August 10, 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 / Love You, Lord arr. Doug Wagner

**Words of Welcome and Announcements** 

**Reflection** "Faithfulness in little things is a big thing." Chrysostom

Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Song

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel God's 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: Come, O people! Listen for the voice of God.

People: We have heard God's voice in mighty thunder, in joyful

laughter, in faithful questions.

Leader: Come, O people! Watch for the presence of God.

People: We have seen God's presence in rolling hillsides, in busy streets, in one another.

Leader: Come, O people! Taste the goodness of God.

People: We have tasted God's love in broken bread, in shared wine, in living water.

Leader: Rejoice, O people! God is here.

People: Let us rejoice and worship God together!

Prayer:

All:

Steadfast God, we come with faith, with conviction of things not seen, yet we worry we may be getting it all wrong. And you whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid, little flock." You ask us to cease doing evil, to stop our meaningless rituals, and turn toward your ways. And you whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid, little flock." We want to do good and seek justice, but we are afraid of failing. And you whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid, little flock." We want to trust that you will bring forth life from the desert places in our lives, but we are scared of being brokenhearted. And you whisper in our ear, "Do not be afraid, little flock." Center our hearts in you, that we may find our treasure and the courage to live into it. Amen.

**Hymn** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**Call to Confession** 

Leader: God calls us to walk in faith, but we do not always follow. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

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**Prayer of Confession** 

All: You tell us that where our treasures are, our hearts are sure to be. Forgive us when we treasure the shallow things of this world more than we cherish the depth of your grace; when we choose comfort over faithfulness, power over love, wealth over discipleship, selfishness over service. Forgive us, Holy God, and move us, that through the act of confessing we may recognize our failings and be fed by your grace to try again.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

**Assurance of Pardon** 

Leader: From age to age, from generation to generation, God's mercy

never fails. Hear the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Sung Response** We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

**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** 

Children's Time

Stu's Corner

"My Love, God Is Everywhere" by Victoria Powers / Cameron Vickrey

**Prayer of Illumination** 

Leader: Holy God, by your Spirit enlighten us; illumine us; inspire us,

not for our sakes, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom

we live.

All: Amen.

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading *Isaiah 1:1, 10-20* 

**Special Music** Amazing Grace – Southern Melody

Arr. Richard A. Nichols

Austin Hall – Saxophone Kathy Whitlock – Piano

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** *Luke 12:32-40* 

Sermon

"Center Our Hearts in God" Rev. Susan Frost

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 12:34

#### RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn Great God of Every Blessing

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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: In obedience to Christ and with love for our neighbors, let us

bring our offerings to God.

**Sung Response** 

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

Let the poor say, "We are rich

because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving** 

All: Generous God, you pour out your blessings and cover us with your gifts of love. Accept these offerings for the sake of your children, that they may proclaim your mercy and embody your grace. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

### **MOVING IN GOD'S WAY**

**Hymn** The Church of Christ in Every Age

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Charge

Leader: Do not be afraid, for it is our Creator's good pleasure to give

you the kingdom.

Sung Response We Are Marching in the Light of God

We are marching in the light of  $\operatorname{\mathsf{God}}$  , we are marching in the light of  $\operatorname{\mathsf{God}}$  .

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo,

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo,

we are marching in the light of God.

**Benediction** 

Leader: May the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,

be with you this day and every day until Christ comes to make

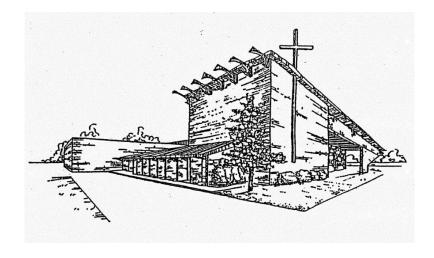
all things well.

People: Amen.

**Postlude** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

arr. John Innes

# WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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#### This Week's Calendar

#### Sunday, August 10

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed

5:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

#### Tuesday, August 12

5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10

6:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

#### Wednesday, August 13

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant

2:30 P.M. 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting in Room 9/10

5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon in Room 9/10

#### Thursday, August 14

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom

6:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

#### Saturday, August 16

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

#### Sunday, August 17

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed

12:00 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge

5:00 A.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

## **Lectionary Passages**

	<u>August 10<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>August 17<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
New Testament	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2
Gospel	Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56

# **Memory Verse**

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Matthew 6:34

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming.

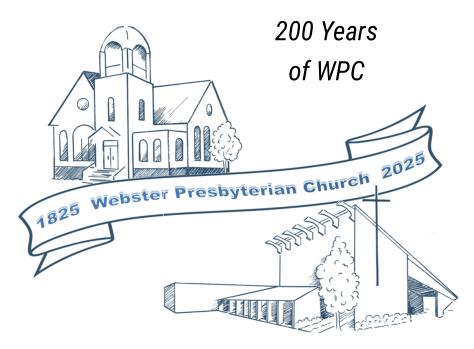
You can live-stream at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:

Facebook https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/ or

YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA

- 2. NEXT SUNDAY IS THE DEADLINE to donate School Supplies for needy children served by the Williamson Come-Unity Center in Wayne County, and by Eastern Service Workers in Rochester. Pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, pocket folders, scissors, rulers, index cards, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, all in small, individual sizes or containers, computer earbuds/headphones, and especially backpacks are needed. Look for the school bus in the Narthex to place your donations!
- THE 2025 SUMMER MISSION PROJECT continues through the end of August. Monies collected will be divided between the Thogoto School in Kenya in memory of Eleanor Scott, and the Webster Community Chest in memory of Joyce Tompkins. We praise and thank all who have so far contributed \$9280 toward this year's goal of \$10,000.
- 4. THE WPC 200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FLYER in the bulletin today needs your attention! Next Sunday is the deadline for sending us your memories and thoughts to be included as part of our celebration on September 21st. The planning committee hopes to hear from you.
- 5. A LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE is being formed to look at the current and future needs of WPC in a rapidly changing environment. Members representing all ages and interests in the church are needed. If you are interested in being part of this group, please see Pastor Susan or call the church office.
- 6. FRIENDS AT HOME The Deacons are reminding you to keep our Friends at Home in your thoughts and prayers. We would especially like to remember these church members on their birthdays. There is a basket of cards available for your use in the Narthex. It has been moved to the large welcome desk by the north entrance. Feel free to choose a card from the basket to remember these important members of our church. Addresses and birthdays for these folks can also be found in the basket. There are non-birthday cards too, if you would just like to send a note. We thank you for your help with this project.

# It's a Celebration!



How many years has it been for you?

What can you share?

What brought you here?

What makes us dear to you?

We would like to include comments/stories from you in our 200th Anniversary Booklet!

Send us your stories by email to the Anniversary Committee at elainew@rochester.rr.com or to the church office.

Please submit your comments/stories by August 15th.

200 Years 👽 Still Building

On this rock I will build my church Matthew 16:18b