

Celebration of Worship

October 20, 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 and Moment for Mission

Reflection

Miranda Zapor Cruz, *Faithful Politics*

“For Christians in the United States, both Kingdom and country demand loyalty. The difference is that loyalty to the Kingdom must be unconditional, while loyalty to the country must be conditional. Loyalty to the Kingdom must be absolute, relativizing all other loyalties. Loyalty to the country must be subordinated to the Kingdom and generously critiqued.”

Ringling 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.

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Call to Worship

Leader: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

People: Thanks be to God for God’s mighty wonders.

Leader: Like the image of the powerful wind and heavens as a garment, God’s majesty is revealed in all creation.

People: We look around us at the wonders and marvel at the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

Leader: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

People: We are God’s beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God’s world. Amen.

Hymn

All Are Welcome

Insert

Invocation

Leader: Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wonderous words of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong.

Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth, no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.

Moment of Silence

What does it mean to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

Seek Ye First

See the screen

Scripture Reading

Daniel 2:44-45

Anthem

Prayer of Being

John Leavitt

Chancel Choir

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be at my end and in my departing.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:13-17

Sermon

Citizenship

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

All: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

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

Stewardship Message

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: Holy God, these offering are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

Hymn *Live Into Hope* # 332

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

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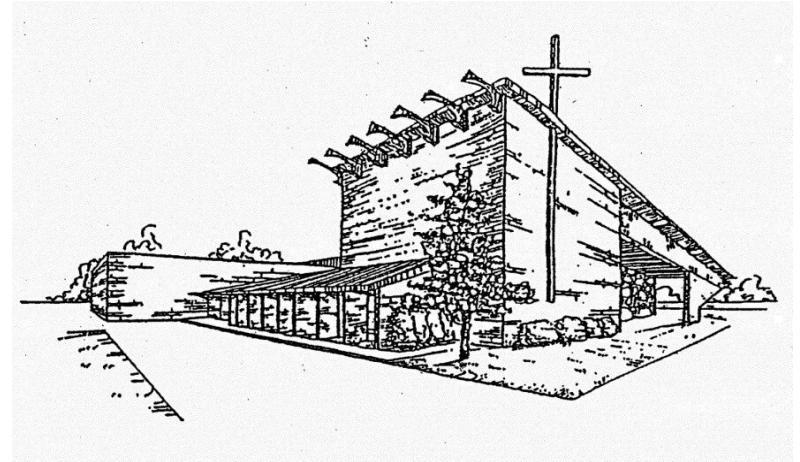
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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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
- 10:30 A.M. Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 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
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Social Room
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

- 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 Committee on Zoom

Wednesday, October 23

- 6:30 A.M. Breakfast & Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 510 in the Memorial Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, October 24

- 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

Friday, October 25

- 10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom

Saturday, October 26

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDlTWjZlS2dONE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary
Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Memorial Room
- 10:00 A.M. Girl Scout Troops in the Parking Lot

Sunday, October 27

- 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. Mission Speaker – Bella's Bumbas
- 2:30 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

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 today, 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 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.
Next week representatives from Bella's Bumbas will give us an update on their mission of providing mobility to children around the world. The presentation will be held in the Sanctuary as well as being live streamed.
4. HEART & HAND meets this Friday at 10:00 in Room 5 to make fleece hats and scarves/neck-warmers for some children at State Road School. There are jobs for all capabilities; tools and supplies are all provided.
WINTER CLOTHING for Cameron Community Ministries is being collected through November 17th. Warm, gently used or new clothing for men, women and children can be placed in the blue collection boxes in the Narthex. Men's and children's (especially boys' jeans) clothing are the greatest need, and this year we are adding warm blankets and sleeping bags for the homeless to the list. Please check your
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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*

Lectionary Passages

	October 20	October 27
Old Testament	<i>Job 38:1-7 (34-41), 16-17</i>	<i>Job 42:1-6, 10-17</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c</i>	<i>Psalms 34:1-8, (19-22)</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 5:1-10; 2:5-12</i>	<i>Hebrews 7:23-28</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 10:35-45</i>	<i>Mark 10:46-52</i>

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things will be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!