

Celebration of Worship

February 25, 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 *Tristes appêtes* Rameau

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

"Jesus walked a lot, and not only during the last week of his life. The four gospels are peppered with accounts of him walking into the countryside, walking by the Sea of Galilee, walking in the temple, and even walking on water. If Jesus had driven a car instead, it is difficult to imagine how that might have changed his impact. Surely someone could have loaned him a fast horse. Instead, he walked everywhere he went, except for a short stint on a donkey at the end. This gave him time to see things, like the milky eyes of the beggar sitting by the side of the road, or the round black eyes of the sparrows sitting in their cages at the market. If he had been moving more quickly – even to reach more people – these things would have become a blur to him. Because he was moving slowly, they came into focus for him, just as he came into focus for them."

Ring of the Bell

Gathering Song *Be Still for the Presence*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before Him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, walk in green pastures.

People: We follow the Shepherd.

Leader: Come, lie down in green pastures.

People: We trust the Shepherd.

Leader: Come, dine at the table of abundance.

People: We are fed by the Shepherd.

Leader: Come, dwell in God's house.

People: We live in the Shepherd's care.

Hymn *Jesus Calls Us* Insert

Prayer of Invocation

Leader: God, your Son, Jesus Christ, bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

People: Savior God, the public spectacle of the cross calls us to account. We hesitate and hedge when opportunities arise to speak of you. We are shy in faith and not bold to proclaim. Your story saves, yet we keep it to ourselves.

Forgive our reticence of faith. Forgive the ways we fail to serve as public witnesses. Help us be your candlelight, held high to set the world aglow. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Where is your path of faith leading you?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God does not forsake us. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Hymn *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* # 172

Scripture Reading *Mark 8:31-38*

Anthem *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

The Lord is my shepherd; nothing shall I want.

My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd who restores my life,

leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.

And even through I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
your rod and staff will comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and in the house of my God I will live forever.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Sermon

Right Paths

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

People: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People 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

People: God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ's ministry and mission. Amen.

Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

Insert

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

Te Deum

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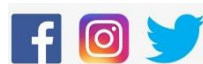
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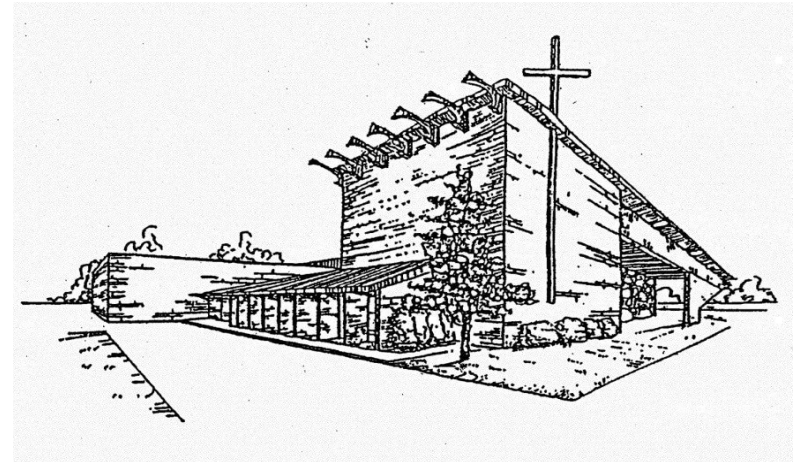
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- ADULT ED. today continues "A Journey Through Lent: Reflecting on Christ's Sacrifice for Us" DVD sermon series by the late Timothy Keller. We begin promptly at 10:45 in Room 9/10, addressing the topic "Prayer of Thirst" and referencing *Psalms 42 & 43*. To Zoom in, use the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938906726?pwd=NUlkaHpTY3hYR2pFZFhaN1U0NFE1Zz09>
 NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC will be "Prayer of Rest", referencing *Psalms 91*.
- FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT will be held on this Friday, March 1st at 7:00. All are welcome to join us in the Sanctuary for *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*. This event is free of charge. Snacks and popcorn will be provided.
- HOPE HOUSE is accepting donations for their annual Garage Sale and Food Drive. Donations for the Garage Sale can be dropped off this Wednesday, February 28th from 3 - 5 pm behind Holy Trinity Church. Please - No clothing or large furniture - See the Donation Guide at websternyhope.org. Food for a Food Drive to help restock their pantry and again Garage Sale donations can be dropped off on Saturday, March 23rd from 10 am till noon.
- 100 EASTER BASKETS for families in the Webster area is the goal that, in cooperation with Hope House, Webster Community Chest and The Gathering Place from United Church of Christ, we hope to fill. This is a whole community outreach - neighbors helping each other to reduce hunger and provide a special meal for a special day. To meet that goal, we are asking for donations of:
 50 boxes of spaghetti 50 jars of sauce 50 tubs of frosting
 Boxes are in the Narthex for your donations. We need to complete our mission collections by March 20th in time for a March 22nd delivery.
- PLACEMAT KITS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS are located in the hallway outside the church office for anyone interested in sewing them.
- BRIGHT YELLOW "WELCOME" CARDS can be found in the chair racks. These are available for visitors to fill out so we can better connect with them. We will no longer be passing the Friendship Pads down the aisle. If you are sitting near someone new, please be sure to greet them and hand them a card.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 25

- 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. Lenten DVD Sermons Series in Room 9/10

Monday, February 26

- 6:30 P.M. Rachel Circle out to Dinner

Tuesday, February 27

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, February 28

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 4:00 P.M. Staff Meeting on Zoom
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, February 29

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

Friday, March 1

- 9:30 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Discussion on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Movie Night in the Sanctuary

Saturday, March 2

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>
 ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 3 - Communion Sunday

- 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. Adult Ed. Lenten DVD Sermons Series in Room 9/10
 New Member Class in the Memorial Room
 Family Chimers in Room 3/4

Lectionary Passages

	Today, February 25 th	Next Sunday, March 3 rd
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16</i>	<i>Exodus 20:1-17</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 22:23-31</i>	<i>Psalms 19</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 4:13-25</i>	<i>I Corinthians 1:18-25</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 8:31-38</i>	<i>John 2:13-22</i>

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.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need # 172

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name.
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay.
One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows; Your oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
O may Your House be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

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.

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Memory Verse

*"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
There is no law against such things.
Galatians 5:22*