

# Celebration of Worship

February 5, 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** *Symphony no. 3, movement IV* Vierne

## Reflection

“We must come to see that human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of men willing to be coworkers with God, and without this hard work time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation.”

“Letter from Birmingham City Jail” – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Aug 1963

## Welcome and Announcements

### Ring of the Bell

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

### Call to Worship

Leader: Praise God!

**People: Happy are those who delight in God’s presence!**

Leader: Fear no evil. Keep your heart firm. Be secure in God!

**People: Happy are those who delight in God’s protection!**

Leader: Arise for what is right. Be pursuers of justice.

**People: Happy are those who delight in God’s Power!**

### Invocation

Leader: Sovereign God, we gather as a community to worship You in spirit and in truth. May we resist empty actions. Let our rituals and routines hold meaning and connect us to You. May we seek an encounter with You to receive Your revelation and be transformed, healed, and renewed. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* # 263

### Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**All: Righteous One, it is not easy to follow Your path. Your way requires sacrifice and intention -- resisting cultural norms and societal pressures, and abandoning our need to control and to function from our own power. Sometimes we add complexity in order to assure ourselves it is not possible to be faithful. Yet Your way is simple. Soften our hearts and encourage us to return to the journey with You.**

## Words of Grace

Leader: God, who is faithful, can redeem our detours and misdirections. God’s invitation to the faith journey has no expiration date, and the Holy One receives us with joy and grace when we take even one step toward the kin-dom.

## Gloria Patri

## Children’s Time

## Installation of a Trustee

## Passing of the Peace

**Hymn** *Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether* # 504

**Scripture Readings** *Isaiah 58:1-12*  
*Psalms 112:1-9*

**Anthem** *Eye Has Not Seen* Haugen

Chancel Choir,  
Riesa Cassano, oboe; Julia Cook, flute

Eye has not seen; ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him.  
Spirit of Love, come give us the mind of Jesus; teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord;  
Forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Our lives are but a single breath; we flower and we fade,  
Yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made.

To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,  
Reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world.

We sing a mystery from the past in halls where saints have trod,  
Yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God.

**Scripture Reading** *I Corinthians 2:1-16*  
*Matthew 5:13-20*

**Sermon** *Be the Salt*  
Pastor 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: 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.

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. In the fullness of time, You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels sang glory to You in the highest and peace to Your people on earth. And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

### Prayer

#### Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

(A gluten-free option is available upon request to the server.)

#### 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.

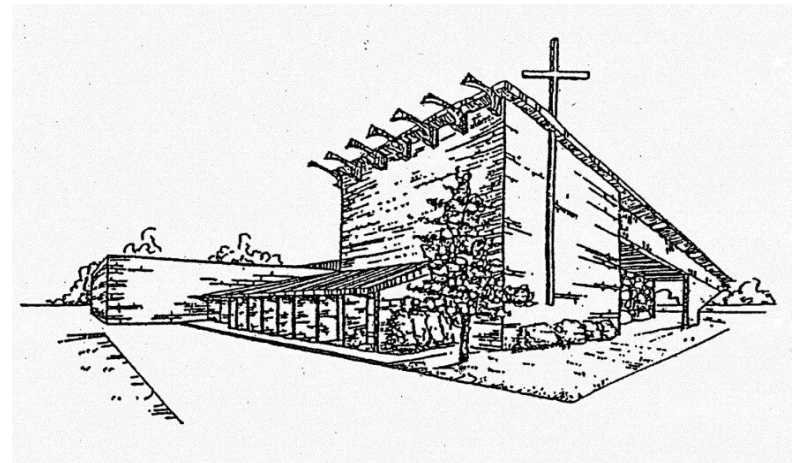
**People: Amen, Amen and Amen.**

**Hymn** *Jesus, Light of Joy*

**Benediction**

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

## 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.

### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

# 263

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.  
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might.  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.  
To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.  
Thou reignest in glory; Thou rulest in light.  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth 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.

### Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

# 504

Draw us in the spirit's tether, for when humbly in Your name  
Two or three are met together, You are in the midst of them;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment's hem.  
As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.  
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of You,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

### 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.

### Jesus, Light of Joy

Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let Your splendid glory shine:  
Source of every earthly blessing, heaven's everlasting sign.  
Alleluia, alleluia, we adore You, light divine.  
Now the shadows fall around us; now the evening has begun.  
Still Your gracious light is with us, brighter than the morning sun.  
Alleluia, alleluia, God of glory, Three-in-One.  
With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might.  
All creation shines with glory, singing praises day and night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.

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### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, February 5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 58:1-12</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 112:1-10</i>	<i>Psalm 119:1-8</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 2:1-16</i>	<i>I Corinthians 3:1-9</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 5:13-20</i>	<i>Matthew 5:21-37</i>

### MEMORY VERSE

*We love because He first loved us.*  
*I John 4:19*

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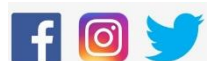
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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

### Monday, February 6

- 5:30 P.M. Session in the Memorial Room and Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

### Tuesday, February 7

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 90 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 454 in the Memorial Room

### Wednesday, February 8

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 10:30 A.M. Musicales in the Sanctuary and Social Room
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle at the home of Jean Maier
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room  
Emergency Planning Committee in Room 9/10

### Thursday, February 9

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. King Circle in the Memorial Room
- 1:45 P.M. Adult Ed. Committee at the Saylor Home
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells in the Sanctuary  
Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Social Room
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Committee in the Youth Room
- 7:00 P.M. PNC in Room 1

### Friday, February 10

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

### Saturday, February 11

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary  
Comfort Care Soup Distribution in the Parking Lot

### Sunday, February 12

- 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. Poetry and Prayer in Room 9/10
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Super Bowl Party in the Social Room
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

## 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.
2. ADULT ED. - Following worship at 10:45 in the Sanctuary  
Today - Mission Guest Speaker Jim Crowley will speak about the work at Grace house.  
Next Sunday - Poetry and Prayer – Gospel Lessons from the Transfiguration through Easter – part 1 with Rev. Bob Heppenstall. The suggested scripture readings in preparation are:  

The Transfiguration	Matt. 17:1-0	Jesus transfigured before them
First Sunday in Lent	Matt. 4:1-11	The temptations of Christ
Second Sunday in Lent	John 3:1-17	Nicodemus Come by Night
Third Sunday in Lent	John 4:5-42	A Well in Samaria
Fourth Sunday in Lent	John 9:1-41	Receiving Sight
Fifth Sunday in Lent	John 11:1-45	Lazarus
3. BLANKET SUNDAY: Our annual special offering 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 WPC 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. MORNING MUSICALES meets in our Sanctuary this Wednesday at 10:30. You are welcome to come to hear the hour-long program of violin & piano, voice & piano, and guest performer, our own organist, Kat.
5. 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.