

# Celebration of Worship

November 15, 2020

9:30 A.M.

## Thought for Reflection

"I waited patiently for the Lord,  
and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry."

*Psalms 40:1*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Silent Meditation

St. Therese of Lisieux

"I say very simply to God what I wish to say, without composing beautiful sentences, and he always understands me."

## Ringling of the Bell

## Gathering Prayer

**All:** There is a richness here – richness that greets and grows and holds and challenges and keeps. There is a richness here – a richness that surrounds and brings and delivers and gives. The richness holds us in our weakness and fills us in our hunger. So here, richly blessed, we have come, and we have been found. Let this time together inspire us in richness and grace. Amen.

## Call to Worship

Leader: Sing the new day;

**People:** O God, we come.

Leader: Sing a new song;

**People:** Awakened, we come.

Leader: Sing to the light;

**People:** So beckoned, we come.

Leader: Let us worship God.

## Hymn

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

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## Confession

Leader: There is a richness here – a gorgeous, flowing richness of unending abundance. But that doesn't mean that it guides us. Our ways, within and beyond our control, speak of something different: of lack of fear, of something other than an acknowledgement of God's endless and beautiful river of grace.

**People:** But how do we step into that river? Do we step into it with trust? Do we trust the current of God's generous gifts?

Leader: Or do we run from the river? For when we run, when we turn away from God's gifts in distrust, we lose the refreshment and joy of that richness...And something else reigns.

**People:** Then, what's left?

Leader: Now is the time – now is the time to consider just how we distrust God's abundance. Now is the time – now is the time to begin something new. Now is the time – now is the time to trust...differently.

Silence

## Assurance of Grace

Leader: Let us pray. We haven't always trusted God. But now we do.

**People:** We acknowledge the richness of your blessings. We see your flowing river of love, and we wade into your grace.

Leader: There is a richness – a richness that says "yes" – eternally – even in the face of our behavioral "no's." There is a richness that penetrates distrust and offers so much more. This richness forgives and gives even more.

**People:** We know this forgiveness. And we thank you, God.

## Gloria Patri

## Children's Time

## Scripture Readings

*Exodus 17:1-7*

*Philippians 2:1-13*

## Music:

*Praise the Lord of Harvest*

Catherwood

Vocal Ensemble

## Scripture Reading

*Matthew 25:14-30*

## Sermon

*While We Are Waiting*

Reverend Jennifer Lessard

## Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer** (Debts/Debtors)

**Offering** Mail in your gifts or click the WPC website 'Give' button

**Closing Hymn** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

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## Benediction

## Postlude

## **We Give Thee but Thine Own**

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give.

And we believe Thy Word, though dim our faith may be;  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.

## **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.

## **Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing**

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.

So that when Thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad Thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with Thee in endless day.

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## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, November 15**

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom  
10:15 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel  
1:00 P.M. Youth Group Leaf Raking

### **Monday, November 16**

7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Parking Lot  
Session Meeting on Zoom

### **Tuesday, November 17**

10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom  
5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10  
7:00 P.M. Deacons in Room 9/10

### **Wednesday, November 18**

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant  
7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### **Thursday, November 19**

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom  
3:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom  
Book Club in Room 9/10  
6:00 P.M. Bell Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### **Friday, November 20**

10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom  
6:00 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

### **Saturday, November 21**

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### **Sunday, November 22**

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom  
10:15 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel  
4:00 P.M. Youth Group in the Social Room

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## **LECTIONARY PASSAGES**

	<u>Today, November 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Judges 4:1-7</i>	<i>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 123</i>	<i>Psalm 100</i>
New Testament	<i>1 Thessalonians 5:1-11</i>	<i>Ephesians 1:15-23</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 25:14-30</i>	<i>Matthew 25:31-46</i>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today.
2. IN-PERSON WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY has resumed on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. It is requested that you make a reservation to attend by calling the church office and speaking to Georgia, or by emailing the church office by noon on Saturday.
3. SUNDAY SERVICES will continue to be live-streamed.  
You can watch them live at 9:30 using:  
Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/200521841> The password is **worship**.  
or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>  
Or you can watch them later at your leisure using:  
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>  
or YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
4. ADULT EDUCATION TODAY - Most everyone at WPC has been hurt by what has happened with the pastors during the last year. This has been for many different reasons. As we start our journey of healing, we thought it would be helpful to hear what has happened in other churches that have been through trauma and what we can learn from them. Please join us as we welcome Reverend James Evinger to share his insight into our common need to heal, accept that we've all been hurt, and the power of God's love and discipleship as we progress through this journey.  
  
Rev. Evinger is a retired minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Rochester, New York. He has worked at the University of Rochester Medical Center since 1990 and has held appointments in the School of Medicine and Dentistry and the School of Nursing. He has been involved with cases of sexual boundary violations in religious communities since 1995, focusing on intervention and prevention.  
Please join us for this informative session at 10:30 today in person in the Sanctuary or on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/200521841>  
Password **worship**
5. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: How well do you *know* Jesus? Women's Bible Study will continue the study "Knowing Jesus Again." This week's topic – "The Crowns." The Zoom link is:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85736775467?pwd=cTVkcUcvTGRQTXRQdEdlY0NuVzhmdz09> Password: bible
6. WINTER CLOTHING FOR CAMERON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: Tomorrow is the last day to donate much needed winter clothing to Cameron. Please place any final donations in the collection boxes located outside the north entrance and in the Narthex, or call Brad Adams (698-3229) if you want them to be picked up at your home.
7. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES can be dropped off at the OCC table in the Narthex this Tuesday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Envelopes as well as boy/girl labels are available on the table. For questions, please call Gayl Galen at 872-5154.
8. THE DECEMBER *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is this Wednesday, early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please email your articles to [office@websterpres.org](mailto:office@websterpres.org).
9. BOOKS FOR THE ADVENT SERIES *GRACE* are available for \$8 in the church office or by contacting Connie Rice. The study begins on November 29<sup>th</sup> following the worship service on Zoom and in the Sanctuary, and will continue for the next three Sundays.
10. THE ANGEL TREE, sponsored by the Deacons to benefit the Williamson Come-Unity Center, is again happening, though with a different format. Our contributions over the last several years have been greatly appreciated. In the interest of keeping this as contact-free and safe as possible, we are going virtual this year! Instead of a Christmas tree in the Narthex with gift tags, there is a wish list set up on Amazon. You can scroll through and choose an item to order. When you proceed to check out, be sure to choose "Laura Oliver's Gift Registry Address" in the shipping options to have it sent directly to Laura Oliver's home.
11. UPPER ROOMS for November/December are available for pick-up from the bench outside the north entrance to the church.
12. OUR TRUSTEES NEED YOUR HELP: Even though there is still a need for physical distancing, the Trustees are asking for your help with the outside fall upkeep of our church. Chores can be completed choosing your own date and time. Check the November *Pathway* for a list of chores to be completed. If you are willing and able to help please contact: Bob Kizer (585)967-5389 or Tina McNeary (585)413-7809
13. CHURCH COMMITTEES AND GROUPS can now meet in person in our church building. Please contact Georgia in the main office to have the time and location of your meeting added to the church calendar.

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### MEMORY VERSE

*"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."*