

Celebration of Worship

January 21, 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

Callie Plunkett-Brewton

“Jonah challenges the perspective of the righteously indignant to put aside moral superiority and take on the character of God, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Cycles of violence and blame can only be broken where mercy is extended. The only way forward for any of us is to demonstrate the same mercy that has been offered to us.”

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

Leader: The word of God came to Jonah;

People: The word of God comes to us:

Leader: Go

People: despite your fears;

Leader: Speak

People: the truth of God;

Leader: Love

People: your neighbor and your enemy;

Leader: Forgive

People: as you have been forgiven;

Leader: Receive

People: grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God.

Hymn *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* # 345

Prayer of Invocation

Leader: God who creates us and calls to us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to hear your Word, and embolden us to respond faithfully as we seek to follow Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

People: God, you call us, and sometimes we duck under the table hoping you didn't notice us when you walked into the room. You call us and sometimes we grab a stapler and a stack of papers trying to look too busy to be bothered at the moment. You call us and sometimes we just say, "NO!" We know that we aren't expected to do everything, but we often forget that you call us to be ourselves in the places where our very self is what is most needed. So give us the grace to say "Yes" to your call. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Where is it that God might be calling you, but you don't want to go?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God desires relationship with us and reconciliation for all of creation. Jesus comes bearing the good news of forgiveness and transformation. Receive the good news of God's grace:

People: We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Hymn *You Walk Along Our Shoreline* See insert

Scripture Reading *Mark 1:14-20*

Anthem *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* arr. Jay Althouse
Chanel Choir

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind; in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the endless sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord: "Rise up and follow me."

Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and help us live in peace.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind; in deeper reverence, praise.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease.
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm.
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind,
and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

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.

Here I Am, Lord

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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain:

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain:

Recognition of Trustees

Matt Clark and Bob Smith

Question to the Congregation

Do you, the members of Webster Presbyterian Church, receive Matt Clark and Bob Smith as trustees, and do you promise to support the trustees in their work for our congregation?

We do.

Commissioning Prayer

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons

Opening Words

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are varieties of ways to serve God,

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through people in different ways,

People: But it is the same God who inspires a faithful response.

Leader: Each one is given gifts by the spirit to use for the common good.

People: Together we are the body of Christ.

Presentation of the Elders and Deacons

Elders

Heather Hewlett
Kathy Barbehenn
Todd Fargo
Tony Hubbard
Connie Rice

Deacons

Leonor Woodworth
Rachel Dolan
Jean Maier
Nikki George
Arlene Sahmel
Jen Wengender

Constitutional Questions for Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Ordination Prayer

All ordained ruling elders and teaching elders (Ministers of the Word and Sacrament) are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

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. *Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*
Psalm 90:12
The flowers are given today in celebration of Josh Honebrink's birthday on January 23rd. We offer our praise for Josh's life and the love that lives with the Honebrink family.
3. ADULT ED. - No class today.
4. SESSION HAS CALLED FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation and corporation to be held in the Social Room today immediately following the worship service 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.
6. THE WILLIAMSON COME-UNITY CENTER has run out of winter hats and mittens/gloves for the families they support. The Deacons are sponsoring a hat and mitten/glove drive for both children and adults through 02/11. We know that the stores will quickly be out of this type of thing. If you notice a supply and are able to donate, it would be appreciated. There is a box in the Narthex through 02/11. Thank you so much! If you have any questions, please contact Doreen Clark.

Lectionary Passages

	<u>Today, January 21st</u>	<u>January 28th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 18:15-20</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 62:5-12</i>	<i>Psalm 111</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 7:29-31</i>	<i>I Corinthians 8:1-13</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 1:14-20</i>	<i>Mark 1:21-28</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

Today, 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

Monday, January 22

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Court of Awards in the Social Room

Tuesday, January 23

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:30 P.M. Worship & Music Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday, January 24

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, January 25

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Friday, January 26

- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Discussion on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Pinewood Derby in the Social Room

Saturday, January 27

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
- ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- Pinewood Derby in the Social Room

Sunday, January 28

- 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

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