

Celebration of Worship

August 24, 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 "On Eagle's Wings / Spirit Song" arr. John Carter

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
"True peace is not merely the absence of tension;
it is the presence of justice."

Ring 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: In a world where lies surround us,

People: your word is like fire, God nearby!

Leader: In a world full of false prophets and empty promises,

People: your word is like fire, God nearby!

Leader: In a world where words don't have meaning,

People: your word is like fire, God nearby!

Leader: We are here, ready for our faith to be kindled by your word.

People: We are here to worship the God who is nearby!

Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God of healing and reconciliation, you free us from our
burdens and promise us safety and refuge. Help us to
trust in your power, that we may praise you without
qualification and rejoice in the power of your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn *Jesus, You Have Truly Called Us* Insert

Call to Confession

Leader: Our God is compassionate and merciful, knowing us with an intimacy we cannot comprehend. There is nothing we have done or left undone that is not already known by God. This gives us confidence to be fully ourselves, that we can be fully forgiven.

Prayer of Confession

All: You are faithful, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when our faith withers, our passion grows weary, and our focus wanes. You are loving, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when our love is too shallow, our compassion too slow, our status too important. You are the creator, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when we fear that you have stopped creating, stopped calling, stopped reforming. Convict us, enliven us, and lead us to know the depth of your steadfast love.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord is our hope and our trust, our light and salvation.
Believe 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
Object Lesson on Faith

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: God of justice and mercy, by your Holy Spirit inspire us through your word, and shape our lives according to your will.
Through Jesus Christ we pray.

All: Amen.

1st Scripture Reading *Psalms 103:1-8*

Special Music "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Olstad
Sally Turner, flute; Jackie Anderson, piano

2nd Scripture Reading *Luke 13:10-17*

Sermon "Got Mercy?" Rev. Susan Frost
"When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame..." Luke 12:49

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill

Insert

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Mindful of the generosity of God and the awareness that all we have has been given, let us respond with the offering of our lives and labor.

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: Lord of the Sabbath, we rejoice in offering you these gifts,
that our lives may show forth the wondrous healing of your
love in the world. Amen.**

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

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Charge

Leader: Go forth into the world rejoicing, sure of the healing God offers. Share the good news with all, seeking those who feel unknown and forgotten. Be strengthened in your faith, and trust in the kingdom that cannot be shaken.

Sung Response *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

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

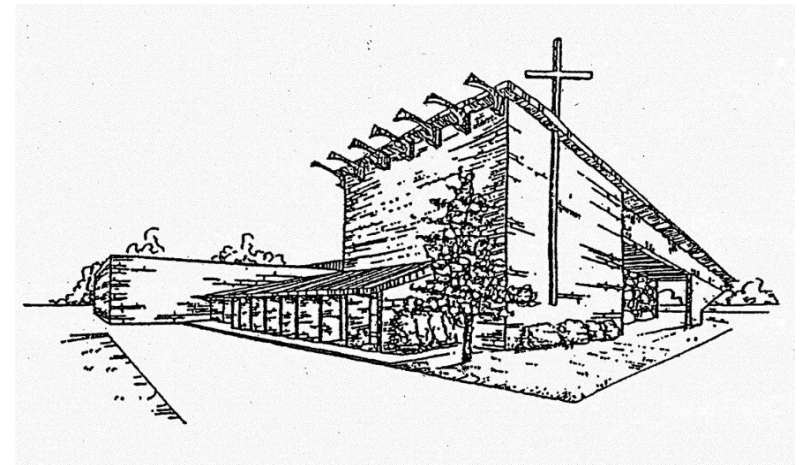
Leader: May the blessing of God, like a mother's love, sustain you; may the peace of God, like a strong castle, protect you; may the hope of God, like a consuming fire, enlighten you, this day and forevermore.

Postlude

Prelude in F Major

Bach

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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/UCzM5thYxua2HQSFP6P71wA>
2. HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR CALENDAR for the 200-year Anniversary Celebration? September 21st we will have a worship service of remembrance and thanksgiving followed by special events and a catered luncheon in the Social Room. Sign-ups begin next week for the luncheon, so plan ahead and join us for this joyful occasion.
3. THE 2025 SUMMER MISSION PROJECT continues through next week. 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 \$9570 toward this year's goal of \$10,000.
4. MISSION DONATIONS were approved at the August meeting by the Mission Committee to the Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church for its Saturday morning free breakfast program for inner-city residents (\$500), and to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance organization for victims' relief efforts for the July Texas flooding (\$1,500). If you would like to add to the Texas relief PDA donation, send your gift to the church office with the designation "Texas Relief". Thank you to the congregation for your generous contributions.
5. TOUR OF EGYPT? One of our mission budget partners, Hands Along the Nile, is leading a combination sightseeing/mission observation trip to Egypt from November 7th to 17th this fall that still has openings with a registration deadline of August 31st (SOON!). If interested in possibly going, for more information please contact one of the following;
 - 1) www.handsalongthenile.org/causes/insight-trips/
 - 2) info@handsalongthenile.org
 - 3) Call 703-875-9370 to talk to someone at Hands
6. 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.
7. FRIENDS AT HOME - We would like to remember our "Friends at Home" on their birthdays. There is a basket of cards available for your use on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. Feel free to choose a card from the basket to remember these important members of our church family. Addresses and birthdays for these folks are with the basket along with non-birthday cards, if you would just like to send a note.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 24

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
 5:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

Tuesday, August 26

5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
 6:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room
 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

Wednesday, August 27

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon in Room 9/10
 6:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room and Basement

Thursday, August 28

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
 6:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room
 Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
 7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Saturday, August 30

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, August 24

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
 12:00 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
 5:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>August 24th</u>	<u>August 31st</u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i>	<i>Jeremiah 2:4-13</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 71:1-6</i>	<i>Psalms 81:1, 10-16</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 12:18-29</i>	<i>Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 13:10-17</i>	<i>Luke 14:1, 7-14</i>

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