

Celebration of Worship

November 17, 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 Dreier

"It is better to give love. Hatred is a low and degrading emotion and is so poisonous that no person is strong enough to use it safely. The hatred we think we are directing against some person or thing or system has a devilish way of turning back upon us. When we seek revenge, we administer slow poison to ourselves. When we administer affection, it is astonishing what magical results we obtain."

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: Lord, be with us when our lives seem embedded in sorrow and sadness.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: Open our hearts to receive your healing grace.

People: Prepare us to be children of the light rather than dwellers in darkness.

Leader: Throughout all our days, you have been with us.

People: Be with us again. Remind us of your presence and healing mercy. Amen.

Hymn

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

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Invocation

Leader: Gracious and generous God, you are always with us, offering guidance, healing and hope. We know that when things seem dark or are dazzlingly bright, when troubled times assail or peace reigns, there you are with us. Continue to guide and challenge our lives. Lead us in pathways of service and away from trails of fear and anxiety. Open our hearts to receive your healing transforming love that we might serve you more faithfully; for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, look upon us, your servants gathered here, with grace and compassion. Hear our every need. Speak to our fearful hearts, that we may pour out our confessions and admit our wrongdoings.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for our God, the God of all ages, the one who has promised forgiveness, is faithful!

People: In the name of 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

The Days Are Surely Coming

Insert

Scripture Reading

I Samuel 1:4-20

Anthem

Honest Prayers

Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir

If my prayers were honest, if truth could write a book,

My praise that might seem easy is harder than it looks.

And if my prayers were honest, though I count all things as loss,

Sometimes things You ask of me, they come at a cost.

Even then, I'll praise You; even then, I'll sing, for you are good. You are good to me.

Even in Your silence, I will lift my voice, for You are good. You are good to me.

And if my prayers were honest, if truth would cross my lips,

The tighter I hold on to You, the more my fingers slip.

But holding on is not my place, so I'll be still and know

I'm tightly wrapped in Your embrace with love that won't let go!

May my praise not reflect just the feelings of my heart.

Let my praise declare the truth, the truth of who You are:

You're my Defender, my Healer, the Lover of my soul!

The Alpha, Omega, the One who makes me whole!

Morning Star, consuming fire, the Son of Abraham,

You are the Holy Lamb, the Son of Man; You are the great I AM!

Even now, I'll praise You, even now, I'll sing, for You are good. You are good to me.

Even when I fail You, even when I doubt, You are good; You are good to me.

If my prayers were honest, if truth would cross my lips,

I'd say, "God, You've been so good."

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:1-8

Sermon

Rev. Lynda Myers

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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: Each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of God's creative hands and amazing grace. We are each unique, unrepeatably gifts to the world. We are proof of God's love. And so we, who are the gifts of creation, now give gifts to our Creator. Receive all that we have brought in love, O God. Amen.

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

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Lectionary Passages

November 17th

November 24th

Old Testament
Psalm
New Testament
Gospel

I Samuel 1:4-20
Psalms 16
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-8

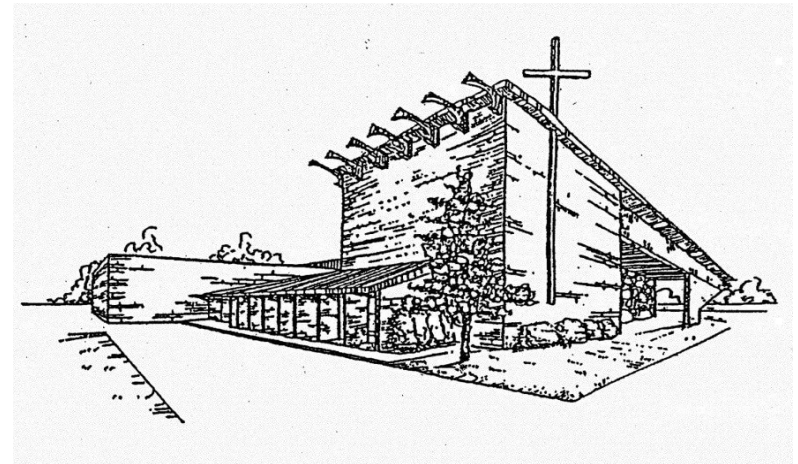
II Samuel 23:1-7
Psalms 132:1-18
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Memory Verse

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Psalms 118:29

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 17

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK - 5th Grade in Room 3
Youth Christian Ed. for those in 6-12th Grade in the Youth Rm
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. "Jesus Stories" Book Discussion in Room 9/10
Family Bell Ringers in the Sanctuary
- 2:30 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

Monday, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19 - December Pathway Deadline

- 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
- 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

Wednesday, November 20

- 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
Homeowners' Association in the Chapel
- 7:30 P.M. ONE in Christ Committee on Zoom

Thursday, November 21

- 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, November 22

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

Saturday, November 23

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. Girl Scout Troops 715 & 195 in the Memorial Room

Sunday, November 24

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK - 5th Grade in Room 3
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. "Jesus and Thanksgiving" Discussion in Room 9/10
Decorate the Church for Christmas
- 11:45 A.M. Pie-makers in the Kitchen and Social Room
- 2:30 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 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. ADULT Ed. - Today we will continue a study using the book, *Into the Mess & Other Jesus Stories*, by Debie Thomas, looking at The Blessing and the Bite (p. 120) and On Fairness (p. 156). Join us as we explore and discuss these Jesus stories! If you've not purchased a book, come anyway – All are welcome.
3. THE DECEMBER *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is this Tuesday, November 19th. Please bring articles to the church office or email them to both jchippero@websterpres.org and ghubbard@websterpres.org to ensure your submissions are received.
4. WE WILL DECORATE THE CHURCH for the Christmas Season next Sunday at 10:45, following the worship service. Many hands make quick work, so Rachel Circle would appreciate anyone who is willing to join them for this fun task.
5. TODAY IS THE LAST FULL DAY that we will be collecting clothes for Cameron Community Ministries. Donations need to be in no later than 10:00 tomorrow morning when we will leave to make the final delivery. Thank you to all who have so generously contributed.
6. THE ANGEL TREE to benefit the Williamson Come-Unity Center is again being sponsored by the Deacons. The tree, located in the Narthex, is loaded with gift ideas for you to take. If you prefer to shop online, you can access an Amazon wish list by using the QR code and following the instructions in the November *Pathway*. If you have questions or need a deacon to pick up your donation, please call Doreen Clark (585-750-3904). Unwrapped gifts should be delivered to the church no later than Sunday, December 8th.
7. THE FOOD BARREL to benefit Hope House is always available for your donations of non-perishable or hygiene items. Present urgent needs include canned vegetables and fruits, spaghetti sauce and pasta, soap, and laundry detergent.
8. EASTERN SERVICES is looking for help with food box deliveries on November 25th & 26th. If you are interested, please call Tony Hubbard (265-1224) for additional information.