

Celebration of Worship

October 13, 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

C.S. Lewis *The Weight of Glory*

"If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

Ringing 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: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn

Thy Word

Insert

Invocation

Leader: Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives, that we may fully and joyfully serve you. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus' call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Moment of Silence

What are your next steps in faith?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Children of God, hear and believe the good news.

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

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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Scripture Reading

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Anthem

The Word of God

Patricia Mock &

Chancel Choir

Richard Nichols

Like rain and snow from heaven fall to water all the earth,
Causing seeds to flourish that flowers might bud and bloom,
His Word, what it can do, revealing God's own truth.

A comfort sure, a refuge sweet, a place we might abide.

A lamp to shine, our paths to guide, Holy Word divine. Holy Word of God divine.

With just a word the Father spoke that moment earth was formed.
Light shone out of darkness; the moon and stars were born.
As seasons come and seasons go with days of constant change,
Eternal everlasting, His Word remains the same.

And with that Word, eternal from beginning without end,
Always with the power forever to transcend,
It offers those in blindness to see that which is true,
To soften hearts while drawing them to change and make anew.

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31

Sermon

The Next Step
Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

All: Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life on behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

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: Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, from you, our heavenly Father. Amen.

Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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Benediction

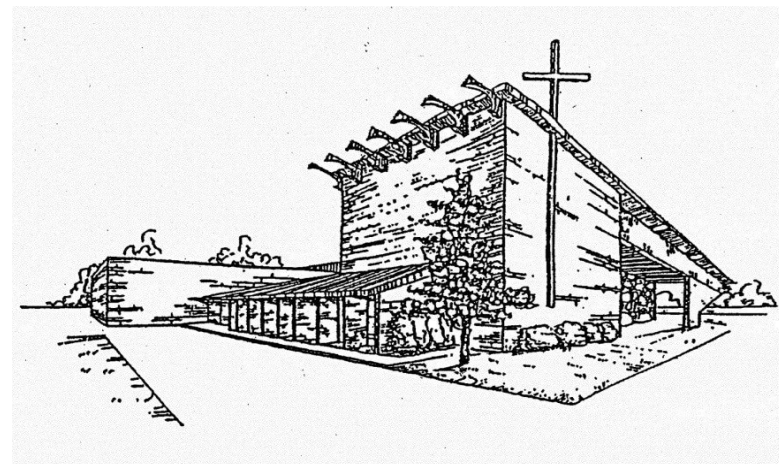
Postlude

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Memory Verse

*I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:1-2*

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 13 - Stewardship Sunday

- 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. Stewardship Presentation in the Sanctuary
Family Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room 4
- 2:30 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

Tuesday, October 15

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 4:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Memorial Room
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, October 16

- 6:30 A.M. Breakfast & Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 4:00 P.M. 200th Anniversary Committee on Zoom
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
- 7:30 P.M. ONE in Christ on Zoom

Thursday, October 17

- 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, October 18

- 10:00 A.M. Heart & Hand in Room 5
- 10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. FNO Rehearsal in the Social Room
- 6:45 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

Saturday, October 19

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=Vn1XcDITWjZIS2dQNE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary
Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Memorial Room

- 10:00 A.M. Route 250 Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up

Sunday, October 20 - November Pathway Deadline

- 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 on Compassion & Conviction in Rm 9/10
Family Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 2:30 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by Session for October 20th, 2024 immediately following the worship service for the purpose of approving a dissolution agreement between the Webster Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Nadia Mullin.
3. ADULT ED. at 10:45
Today join us in the Sanctuary, on Youtube or Facebook to hear about "Why We Give" and see the challenges and opportunities in the 2025 Proposed Budget. Important information will be shared regarding the finances of the church
Next week we will continue using the book *Compassion and Conviction* to look at how to engage in the political process in a faithful, informed and effective manner by considering a framework for dealing with current political issues.
4. HURRICANE RELIEF - The Mission Committee has sent \$1,500 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Agency (PDA) for hurricane relief efforts for Hurricane Helene. Session is encouraging members to add to this donation, now including Hurricane Milton, by donating through WPC and designating your gift to PDA, or by choosing another relief agency of your choice. A collection for PDA gifts will be accepted until the end of October.
5. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP- – A reminder, the fall Adopt-a-Highway clean-up of Rt. 250 is this Saturday at 10:00 AM. There is still an opportunity to volunteer by signing up at the table in the Narthex or by contacting Mark Pipal at pipalmw@yahoo.com or 690-7217.
6. HEART & HAND has sewing kits to make pillowcases for families at the Open Door Mission's Coldwater House for mothers and children. Kits can be found on the table in the hallway outside the church office. Thank you to all who are able to complete one or more.

Lectionary Passages

	October 13	October 20
Old Testament	<i>Job 23:1-9, 16-17</i>	<i>Job 38:1-7 (34-41), 16-17</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 22:1-15</i>	<i>Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 4:12-16; 2:5-12</i>	<i>Hebrews 5:1-10; 2:5-12</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 10:17-31</i>	<i>Mark 10:35-45</i>