

Celebration of Worship

January 14, 2024

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

James Howell

Philip has so little to go on - and yet he has everything: he has seen Jesus' face. So he finds Nathanael, who is skeptical. Philip does not launch into any logic; he alludes to Scripture but does not quote anything. He grabs him by the hand (at least in my imagination he does!) and says "Come and see" (John 1:46). That is the witness, right? Not a sledgehammer of truth, but an experience that makes you sure that if somebody else simply saw, it would be enough.

Ringling 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 – from Psalm 139

Leader: Where can we go from God's spirit?

**People: If we ascend to heaven, God is there; if we make our bed
in Sheol, God is there.**

Leader: If we take the wings of morning and settle at the farthest limits
of the sea,

**People: Even there, God's hand shall lead us, and God's right
hand will hold us fast.**

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision*

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Prayer of Invocation

Leader: You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to
each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show
us your will for all creation. Help us to listen to your urgings
with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have
made, in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, now and
forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

**People: Gracious God, you know us better than we know
ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess.
Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We'd
much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in
wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move
forward in truth. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

What is Jesus inviting you to "come and see"?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by
grace you have been saved.

People: In Jesus' name, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Hymn *O God, You Search Me* see insert

Scripture Reading *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*

Anthem *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* A. Arkhangelsky
Chanel Choir

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing praises unto His name,
O praise ye the Lord, Sing praises unto His name.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

His mercy endureth forever.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Scripture Reading *John 1:43-51*

Sermon *Who are We Following?*

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

As followers of Jesus Christ,
living in this world —
which some seek to control,
but which others view with despair —
we declare with joy and trust:
Our world belongs to God!
From the beginning,
through all the crises of our times,
until his kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever.
Our world belongs to him!
God is King! Let the earth be glad!
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!
The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!

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: Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you
have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust
them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the good
news of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts
help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

Hymn *To God Be the Glory* # 485

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude



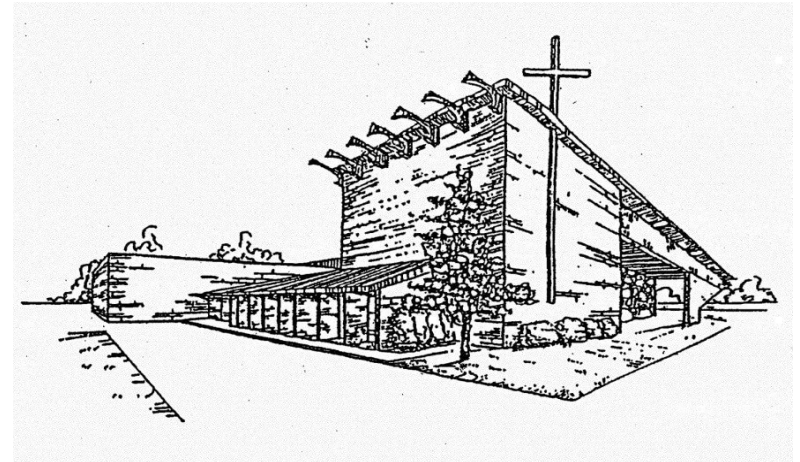
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Be Thou My Vision

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Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Gloria Patri

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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.

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.

To God Be the Glory

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To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!
Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Refrain

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 11:00 in Room 9/10
Today - Join us following worship for a continuation discussion of Brian McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, chapters 22-24.
3. A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been called by Session immediately following today's worship service to receive the Nominating Committee's report and elect church officers.
4. SESSION HAS CALLED FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation and corporation to be held in the Social Room on January 21st after worship for the purpose of (1) Receiving and approving the annual reports of the governing bodies and organizations of the church; (2) Receiving the 2024 church budget; (3) Electing at-large members for the 2024 All-Church Nominating Committee; (4) Bringing forward any other appropriate items.
5. ANNUAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE for pick up on the table in the Narthex. One copy per family, please.

Lectionary Passages

	<u>Today, January 14th</u>	<u>January 21st</u>
Old Testament	<i>I Samuel 3:1-20</i>	<i>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18</i>	<i>Psalms 62:5-12</i>
New Testament	<i>1 Corinthians 6:12-20</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 7:29-31</i>
Gospel	<i>John 1:43-51</i>	<i>Mark 1:14-20</i>

Memory Verse

*"May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14

- 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. Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 A.M. Adult Ed. Book Discussion in Room 9/10

Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

- 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee meeting on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Mission Committee meeting in Room 9/10

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 8:00 A.M. WIC Social Services Program in the Social Room
- 4:00 P.M. Staff Meeting on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
- 7:30 P.M. ONE in Christ Meeting on Zoom

Thursday, January 18

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study 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 Meeting in the Memorial Room

Friday, January 19

- 9:30 A.M. Flyers' Club in the Social Room
- 10:00 A.M. Heart & Hand in Room 5
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Discussion on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. FNO in the Social Room
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 510 in the Social Room

Saturday, January 20 – Pathway Deadline

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, January 21

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:00 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Annual Meeting in the Social Room
- 3:00 P.M. Cherry Ridge Worship Service
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10
- 5:45 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room