# Celebration of Worship

November 6, 2022

9:30 A.M.

We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.

#### Prelude

#### Reflection

From "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi "Science may provide the most useful way to organize empirical, reproducible data, but its power to do so is predicated on its inability to grasp the most central aspects of human life: hope, fear, love, hate, beauty, envy, honor, weakness, striving, suffering, virtue."

# Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads in the chair racks.)

# **Ringing of the Bell**

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place Song

# Call to Worship

Leader: We gather with joys and we gather with sorrows.

- People: We gather from hope or habit, with happiness or heartbreak.
- Leader: We gather knowing every chair is a place a child sat and that every hymnal was held by someone singing.
- People: We gather, not only to remember, but to be present and to be truly supportive of one another.

# Invocation

Leader: God of the Past. Present and Future, seldom do we know what You'll ask of us each day. Many times we are in the moment when we feel the nudging of Your spirit to act. As we spend time in Your house today, may our souls be aligned with You so that we may readily respond when You call.

## Hymn

## Gather Us In

# **Prayer for Transformation**

All: God, we confess our sins. Sometimes we are more engaged with how our church looks or the technology it uses than the needs of each person who enters and the needs of so many just outside the door. Other times we ignore the church building because of community ministry and forget to care for its gifts of access and inspiration.

We often welcome strangers to meeting rooms and hall more easily than to worship, and we have vetted visitors as member possibilities or potential vandals. We are confused that church is both a people and a building. Forgive us and teach us how to welcome your children to our hearts and our faith home. Amen.

# Words of Grace

- Take courage. Take heart. God's peace is in this building Leader: and in the lives of all who enter. You are forgiven for any misplaced priorities and forgiven of all your sins.
- People: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

Hymn	Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure	# 251
Scripture Readin	<b>gs</b> Psalm 98:1-9 Luke 20:27-38	
Anthem	Communion Canon Chancel Choir	Ruth Schram & Neil Lorenz
Your sacrifice has made me whole, healed my heart and touched my soul.		

made me whole, healed my heart and louch Humbly I take this bread, this wine; Your blood, Your body, Your love divine.

This sacred day, Your shining face I see! I hear You say, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

**Scripture Reading** *II Thessalonians* 2:1-5, 13-17

Sermon

"Not Shaken" Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

# Prayers of the People and Lighting of Prayer Candles

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

**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

# Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

## Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

- People: We lift them up to the Lord.
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to You, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.
- People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## Invitation to the Table

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those that trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

## Prayer

# Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

# The Words of the Institution

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord.

## People: Amen, Amen and Amen.

HymnSing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above# 483

Benediction

Postlude

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# WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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# Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;I can feel His mighty power and His grace.I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

# Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming; Now is the darkness vanished away;See in this space our fears and our dreamings Brought here to You in the light of this day.Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;

Gather us in, the blind and the lame;

Call to us now, and we shall awaken;

We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.We are the old who yearn for Your face.We have been sung throughout all of history, Called to be light to the whole human race.Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; Gather us in, the proud and the strong;Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here You shall call Your sons and Your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
Give us to eat the bread that is You;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven light years away: Here is this place the new light is shining; Now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; Gather us in and make us Your own:

Gather us in, all peoples together,

Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

# 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.

# Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure # 251

Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all Your words, Your gracious deeds; You gently lift all burdened souls and well provide for all our needs.

The eyes of all are fixed on You; By You their wants are all supplied; Your open hand is bountiful and every soul is satisfied.

Lord, You are just in all Your ways, and kind in everything You do; Forever near You stand to hear and help all those who call on You.

My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord; my soul shall bless Your holy name;

Let all things living join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

# 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.

# Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above # 483

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation; With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth; By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! all is just and all is right: To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, An ever present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing; As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part: To God all praise and glory!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. Sunday services continue to be live-streamed.

You can watch them live at 9:30 or later at your leisure using: Facebook https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/ or

YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgement that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future, as the services are saved for future viewing. MASKS ARE AVAILABLE in the Narthex for those who would like to wear one while in the building.

- 2. ADULT ED today at 10:45 in Room 9/10 Through scripture and discussion, "Daily Life" will help us learn how to live the abundant life Jesus offers with words from Paul and Peter.
- 3. FOLLOW-UP PLEDGE CALLERS will be contacting people who have not yet indicated their intentions for their 2023 pledge. Please submit your pledge card or call Georgia Hubbard at church before this Wednesday to minimize the number of follow-up calls that have to be made. Thank you to all who have already turned in their pledges.
- 4. HURRICANE IAN RELIEF The Mission Committee will be making a donation during November to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with the recovery efforts in Florida. If you wish to also make a voluntary donation for this recovery, please make your donation by November 15<sup>th</sup>, payable to Webster Presbyterian Church, and specify that it is for Hurricane Ian Relief.
- 5. WINTER CLOTHING for Cameron Community Ministries is being collected until November 15<sup>th</sup>. Gently used and new winter clothing for men (especially needed), women and children can be placed in designated bins in the Narthex. If you don't have anything to donate from your closets, please consider going to Savers (anyone over 50 gets a discount every Tuesday), to Goodwill (anyone over 55 gets a discount every Wednesday), or to any other store of your choice to buy men's clothing items.
- 6. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES will again be collected for distribution to needy children in this country and abroad. Donations can be dropped off Sunday mornings, or Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm. The dedication will be on November 20th. See the table in the Narthex for a helpful display, or call Gayl Galen (872-5154) with questions.

- 7. HEART AND HAND is asking for your help to complete winter hats and scarves for Christmas bags for needy kids at State Road School. These wonderful, warm, happy items are a part of a New Beginnings outreach into our "neighborhood" school. Instructions are easy to follow and the finished items are snazzy. Please help.
- 8. VOLUNTARY DONATIONS for Maasai girls' education can be made by making out a check to WPC and noting it is for John Sankok.
- 9. FOOD ITEMS needed for Hope House include canned vegetables, flour and sugar, coffee, tea and cocoa, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cooking oil, hearty stews and soups, body lotion and wash, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrushes, shaving products, laundry detergent, and gently used kids' boots, gloves (especially for men), hats and socks. Items can be placed in the Hope Ministries box or the food barrel, both located in the upper Narthex.

# MEMORY VERSE

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

#### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

Old Testament Psalm Gospel

Today, November 6<sup>th</sup> Haggai 1:15b – 2:9 Psalm 145:1-5. 17-21 New Testament *II Thessalonians 2:1-5.13-17* Luke 20:27-38

Next Sunday, November 13th Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 98 II Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19



# **Webster Presbyterian Church**

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Interim Pastor Rev. Phil Davis. Sr.

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Sunday, November 6 - Communion Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 4:00 P.M. Youth to North Ponds Park for Frisbee Golf

#### Monday, November 7

- 5:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

#### **Tuesday, November 8**

- 6:00 A.M. Election Voting all day in the Social Room
- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees Meeting in Room 9/10

#### Wednesday, November 9

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle at the home of Kelly Goodman
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

#### Thursday, November 10

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. King Circle in Room 9/10
- 1:45 P.M. Adult Ed. Committee at the home of Carol Saylor
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Social Room Girl Scout Troop 510 in the Basement Room
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Committee in the Youth Room
- 7:00 P.M. Pastor Nominating Committee in Room 9/10

## Friday, November 11

- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

#### Saturday, November 12

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnIXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09

2:00 P.M. DeWitte Wedding in the Sanctuary

# Sunday, November 13

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Games in the Social Room