

Celebration of Worship

October 27, 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

Thomas Merton, *Life and Holiness*, (1993)

“The Christian who is misinformed; who is subject to the demagoguery of extremists in the press or radio, or on TV, and who is perhaps to some extent temperamentally inclined to associate himself with fanatical groups in politics, can do an enormous amount of harm to society, to the Church and to himself. With sincere intentions of serving the cause of Christ, he may cooperate in follies and injustices of disastrous magnitude.”

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: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: Amen.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

Leader: “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: Let us worship the living God.

Hymn

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

Insert

Invocation

Leader: Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your Word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

Moment of Silence

How do I keep my eyes on Christ in the midst of turmoil?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Let us never forget you, O Lord, not your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

All: Hear and believe this Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

Be Thou My Vision

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Scripture Reading

Mark 10:46-52

Anthem

O Taste and See

Gordon Young

Chancel Choir

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.
O taste and see, O taste and see; O taste and see that the Lord is good.
O fear the Lord; O fear the Lord, for there is no want to them that fear Him.
O taste and see; O taste and see; O taste and see that the Lord, the Lord is good.

Scripture Reading

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10

Sermon

Salty Politics

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

From the *Heidelberg Catechism*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Anthem

Spiritual

Douglas Wagner

Bell Ensemble

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

A Prayer by Martin Luther

All: O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen.

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

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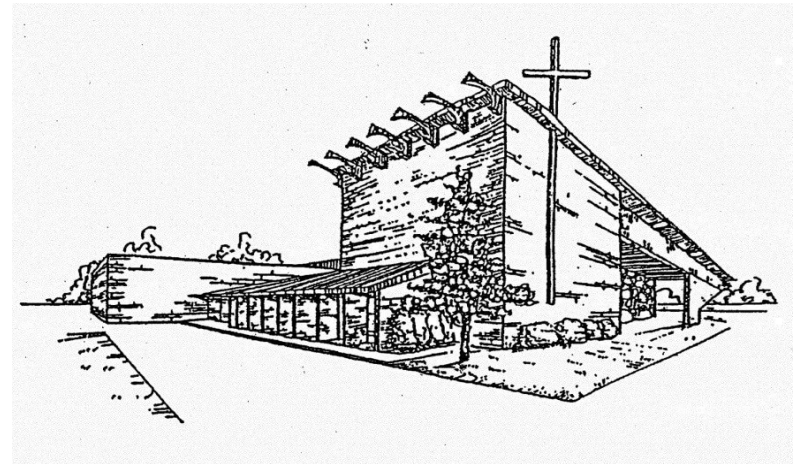
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

Monday, October 28

- 4:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Social Room
- 6:30 P.M. Rachel Circle in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

- 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, October 31

- 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, November 1

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

Saturday, November 2

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlhXcDITWjZIS2dONE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>
- 10:00 A.M. Girl Scout Event in the Social Room

Sunday, November 3 - Communion 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
- 10:45 A.M. "Goodbye" Reception for Pastor Nadia
- 2:30 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 3:00 P.M. Organ Recital in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Memorial Room

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 REMINDER that 2025 pledge cards continue to be collected. Please let us know your intentions to lessen the need for follow-up letters and callers.
3. ADULT ED. following the worship service:
 Today 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. 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 closets or visit a thrift store to find your donations.
5. THE FIRST ORGAN RECITAL of the 2024-2025 WPC Organ Series will be held next Sunday, November 3rd, at 3:00. Four students from the Eastman School of Music will be performing, including our organist, Kat Jolliff. It is open to the community. Plan to attend and bring your friends and neighbors to support these talented musicians.
6. FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT is Friday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us to watch Pixar's film *Inside Out 2*. Bring blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, etc. Popcorn and snacks will be provided. All are welcome!
7. "WHO IS THIS MAN?" was the theme of Pastor Nadia's fall sermon series. Adult Education will be following through on the theme of "that man", the Lord Jesus. The book *Into the Mess & Other Jesus Stories* by Debie Thomas will be available in the Narthex for \$15. The first session will be November 17th. Watch for details.

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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 27 th	November 3 rd
Old Testament	<i>Job 42:1-6, 10-17</i>	<i>Ruth 1:1-18</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)</i>	<i>Psalm 146</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 7:23-28</i>	<i>Hebrews 9:11-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 10:46-52</i>	<i>Mark 12:28-34</i>