry B. Adams

“But when we speak of Jesus and who he is for us, we need to do so with the humility and the reserve that comes from awareness that we may have the title right, but may not fully understand its meaning.”

Ring of the Bell

Gathering Song

Be Still for the Presence

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before Him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Call to Worship

Leader: Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God,

People: We celebrate God's abundant and powerful love.

Leader: Day by day, and night by night

People: God watches over us, loving and healing us.

Leader: Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.

People: Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us your ways.

Hymn

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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Invocation

Leader: Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples.

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you, and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. Jesus challenges us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just shrug and turn away.

Forgive us for our lack of commitment and faith. Heal us of our greed and fears. Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Who do you say Jesus is?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beloved friends, receive the good news: the Risen Christ enters all corners of our lives and declares us forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Children's Time

Hymn

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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Scripture Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

Anthem

Who Is Jesus?

Jeffrey Honoré

Chancel Choir

Who is Jesus? Friend of sinners, whom in love the Father gave;
Born within a borrowed stable, laid within a borrowed grave,
Son of God and son of Mary, Son of Man, to seek and save.

Who is Jesus? Man of sorrows! See his glory all put by;
Prince of life and sinner's ransom stumbles forth to bleed and die;
Lamb of God and Love immortal hangs upon the cross on high.

Who is Jesus? Risen Savior! To his Father's throne restored;
Firstborn of the new creation, sun and star and saints' reward:
Prince of glory, King of ages, Christ the ever-living Lord.

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38

Sermon

Who is This Man? Part 2

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

All: God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors, mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website “Give” button. Thank you!

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Blessing of the Offering

All: God, who witnesses the cries and shouts of creation, receives our tithes and offerings. May our streets be filled with jubilation, our cities be embraced by peace, and our lives be blessed with abundance. Amen.

Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me Insert

Benediction

Postlude

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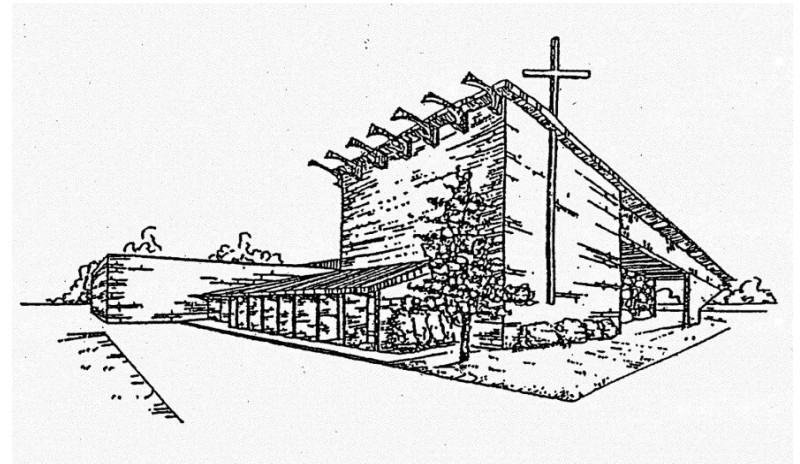
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 15

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Discussion of Mission with Pastor Nadia
- 3:00 P.M. Worship Service at Cherry Ridge

Monday, September 16

- 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

Tuesday, September 17

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, September 18

- 6:30 A.M. Breakfast & Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 8:00 A.M. WIC Social Services Program in the Social Room
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:30 P.M. ONE in Christ Committee on Zoom

Thursday, September 19

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

Friday, September 20 - *Pathway* Deadline

- 10:00 A.M. Heart & Hand in Room 5
- 10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom

Saturday, September 21

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2dONE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>
- 9:00 A.M. ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary
- 1:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, September 22

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Discussion of Mission with Pastor Nadia

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1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. You can live-stream at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
2. KENYA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FUND: We will be sponsoring 5 very needy Kenya students for their high school education in 2025 and would appreciate your voluntary donations to support this worthy cause. Please pay to WPC and clearly mark your donation as being for the "Kenya High School Students Fund".
3. ADULT ED. at 10:45 in Room 9/10:
- Today begins a 2-week series on Mission, led by Pastor Nadia.
4. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues this Tuesday at 9 a.m. in Room 9/10 with the topic "Going for the Gold", comparing Olympic gold with God's gold. All women are welcome to join the group.
5. HEART AND HAND meets this Friday at 10 a.m. to make pillowcases for our college freshman and for a women and children's shelter in Monroe County. All are welcome to join the group in Room 5 where there are jobs for all capabilities, with tools and supplies provided.
6. DO YOU ENJOY SINGING? The Chancel Choir could use more voices and would love to have you join our friendly group. Rehearsals are on Sunday morning before worship. See Lee Ann for more information.
7. FALL LITURGIST VOLUNTEERS are needed. It's an easy job, but a very important one. If you've never been a liturgist before, we encourage you to give it a try. If you have an interest in signing up or would like to know more about it, please reach out to Heather Hewlett (heather.hewlett@yahoo.com).
8. READERS FOR STATE ROAD Elementary School are needed for this upcoming school year. It only takes a ½ hour, once a week. The schedule is flexible and the children are adorable! Contact Kathy Barbehenn (kcb2029@gmail.com) for more information.
9. CHILDREN'S BOOKS are needed for the kids at State Road School. Bring in your gently-used books or purchase new ones. Savers and discount stores have great deals! Books should be suitable for grades K-5, in very good condition, and not faith based. Place your donations in the basket in the lower Narthex.
10. HOPE HOUSE current urgent need is for diapers, especially sizes 5-7. They are also collecting new socks and underwear for school-aged children, and nonperishable food items are always in need and greatly appreciated. The collection barrel is located in the upper Narthex.

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would My disciples be;
Take up your cross with willing heart
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm.
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross; heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still.
The Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly every danger brave.
It guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Lectionary Passages

	<u>September 15</u>	<u>September 22</u>
Old Testament	Proverbs 1:20-33	Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm	Psalm 19	Psalm 1
New Testament	James 3:1-12	James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a
Gospel	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37

Memory Verse

*Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast,
immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord,
because you know that in the Lord
your labor is not in vain.*

1 Corinthians 15:58