

Celebration of Worship

November 12, 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

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection

Janet Hunt

"We can keep our lamps full of oil. We can keep our lights shining as signs of promise and hope. We have more than enough to do this. And for now, isn't that enough? And in the end, isn't that really everything? Indeed, isn't this what the world needs most of all?"

Ringin of the Bell

Song *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.

Call to Worship

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble,

People: So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come, and the mountains crumble into the sea.

Leader: Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

People: The Lord Almighty is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life. By the power of the Holy Spirit, speak to us of your promises that we might hear your truth and enjoy you forever; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness.

Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with your grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good.

Moment of Silence

How would it change your life

if you were to wait expectantly for the return of Christ?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Believe the gospel. We are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Litany of Thanks

Leader: On this day, for our church's officers, committee chairs and volunteers,

People: We give thanks.

Leader: For their willingness to serve, for their leadership, for their faithfulness,

People: We give thanks.

Leader: For countless meetings, emails, *Pathway* articles, trips to church, repairs made, volunteers recruited, programs lead and attended,

People: We give thanks.

Leader: For their nurturing and meeting of our needs for personal spiritual growth, inspirational worship and a mutually caring community,

People: We give thanks.

Leader: We give thanks for their help as we devote ourselves to being faithful followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.

People: We give thanks for our elders, deacons, trustees, and all other volunteers for all that they do to serve Christ's church.

Passing the Peace of God

Children's Chimes *Jesus Loves Me*

Children's Time

Hymn *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* # 15

Scripture Reading *Psalms 78:1-7*

Scripture Reading *Matthew 25:1-13*

Sermon *Waiting Together* Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

All: We sing to our Lord a new song; we sing in our world a sure hope: Our God loves this world; God called it into being; God renews it through Jesus Christ; God governs it by the Spirit. God is the world's true hope. We are a people of hope, waiting for the return of our Lord. God has come to us as the true son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, as the Holy Spirit at work in our world. Our Lord speaks to us now through the inspired scriptures. Christ is with us day by day. Come, Lord Jesus. We are open to your Spirit. We await your full presence. Our world finds rest in you alone.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the 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. Thank you!

Doxology

Blessing of the Offering

All: Gracious God, receive our gifts, tokens of thanks for your extravagant blessings and signs of trust in your coming reign of justice, peace, and love; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* Insert

Benediction

Postlude

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Lectionary Passages

Today, November 12th

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Old Testament *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*

Judges 4:1-7

Psalms *Psalms 78:1-7*

Psalms 123

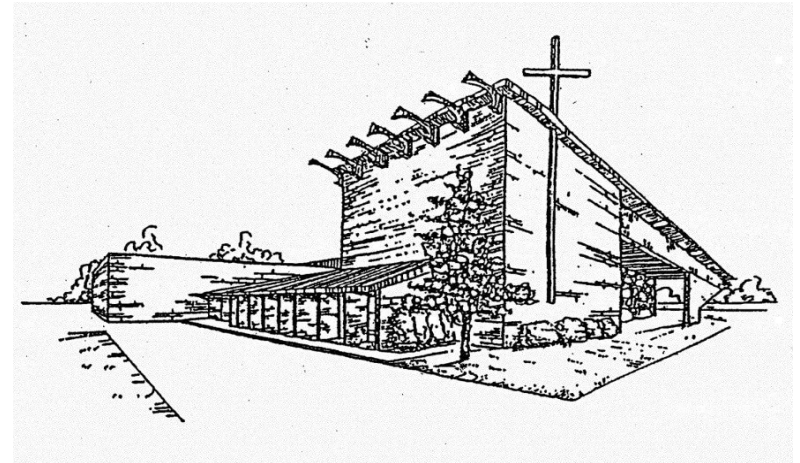
New Testament *I Thessalonians 4:13-18*

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*

Matthew 25:14-30

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Pastor Nadia Mullin

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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.

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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Rejoice! Rejoice, believers and let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising and soon He will draw nigh.
Up, watch with expectation, at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil.
Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear.
Arise, Thou sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, and ever be with Thee!

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. - Book Discussion in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

Monday, November 13

- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

Tuesday, November 14

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle in Room 9/10
Garden Club in the Memorial Room
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Service Team in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, November 15

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 8:00 A.M. WIC Social Services Program in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
- 7:30 P.M. ONE in Christ Committee on Zoom

Thursday, November 16

- 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
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

Friday, November 17 - December Pathway Deadline

- 10:00 A.M. Heart and Hand in the Memorial Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

Saturday, November 18

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
Girl Scout Event in the Social Room

Sunday, November 19

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. - Book Discussion in Room 9/10
Intergenerational Chimes in Room 4
- 12:00 P.M. Charity Pie-making in the Kitchen
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge
- 5:45 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

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Memory Verse

*"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."*

Psalm 9:1



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming.
You can live-stream 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.
2. ADULT ED. at 10:45 in Room 9/10
Today: We will continue our book discussion of *We Make the Road by Walking*, looking at chapters 3, 4 and 6.
Next Week: The ONE in Christ Committee, in continuation of our exploration, would like your take on what an open and affirming church looks like. To that end, we will ask the question, what does "welcoming all" mean to you? We hope you will join us and share your thoughts
3. THE DECEMBER PATHWAY DEADLINE is this Friday. Please submit articles to jchippero@websterpres.org and g Hubbard@websterpres.org.
4. PASTOR NADIA'S ADVENT SERMON SERIES will be based on the book *God Is in the Manger*. Books will be available for a suggested donation of \$10. If you would like a book, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, or call the church office, so the proper number of books can be ordered.
5. WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION for Cameron Community Ministries concludes tomorrow. Please bring all items to the church by tomorrow afternoon so they can be delivered to Cameron on Tuesday.
6. THE ANGEL TREE to benefit the Williamson Come-Unity Center continues through December 10th. The tree in the Narthex and loaded with gift ideas for you to take. To shop on line, go to the Amazon wish list on the link below and place your order with a delivery time prior to December 10th, shipped it to your home or to "Laura Olivers Gift Registry Address". If you have questions, contact Doreen Clark at 750-3904. All gifts need to be returned unwrapped by December 10th.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/A24YBQ17OOQX?ref=wl_share
7. HEART AND HAND is currently making fleece hats and scarves for 52 disadvantaged children who live in Webster. We would appreciate help from our extra volunteers to complete this project before December 1st. Kits to sew are available in the hallway across from the church office.
8. The Eastern Service Workers will provide Thanksgiving food boxes for their members again this year. Volunteers are needed at the Greece Baptist Church to help on Tuesday, November 21st, to pack the food boxes and to make deliveries. They would also appreciate donations of frozen turkeys. If you would like to help, call Tony Hubbard (265-1224) for more information.