

# Celebration of Worship

February 16, 2025

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing  
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

**Announcements and Moment for Mission**

**Reflection**

Adam Hamilton

Life in the kingdom of God is characterized by humans who pursue love:  
acts of kindness, compassion, mercy, goodness, and more.

**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**

One: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

**Many: Whose confidence is in God.**

One: They will be like a tree planted by the water, sending out  
roots by the stream.

**Many: This tree does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are  
green, its fruit endures.**

One: So come, let us place our trust in God!

**Many: Let us live in blessed faith together!**

**Hymn**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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**Call to Confession:**

Leader We wander and stray, but God continues to reach out to us  
with mercy and love. Let us make our confession and  
receive God's welcome.

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply rooted in  
you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your  
grace. More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and  
there by the winds of circumstance. Forgive our lack of  
permanency and our failures to hold fast to our  
commitments. Grow in us faith that we might be firmly  
planted in your promises, released from sin, and open to  
the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ.**

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

**Assurance of Pardon**

One: The waters of grace refresh our lives and bring forth a new  
creation. This is good news!

**Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**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**

One: With thanksgiving, we rejoice in the reconciliation found in  
the forgiveness and love of Jesus Christ. Let us therefore be  
reconciled with our neighbors and share signs of Christ's  
peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

**THE WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination:**

Leader: Creator God, you created us with free will and freedom of  
choice. As we listen to your words from scripture, and as  
we tell stories and consider these words, may the Holy  
Spirit speak to us in such a way that we may live our lives  
in accordance to your will – not our own wills. Amen.

**Children's Time**

Choices

**Old Testament Reading**

*Psalms 1*

**Anthem**

*Song of Assurance*

Arnold Sherman

Alleluia Bells

**Gospel Reading***Luke 6:17-26***Sermon***The Two Ways*

Rev. Susan Frost

*"for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish."**Psalm 1:6***RESPONDING IN LOVE****Hymn***If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

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**Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles****Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer****Invitation to the Offering**

Leader: Luke tells us that people came to Jesus from all directions, seeking healing and peace. We are the body of Christ, surrounded by the many needs of the world around us. So bring your tithes and offerings, that these gifts may foster healing and encourage peace.

**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.

**Prayer and Blessing of the Offering**

**All:** Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you. Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep; in Jesus' name. Amen.

**MOVING IN GOD'S WAY****Hymn***O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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**Charge**

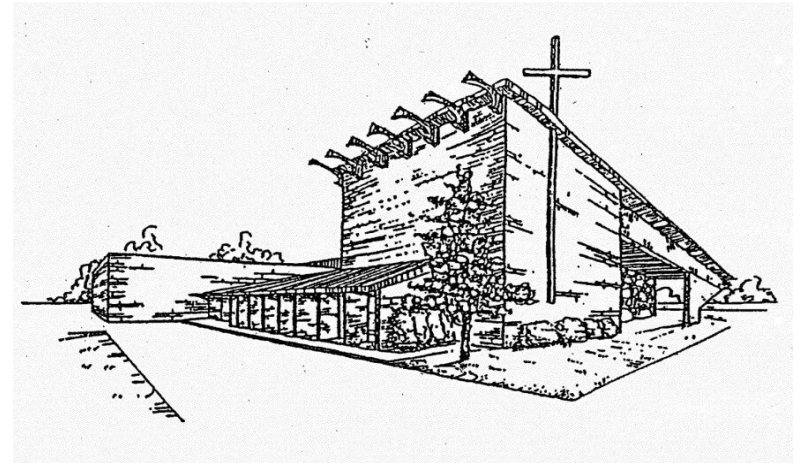
Leader: Consider this day the ways in which you are falsely consoled and uncomfortably full. Consider today how casual attitudes turn us aside from tears too deep for words. Consider this day the kingdom and the strange blessing it promises.

**Benediction**

Leader: May the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit nourish and sustain us, surprise and reorder us, and strengthen us in faith and hope for this life and the life to come.

**Response** (sung) May the God of Hope Go with Us

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**Postlude****WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*We are followers of Jesus Christ,  
living and sharing the love of God  
through faith and action,  
welcoming all.*

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## 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 on the communion table are given by Sue Wroblewski in celebration of the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of her niece, Olivia Ackerson.
3. ADULT ED. - Today we will meet in Room 9/10 to continue a study using the book, *Into the Mess*, discussing the chapter "Come and See", p. 26.
4. BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING - Today is the final day 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. Thank you to all who have contributed toward this worthy cause.
5. A VISIT TO PEOPLE'S PANTRY of Rochester is being organized by the Mission Committee for March 5<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. If you would like to join us on this tour, please contact Laura Oliver at [loliver421@gmail.com](mailto:loliver421@gmail.com) to add your name to the list.
6. WPC POTLUCK DINNER AND TALENT SHOW - All are welcome to join us on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30. Let your light shine and come perform in the talent show! Sign-ups for both will be in the Narthex until March 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, see Laura Oliver or Beth Algase. (email Laura at [loliver421@gmail.com](mailto:loliver421@gmail.com)).
7. THE GUEST SPEAKER for Adult Ed. on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:45 will be Jaime Lustig, who came out in 2019 as a transgender woman. She is a certified school and district leader in NYS, and is employed by RCSD as Director of External Special Education. Jaime will be sharing her insight and experience on how we can create a safe space free of judgments, where people can honestly communicate with each other, educate one another, and ask any and all questions. Please join us.
8. PLEASE USE LIDS on your cups when bringing coffee or cocoa into the Sanctuary to avoid stains on the carpet from spills. Thank you.

### 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*

## This Week's Calendar

- Sunday, February 16**  
 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. 26
- Monday, February 17**  
 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee on Zoom  
 6:30 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10 and on Zoom
- Tuesday, February 18**  
 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10  
 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10  
 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10
- Wednesday, February 19**  
 6:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant  
 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10  
 7:00 P.M. ONE in Christ Committee on Zoom
- Thursday, February 20**  
 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom  
 9:00 A.M. Membership Committee in the Church Office  
 3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- Friday, February 21**  
 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room  
 10:00 A.M. Heart and Hand in Room 5  
 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Study on Zoom
- Saturday, February 22**  
 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
 ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, February 23**  
 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. 97

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	<u>February 16<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>February 16<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 17:5-10</i>	<i>Genesis 45:3-11, 15</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 1</i>	<i>Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 15:12-20</i>	<i>I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 6:17-26</i>	<i>Luke 6:27-38</i>