

Celebration of Worship

November 3, 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

Announcements

Reflection

The Navajo people have no word for goodbye. In English, “goodbye” means gone and physically separated, and that’s it; they’re not there. In the Navajo language “goodbye” acknowledges a physical parting, but it means they have not really left us because the imprints of their character remain. The work they did, their presence in our lives, is still with us and never leaves us. That person is still with us in spirit and in thought and in their influence upon us.

Ringling 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: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**People: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might.”**

Leader: Hear, O Church of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**People: And we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and
with all our soul, and with all our might.**

Leader: Hear, O children of God: There is another commandment like
the first.

People: Yes, we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Leader: These two commandments are the foundation of our Christian
lives. Thanks be to God!

People: Let us worship God!

Hymn

For Everyone Born

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Invocation

Leader: Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for
all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be
faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great
love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

**All: Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son,
but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind
and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how
truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than
we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our
complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our
hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be
open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord,
forgive us, love us, and guide us, through Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The psalmist assures us, “As far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes our transgressions from us.” In the name
of Jesus Christ, I declare to you – our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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.

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Time

Bible Sunday

Hymn

Though I May Speak

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Scripture Reading

Mark 12:28-34

Anthem

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Chancel Choir

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

Scripture Reading *Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11-12*

Sermon *For Now*
Pastor Nadia Mullin

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Sung))

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 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Christ, all people here below;
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Blessing of the Offering

All: Generous and loving God, we do thank you for the many blessings in our lives. As you have so freely given your love in Jesus Christ, may we freely share your love with others through these gifts we offer today. May they be signs of our devotion to you and our willingness to love in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion Insert

Hymn *God of All Peoples* Insert

Litany of Farewell Insert

Going Out

Reader: Remember, wherever we go, God is sending us. Wherever we are, God has placed us there. God has a purpose in our being there. Christ who indwells us wants to use us right where we are.

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

All are invited to a reception for Pastor Nadia in the Social Room.

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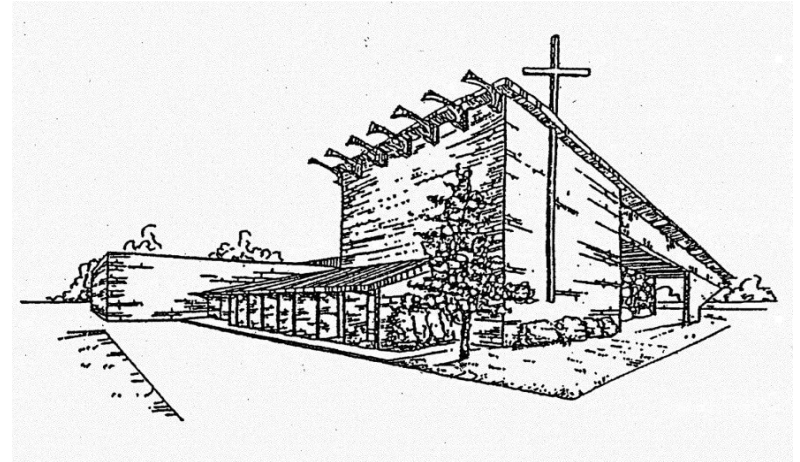
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Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

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: God of Life, you shared your peace with us when you gathered and formed us from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into us. But life with you was not enough for us. Even in our rebellion, you clothe us and provide a way in the world. We are thankful that you continue to seek us, even in our wandering ways.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, you separated us from our sin in a way we never could – in a way we never can. You were a vessel of peace in a world that did not welcome you. But you persevered in love in the face of hatred. You taught us that forgiveness is possible even in the midst of extreme suffering. We are thankful that you continue to love us, even in our unrepentant ways.

Holy Spirit, you hold peace within us despite our circumstances. You tend to the deepest parts of our inmost being, nurturing peace so that it may grow. You lead us in paths of righteousness, showing us the way to bear love to the world. When hatred speaks its convincing lies, you show us the truth. We are thankful that you continue to sanctify us, even in our careworn ways. Hear us as we lift our praise to you:

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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; hosanna in the highest.

So that we may become instruments of peace, able to sow love so that hatred does not take root, we pray, Holy Spirit, that you would move in this place today. May our meager offering of bread and cup become our communion with the Triune God and one another. May peace and love abound in us and through us. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: In the face of betrayal and impending death, Jesus ate one final meal with his disciples. As he did so, he broke the bread, gave thanks for it, and then offered it to each one there, saying: "Take. Eat. This is my body broken for you."

Likewise, he took the cup and gave thanks for it. Then, offering it to his disciples, he said, "Take. Drink. This is my blood shed for you."

The broken body and the shed blood are a continuation of God's covenant of peace with us. They are also the signs of a new covenant – a covenant where love is the rule and hatred can be overcome.

Every time we share this meal, we proclaim the triumph of peace and love until the day when hatred is gone forever.

All are welcome. All has been prepared. Come and eat as we share in the peace of God.

The Distribution of the Elements

You will be receiving the elements in your seats today.

When you receive the bread, hold it so we can all partake together at the same time.

Please do the same with the cup after you receive it.

Gluten-free elements are available upon request to the server.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: God, the bread and the cup remind us how good you are. You nourish us in our journey of faith, reminding us that you are always with us.

People: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Leader: As we receive your peace, may we see where we can share it with others. Guide us in our words and actions.

People: Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

Leader: We give you thanks for who you are and the blessing of being called your people. Amen.

