

Celebration of Worship

August 31, 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 and Announcements

Reflection

Emma Lazarus

"Until we are all free, we are none of us free."

Ringin' 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: God welcomes us all.

People: Whoever we are,

Leader: wherever we are,

People: however we are,

All: God welcomes us all.

Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise.
Open our eyes to see the world as you see it. Give us
the wisdom to witness your presence in all people.
Transform us in love, grow us in our faith, call us to love
with a full heart and to share your promises with all
people. Amen.**

Hymn *Our God Is an Awesome God*

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!

Call to Confession

Leader: We turn away from God, often not knowing any better. Yet
God keeps inviting us and keeps reaching to us in love. In
penitence and faith, let us turn towards God and seek
forgiveness..

Prayer of Confession

**All: Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble
and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go
our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of
others. Free us from the temptation to pursue our own
pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all your
people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for
the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: With abundant grace and mercy that reaches wide, God
gathers us and cleanses us, making us new, making us
whole. This is 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
"Emma's Poem"
by Linda Glaser

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: God of Wisdom, open us to the work of your Spirit, that we
may hear and faithfully respond to your holy Word.

1st Scripture Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7

Special Music

"It Is Well with My Soul"

arr. Sharon Wilson

Audrey Anderson, violin; Kiera Anderson, flute; Georgia Hubbard, piano

2nd Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

"Humility and Hospitality"

Rev. Susan Frost

"For all who exalt themselves will be humbled." *Luke 14:11*

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me

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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: God gives us more grace than we can ever earn and sustains us in ways we cannot imagine. With a spirit of generosity, let us freely offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

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: God of grace, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us; we give thanks for your hope in us; we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace. In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love, we dedicate these offerings and ourselves to you. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

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Charge

Leader: God graces us with abundance and inspires us to be generous. Now, go into the world, confident in the Lord's provision, seeking those who are the stranger and providing for those who cannot repay you.

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.

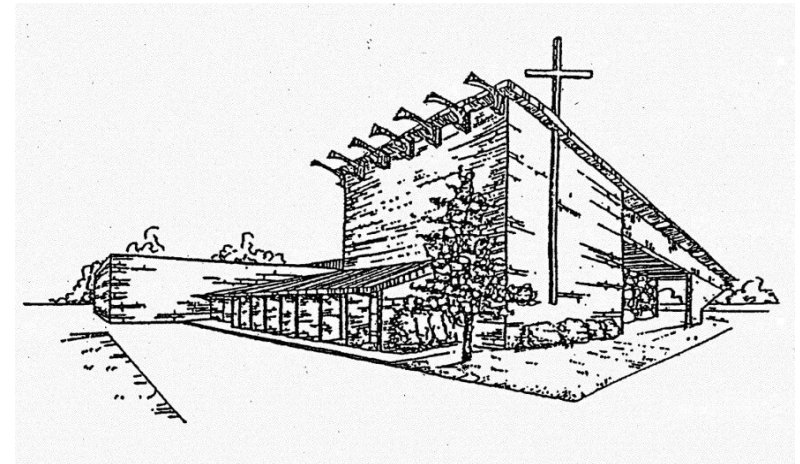
Benediction

Leader: May the God of mystery take you to unexpected places; may the God of humility teach you to serve without pride; may the God of wisdom inspire your work in the kingdom, and the blessing God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you now and always.

All: Amen.

Postlude

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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through faith and action,
welcoming all.*

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 2

5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
6:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

Wednesday, September 3

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon 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 and Basement

Thursday, September 4

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
1:00 P.M. FNO Practice in the Social Room
6:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room
Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Saturday, September 6

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, August 7

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
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 31st</u>	<u>September 7th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 2:4-13</i>	<i>Jeremiah 18:1-11</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 81:1, 10-16</i>	<i>Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16</i>	<i>Philemon 1:1-21</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 14:1, 7-14</i>	<i>Luke 14:25-33</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

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. OFFERING GIFTS may be made by placing your contribution in the plates by the entrance doors, using the "Give button" on our church website, or mailing your check to the church office. All will be dedicated during the worship service.
3. 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 up for the luncheon in the Narthex, or call the church office to join us for this joyful occasion.
4. THE 2025 SUMMER MISSION PROJECT concludes today. We praise and thank all who have helped us reach \$9735 toward this year's goal of \$10,000.
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 - 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.