

Celebration of Worship

September 22, 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

Sharon H. Ringe

“This passage (*Mark 9:33-37*), then, is far from a saccharine scene in which Jesus cuddles sweet little children and welcomes them to Sunday school, as it is often misrepresented. Instead, it is a powerful and even shocking depiction of the paradoxical values of God’s will and reign, which confront the dominant values of human societies and assign worth and importance to every person.”

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: Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,

People: and meditate on God’s word day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

People: which yield their fruit in its season.

Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.

Hymn

Shout to the North

Insert

Invocation

Leader: Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order so that we may faithfully serve you by servicing your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions rather than the wisdom that comes from above.

Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you and draw near to your grace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

How can we imitate Jesus’ words and actions in our lives?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Walk in the newness of life! Believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Anthem

A Blessing

Michael Helman

Alleluia Bells

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Sermon

Who is This Man? Part 3

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

All: 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 peoples 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.

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: Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you as an expression of our gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ has witnessed among us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn *The Church of Christ in Every Age* # 421

Benediction

Postlude

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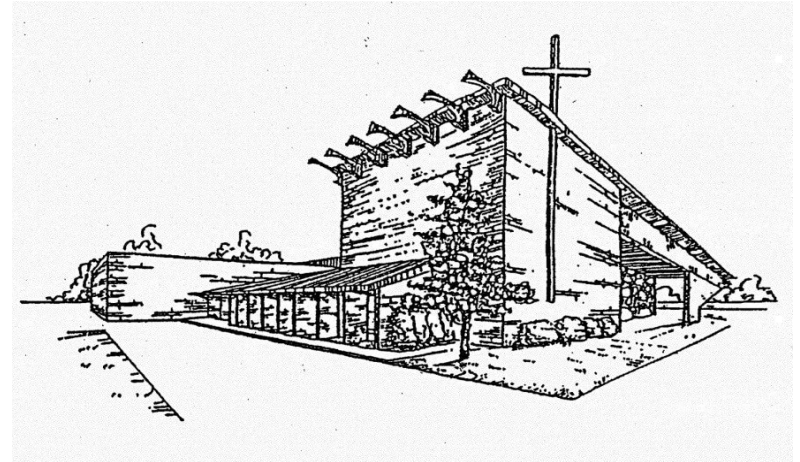
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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. - Mission with Pastor Nadia in the Sanctuary

Monday, September 23

- 6:45 P.M. Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room and Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 24

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

Wednesday, September 25

- 6:30 A.M. Breakfast & Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, September 26

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:45 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Friday, September 27

- 10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. FNO Practice in the Social Room

Saturday, September 28

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDlTWjZlS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary

Sunday, September 29

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Discussion of Christian Nationalism
Communion Class in the Memorial Room
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

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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.
I Corinthians 15:58*

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
- Today Pastor Nadia will speak of her mission experiences in the Sanctuary
Next Week join us for a discussion of Christian Nationalism, its history, impact and influence, in Room 9/10.
4. THE SPIRITUAL NURTURE COMMITTEE (SNC) has been approached by a few people who would like to be part of a Small Group (SG). Some of you have already been in Small Groups that are not meeting regularly anymore, or you have lost some of your members. If you are interested in forming new, becoming part of, or are open to adding to your current Small Group, please be in touch with one of us on the SNC: Bob Blakey, Nancy Duquette, Barb Hach.
5. WELCOMERS are needed to greet visitors and members on Sunday mornings. The only requirement is a friendly face. There are just a few guidelines available to help you. Please contact Karen Stoddard at hockenbrough@hotmail.com or 585-872-3808 if interested.
6. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues this Tuesday at 9 a.m. in Room 9/10 with the topic "James and the Power of Words". All women are welcome to join the group.
7. 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.
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. 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.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Refrain: (Sung after each verse)

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.

Kneels at the feet of His friends, silently washes their feet;
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race;
Neighbors are near and far away.

These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;
All are neighbors to us and You.

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves.
This is the way we should live with You.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet.
This is the way we should live with You.

The Church of Christ in Every Age

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The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street the victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood
And teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord,
To care for all without reserve and spread Christ's liberating word.

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>September 22</u>	<u>September 29</u>
Old Testament	Proverbs 31:10-31	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm	Psalm 1	Psalm 124
New Testament	James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a	James 5;13-20
Gospel	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50