Litany of Farewell

Reader 1: On July 16th, 2023, our congregation voted to call the Reverend Nadia Mullin to become Pastor of Webster Presbyterian Church. This church, our church, our family in Christ, called pastor Nadia to become Pastor and leader of a congregation ready for a new beginning on our spiritual journey. With courage, love and trust in God, Pastor Nadia accepted our call.

Congregation: For her courage, her strength and faith in God, we give thanks.

Reader 2: Pastor Nadia came to us with excitement, ready to face the challenges of a church family in recovery. She trusted us enough that her children became our children here in this place. She entered and became part of our family in Christ.

Congregation: For her faith in God and in our congregation, we give thanks.

Reader 1: Pastor Nadia prayed with us, led us with love and understanding, and encouraged us to keep what was working, seeking new ways to reach out while growing from within.

Congregation: For her leadership and love, we give thanks.

Reader 2: Pastor Nadia has done her job here well. She has shown us our strengths, helped us grow, led us in times of joy and grief, and led us to be a community of faith, welcoming all.

Congregation: For all that we are and all we will become, we give thanks.

Reader 1: So now do we, as a congregation, as friends and as children of God, confidently release Pastor Nadia to her new calling? Do we, with loving hearts and with peace, encourage Pastor Nadia to her new call?

Congregation: We do, and we do with the help of God.

Reader 2: Pastor Nadia, with all our love and grateful thanks, we send you on to your new call. Do you release this congregation from turning to you as a Pastor?

Pastor Nadia: I do, with the help of God.

Reader 1: Let us pray. God of grace, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust in the future which rests in your care. The time we were together with Nadia in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes, disappointments and accomplishments. Confirm in us these treasured memories, even as we move in new directions, until that promised time when we will be completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reader 2: Remember: Wherever we go, God is sending us. Wherever we are, God has placed us there. Christ who indwells us, wants to use us right where we are.

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Postlude

All are invited to a Farewell Reception for Pastor Nadia in the Social Room.

God of All Peoples

(To the tune of Morning Has Broken)

God of all peoples, cultures and nations,
God of the poor and wealthy ones too,
Be with our land as we make decisions;
Help us, we pray, to listen to you.

May we hear well your call to do justice;
May we know all your children have worth.
May we seek leaders who will end violence;
May we choose ones who care for your earth.

May we be thoughtful in our decisions:
Who will be truthful, moral and wise?
Who will restore the streets that we live in?
Who will love those whom others despise?

How will the ones campaigning to lead us
Care for the stranger, outcast and poor?
Will they hear ones who long have been silenced?
Or will they say that wealth matters more?

God, may this time of anger be over;
May we grow past our current divide.
Make us as one, as sisters and brothers;
In this good land, may your love abide.

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Lectionary Passages

November 3rd

Old Testament
Psalm
New Testament
Gospel

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

November 10th

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Memory Verse

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Psalm 118:29

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 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
- 10:45 A.M. "Goodbye" Reception for Pastor Nadia
- 2:30 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 3:00 P.M. Organ Recital in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Memorial Room

Monday, November 4

- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Session in Room 9/10

Tuesday, November 5

- 6:00 A.M. Elections in the Social Room
- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, November 6

- 6:30 A.M. Breakfast & Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Patrol Leaders in the Memorial Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, November 7

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

Friday, November 8

- 10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Movie Night in the Sanctuary

Saturday, November 9

- 9:00 A.M. Church Workday
Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2dONE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>
- 9:00 A.M. ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 10

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK - 5th Grade in Room 3
Youth Christian Ed. for those in 6-12th Grade in the Youth Rm
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Discussion of "Prayer" in Room 9/10
Family Bell Ringers in the Sanctuary
- 2:30 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 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. 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>
2. FLOWERS this morning are given by Gayl Galen and her family in loving memory of her husband Ken, and her mother, MaryGrace Thomas.
3. A REMINDER that 2025 pledge cards continue to be collected. Please let us know your intentions to lessen the need for follow-up callers.
4. THE FIRST ORGAN RECITAL of the 2024-2025 WPC Organ Series will be held today at 3:00. Four students from the Eastman School of Music will be performing, including our organist, Kat Jolliff. It is open to the community. Plan to attend and bring your friends and neighbors to support these talented musicians.
5. FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT is this Friday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us to watch Pixar's film *Inside Out 2*. Bring blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, etc. Popcorn and snacks will be provided. All are welcome!
6. YOU ARE INVITED to join the women of King Circle in the Social Room on Thursday, November 14th at 10:00 AM, to enjoy a time with Susan B. Anthony, portrayed by Barbara Blaisdell. Barbara has been portraying SBA for 33 years! She will remain in character the whole time she is with us. A freewill offering will be directed to the Susan B. Anthony Museum and House. A sign-up will be in the Narthex today and November 10th.
7. WINTER CLOTHING for Cameron Community Ministries is being collected through November 17th. Warm, gently used or new clothing for men, women and children can be placed in the blue collection boxes in the Narthex. Men's and children's (especially boys' jeans) clothing are the greatest need, and this year we are adding warm blankets and sleeping bags for the homeless to the list. Please check your closets or visit a thrift store to find your donations.
8. THE ANGEL TREE to benefit the Williamson Come-Unity Center is again being sponsored by the Deacons. The tree, located in the Narthex, is loaded with gift ideas for you to take. If you prefer to shop online, you can access an Amazon wish list by using the QR code and following the instructions in the November *Pathway*. If you have questions or need a deacon to pick up your donation, please call Doreen Clark (585-750-3904). Unwrapped gifts should be delivered to the church no later than Sunday, December 8th.