

# Celebration of Worship

February 2, 2025

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

Rev. Bruce Boak

## Announcements

## Reflections

*God is not looking for the best qualifications, best ability, best charisma, best prospects type of people – not that he would turn down these sorts automatically, because it's also true that some of the most gifted people in our society have also been some of God's best servants. But that is a coincidence and not a requirement. I think that is because God knows that the vast majority of men and women fall into the 'I am only' category. But only is enough with God's help, and it would amaze you what God can make of them.*

*Alasatair Symington in conversation with Rikki Fulton,*

*"Only is Enough," for God's Sake, Ask!*

*(Edinburgh: Saint Andrews Press, 1003,) 46-51*

*Stay in college, get the knowledge, and stay there until you're through. If they can make penicillin out of moldy bread, they can sure make something out of you.*

*Muhammad Ali to a young man asking advice.*

## Ring of the Bell

## Gathering Song

*How Lovely, Lord*

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place.  
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest,  
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

## Call to Worship

Leader: In the realm of God there are no outsiders, for all are inside God's love.

**People: With God there is no distinction or condition which prescribes human worth. In God's sight every soul is of inestimable and eternal value.**

Leader: We are among those who are called to live such that we witness to this truth.

**People: Let us worship the God of wondrous love.**

## Invocation

Leader: Creator God, source of life and lover of every soul, we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the evidences of your presence in this world, and your caring for all persons. Your love poured out upon the cross of Jesus is the ultimate evidence of your grace. Fill our lives this day with the love of our Lord which extends across human divisions, that none here today or beyond our walls be considered "outsiders". Please prepare us to face opposition to your including all while discerning well the life, the principles, and the discipline to which you call us. This we ask by the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## Hymn

*Lord, When I Came into This Life*

Insert

## Prayer of Confession

**All: Embracing God, we confess that it is easy to be like the people of Nazareth, proud to say we know Jesus, at least until he says what we do not expect or want to hear! We want to think the moving of your Spirit is confined to people like us. So in spiritual pride we remain insular and insulated from those who are different, and fail to fulfill your word to extend your love by loving our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for the hostility we sometimes show toward those whose presence challenges us. We confess our insecurities and jealousies which bubble to the surface when we feel uncomfortable. Forgive us for being quick to ask for your touch upon our lives, but our hesitancy and absent mindedness in our praying for others' healing, needs or freedom. Please forgive us of our sin, we pray. Amen.**

## Moment of Silent Reflection

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: As Jesus reached outside the religious framework to touch and heal social outcasts, to forgive sin and set spiritual captives free, so does Jesus reach out to touch, heal and forgive us. By grace we are saved through faith. It is the gift of God, lest anyone would boast. Amen.

## 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.



## Service of Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Lord's Supper

#### The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator.

#### Words of Institution

#### Distribution of the Elements of Communion

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.

#### The Prayer After Communion

Hymn                      *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*                      Insert

#### Blessing

Leader: God to enfold me,

**People: God to surround me.**

Leader: God in my speaking,

**People: God in my thinking.**

**Men: God in my sleeping,**

**Women: God in my waking.**

Leader: God in my watching,

**People: God in my hoping.**

Leader: God be with us until we meet again.

#### Benediction

#### Choral Response

#### Postlude

## 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. ADULT ED. - Today we will meet in Room 9/10 to continue a study using the book, *Into the Mess*, discussing the chapter *Tempted*, p. 18.
3. BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING - We are continuing to collect donations for this annual special offering. Each \$10 contribution enables Church World Service to donate a warm blanket to a needy adult or child in the US or in many other countries. Please consider making a generous offering to this very special cause by using the envelopes in the chair racks or sending a labeled check to the church.
4. THE EASTERN SERVICE WORKERS are again holding their Super Bowl Sunday Tamale Benefit for their low-income members. Brad Adams will have tickets and more information in the Narthex after worship. If you or your family and friends would like to help prepare the tamales with other volunteers at a church in the city, that will happen this Thursday to Saturday, February 6-8. Call Tony Hubbard at 265-1224 for more information.

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### Memory Verse

*The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;  
 He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will renew you in His love;  
 He will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.*

*Zephaniah 3:17*

### . Lectionary Passages

	<u>February 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>February 9<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i>	<i>Isaiah 6:1-13</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 71:1-6</i>	<i>Psalms 138</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 13:1-13</i>	<i>I Corinthians 15:1-11</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 4:21-30</i>	<i>Luke 5:1-11</i>

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, February 2

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Room 3
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Book Discussion of *Into the Mess*, p. 18 - Tempted
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

### Monday, February 3

- 6:30 P.M. Session Dinner in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room  
Session Meeting in Room 9/10

### Tuesday, February 4

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 4:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Memorial Room
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 90 in the Social Room

### Wednesday, February 5

- 6:00 A.M. Men's 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, February 6

- 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, February 7

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Study on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. FNO Rehearsal in the Social Room

### Saturday, February 8

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
Comfort Care Souper Bowl Pick-up in the Narthex
- 10:00 A.M. Girl Scout Event in the Social Room

### Sunday, February 9

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Room 3  
Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Book Discussion of *Into the Mess*, p. 66
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room



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