

# Celebration of Worship

January 29, 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** *Est-ce Mars* Sweelinck

**Reflection** Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

## Welcome and Announcements

### Ringling of the Bell

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

### Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, who may dwell on Your holy hill?

**People: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right; and speak the truth from their heart;**

Leader: Those who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends;

**People: Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**Hymn** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

### Litany of Confession

Leader: When the cross appears as folly instead of God's power,

**People: Let those who boast, boast of the Lord.**

Leader: When some demand signs and others seek wisdom,

**People: Let those who boast, boast of the Lord.**

Leader: When the favored of the world claim the favor of God,

**People: Let those who boast, boast of the Lord.**

Leader: We despise the weak and long to be strong;

**People: God's foolishness is wisdom; God's weakness is strength.**

Leader: We despise the ignorant and seek to be wise;

**People: God's foolishness is wisdom; God's weakness is strength.**

Leader: We despise the lowly and struggle for status;

**People: God's foolishness is wisdom; God's weakness is strength.**

Moment of Silent Reflection

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Blessings abound for the people of God! The poor in spirit are rich; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. The meek inherit the earth; the merciful obtain mercy. Peacemakers are children of God, imitating their heavenly parent. And those who search for righteousness find fulfillment in their quest. In spite of persecution and slander, gladness and joy are proclaimed. Such occurs when Christ intercedes on our behalf!

## Gloria Patri

### Children's Time

### Passing of the Peace

**Hymn** *Fairest Lord Jesus* # 306

**Scripture Readings** *Micah 6:1-8*  
*Psalms 15*  
*I Corinthians 1:18-31*

**Anthem** *Walk in the Light* arr. Thomas  
Chancel Choir

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
“Glory to the newborn King,” Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus the Light of the world.  
Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world.

**Scripture Reading** *Matthew 5:1-12*

**Sermon** *The Wisdom of God*  
Pastor Phil Davis, Sr.

### Beatitudes for Essential Workers

Leader: Blessed are you on the frontlines, who have sustained risk, toil and exhaustion; you who have ridden every wave of this crisis and know its depths in ways others never will. Blessed are you,

**People: For the kin-dom of God is yours.**

Leader: Blessed are you donned in PPE, who have protected, sweated and explained it a thousand times over; you who have stayed firm for the sake of life. Blessed are you,

**People: For the kin-dom of God is yours.**

Leader: Blessed are the understaffed, who have shown up, reached out and adjusted beyond measure; you who make a way out of no way. Blessed are you,

**People: For the kin-dom of God is yours.**

Leader: Blessed are you who deescalate, who have stepped in, listened and navigated through winds of tension; you who know the eye of the hurricane. Blessed are you,

**People: For the kin-dom of God is yours.**

Leader: Blessings be upon your trauma, your grief, shock and disappointment. Yours is the experience of prophets and healers who have gone before you. Holy are you,

**People: For the kin-dom of God is yours.**

Leader: Blessed are you on a mission, who seek justice, love, kindness, and walk humbly with our God; you whose care is an expression of your faith. Holy are you,

**People: For the kin-dom of God is yours.**

Leader: Blessed are the inspired who found new ways to care, collaborate and solve seemingly impossible problems; you whose service is an expression of the Creator. Holy are you,

**People: For the kin-dom of God is yours.**

Leader: Blessed is the work, yes, but holy are you, too,

**People: For God no longer calls us servants, but friends.**

Leader: Let us remember our essential belovedness

**People: As we work for the kin-dom of God together. 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 *Christ Be Beside Me*

#### Benediction

Postlude *Prelude in D Major, BWV 532* JS Bach

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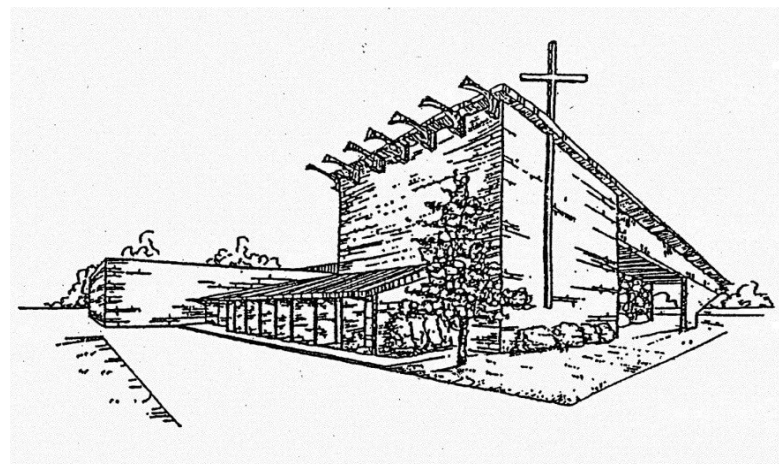
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## WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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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.

### **Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way;  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

### **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.

### **Fairest Lord Jesus**

# 306

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God to earth come down,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.  
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.  
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight  
And all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

### **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.

### **Christ Be Beside Me**

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me, never to part.  
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.  
Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;  
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

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### **LECTIONARY PASSAGES**

	<u>Today, January 29<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Micah 6:1-8</i>	<i>Isaiah 58:1-12</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 15</i>	<i>Psalm 112:1-10</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 1:18-31</i>	<i>I Corinthians 2:1-16</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>	<i>Matthew 5:13-20</i>

### **MEMORY VERSE**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. 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.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### 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

### Monday, January 30

- 6:30 P.M. Rachel Circle Bowling at Empire Lanes  
Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

### Tuesday, January 31

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

### Wednesday, February 1

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

### Thursday, February 2

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells in the Sanctuary
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells in the Sanctuary

### Friday, February 3

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

### Saturday, February 4

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. Youth to Presbytery Family Winter Event

### Sunday, February 5

- 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 P.M. Guest Mission Grace House Speaker Rev. Jim Crowley  
in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed

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.
2. THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation has been called for today, 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. Please take 1 per family.
3. BLANKET SUNDAY: Our annual special offering begins today and continues until Sunday February 19. Our donations provide blankets (\$10 each) and other necessities such as food, seeds and tools to poor people in many countries and are distributed by Church World Service. Checks made out to the church with "Blankets" in the memo line will be forwarded to CWS. Please consider giving generously to this worthy offering. Envelopes are in the chair racks.
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. 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).