

# Celebration of Worship

January 22, 2023

9:30 A.M.

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

**Prelude**                      *Sonata in G Minor, movement II*                      CPE Bach

## Reflection

With a call for repentance, Jesus bids others to follow him. The message is urgent: the kingdom of heaven is at hand. His invitation includes the offer to make them fishers of others. The sought-for response is unconditional and unequivocal: "Immediately they left their nets and followed him." The kingdom involves action.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Ringin of the Bell

**Song**                      *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

## Call to Worship

Leader: We walk in darkness.

**People: We live in a land of deep darkness.**

Leader: We have seen a great light!

**People: Light shines upon us!**

Leader: God brings us joy!

**People: Rejoice before our God!**

## Invocation

**People: O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in Your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship You this day. We come with song and music to celebrate Your love. We come with longing to seek Your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing Your praises. Amen.**

**Hymn**                      *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*                      # 434

## Prayer of Confession

**People: O Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved Thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive; we love our friends and hate our enemies; we go the first mile but dare not travel the second; we forgive but dare not forget.**

And so as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against Thee. But Thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been, but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know Thy will. Give us the courage to do Thy will. Give us the devotion to love Thy will. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(A prayer of confession attributed to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. circa 1953)

Moment of Silent Confession

## Assurance of Grace

Leader: Beloved in Christ, rejoice! In grace and mercy, God abounds in steadfast love, forgives us, and sets us free to grow in grace. Bless God's name forever!

## Gloria Patri

## Ordination and Installation of Officers

## Children's Time

## Passing of the Peace

**Hymn**                      *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*                      # 84

**Scripture Readings**                      *Isaiah 9:1-4*  
*Psalms 27:1, 4-9*

**Anthem**                      *The Blessing*                      Paul McKlveen  
*Alleluia Bells*

**Scripture Reading**                      *Matthew 4:12-23*

**Sermon**                      *Light*  
Pastor Phil Davis, Sr.

**Affirmation of Faith**                      Excerpt from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

**People: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives; teaching by word and deed and blessing the children; healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted; eating with outcasts; forgiving sinners; and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

## 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**

**Hymn** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Sonata in G Minor, movement I* CPE Bach

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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>

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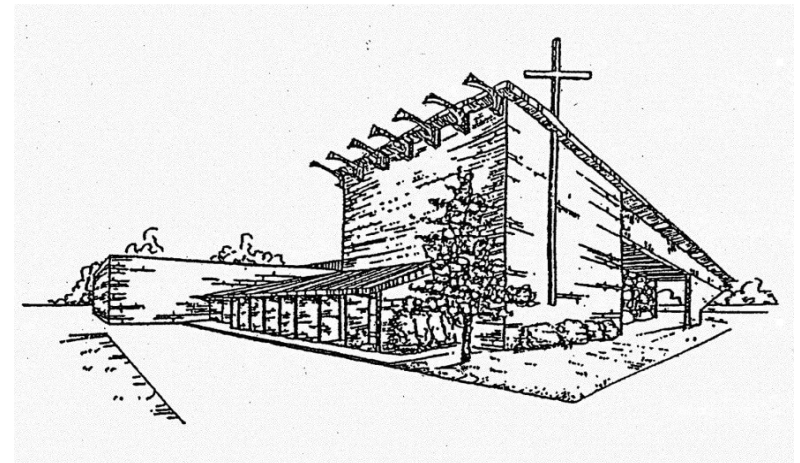
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## WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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through faith and action,  
welcoming all.*

## 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.

## Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples # 434

Today we all are called to be Disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living Word  
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be Disciples of the Lord.

## 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.

## In the Cross of Christ I Glory # 84

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified.  
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

## 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.

## Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Just a closer walk with Thee; grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
Daily walking close to Thee. Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but Thou art strong. Jesus, keep me from all wrong.  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk, close to Thee.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more.  
Guide me gently, safely o'er to Thy shore, dear Lord, to Thy shore.

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, January 22<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 9:1-4</i>	<i>Micah 6:1-8</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 27:1, 4-9</i>	<i>Psalm 15</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 1:10-18</i>	<i>I Corinthians 1:18-31</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 4:12-23</i>	<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>

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## MEMORY VERSE

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do  
and He will establish your plans.  
Proverbs 16:3*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Sunday, January 22

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. "A Sense of the Divine" in Room 9/10
- 3:30 P.M. Youth Fellowship MLK Park Skating Rink
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10  
Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

#### Monday, January 23

- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

#### Tuesday, January 24

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

#### Wednesday, January 25

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

#### Thursday, January 26

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 P.M. Pinewood Derby Set-up in the Social Room
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room  
Stewardship Finance Meeting in the Conference Room  
Pastor Nominating Committee in Room 9/10

#### Friday, January 27

- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in the Social Room

#### Saturday, January 28

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in the Social Room  
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary  
Girl Scout Troop 617 in the Memorial Room

#### Sunday, January 29

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Meeting of the Congregation in the Social Room
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship Games and Pizza in the Youth Room

1. FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Gayl Galen in celebration of her mother, MaryGrace Thomas, on her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.
2. Please join your Spiritual Nurture Committee in Rooms 9/10 this morning as we explore what "sensing the divine" might mean for each of us. We will watch a video entitled "The Contemplative Pathway" narrated by Father Richard Rohr, followed by our own sharing and hopefully yours! Pastor Phil will be with us also.
3. THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation has been called for next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, in the Social Room following the worship service for the purpose of:
  - a. Receiving and approving the annual reports of the governing bodies and organizations of the church;
  - b. Receiving the 2023 church budget;
  - c. Electing the 2023 members at-large for the 2023 All-Church Nominating Committee;
  - d. Bringing forward any other appropriate matters.Copies of the 2022 Annual Report are on a table in the Narthex for your review before next week's Annual Meeting. Please take 1 per family.
4. A FLOWER CHART to donate Sunday morning flowers to the church in celebration or honor of someone is located in the hallway outside the Sanctuary and across from the church office. If you would like to donate flowers, you can:
  1. Sign up on the chart, call in your order to your place of choice,
  2. Notify the church office of your desired wording in the bulletin,
  3. Bring the flowers to the church before the service on Sunday.If delivery is a problem, you can contact Gayl Galen or Georgia Hubbard and they will be glad to help.
5. WEBSTER HOPE has requested the following items for their many clients with ongoing need: ketchup, canned pineapple, mayo, coffee, cooking oil, dish soap, laundry detergent, warm socks, gloves and hats. Please help as you are able by placing items in the box in the Narthex. Many Ukrainian families are moving into our area so there is a special request for gently used pots and pans with lids.
6. THANK YOU for your continuing donations to the Food Barrel. Especially needed are: juice, soup, tuna and other canned meat, condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo), canned vegetables and fruits, peanut butter, cereals, crackers, coffee and tea.
7. DRIVERS are occasionally needed to pick up non-driving members who would like to worship in person on Sunday morning. If you are willing to provide transportation to someone on a Sunday morning, please call the church office or Nikki George (671-1103).