

Celebration of Worship

September 28, 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

Reflection

Gregory of Nazianzus

"To all earth's creatures God has given the broad earth, the springs, the rivers and the forests, giving the air to the birds, and the waters to those who live in water, giving abundantly to all the basic needs of life, not as a private possession, not restricted by law, not divided by boundaries, but as common to all amply and in rich measure."

Ringling of the Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

People: Jesus Christ, who rules over all things, gathers us in love.

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People: Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving!

Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, we give you thanks for all the good gifts you have given us. Help us to grow our faith by doing good works, by being generous with our time, talents and our treasure, and by serving as your Spirit inspires us. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Call to Confession

Leader: Looking at Jesus, we see all the ways that we let God down and do not do what we know we should. Yet, God continually offers us mercy and grace when we ask for forgiveness. Let us pray, asking for forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

All: Dear God, forgive us when all we want is dollars in our bank accounts. Forgive us when we complain and grumble that we don't have enough. Forgive our lack of generosity and misguided ways. Forgive us our failure to love as Jesus demonstrated. Allow the Holy Spirit to motivate and guide us to do your will. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Without regard for the cost, the precious love of God is poured out in Jesus Christ. 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.

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Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,

Many: And also with you.

One: Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Holy God, as we listen to your word read, may the Holy Spirit inspire us to action in Jesus Christ's name.

All: Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 91:1-6

Children's Time

Stu's Corner

A Story About Stewardship for Young Children

Anthem

"On Eagle's Wings"

Michael Joncas

Chancel Choir

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun, and old you in the palm of His hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,

Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear.

Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day.

Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

For to his angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways.

Upon their hands they will bear you up lest you dash your foot against a stone.

2nd Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

"Whom or What Do You Trust?"

"...my God, in whom I trust."

Psalm 91:2b

Rev. Susan Frost

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn

Near to the Heart of God

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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: We brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of the world. Let us give both the gifts we have been given and our truest selves with glad and generous hearts.

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 Thanksgiving and Dedication

All: God who gives life to all things and richly provides us with everything, use these, our offerings, to take hold of and show us the life that really is. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn

The Church of Christ in Every Age

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Charge

Leader: Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.

Sung Response *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

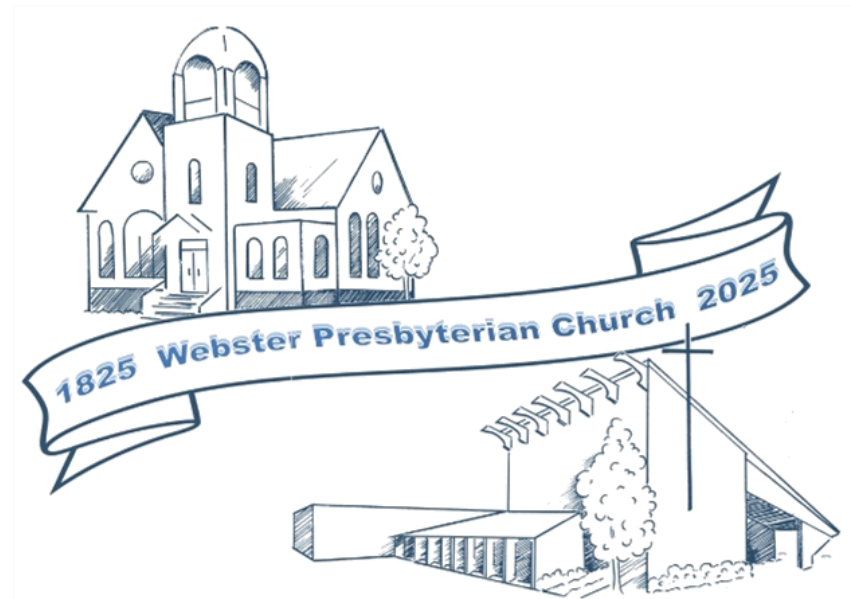
Benediction

Leader: May the sovereign Lord bless you; may the Christ of mercy keep you and the Holy Spirit sustain you, in this life and the life to come.

All: Amen.

Postlude

Celebrating 200 Years



200 Years  Still Building

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

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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. ADULT ED. following the worship service in Room 9/10
 Today: We are returning to Debie Thomas' book *"Into This Mess"*, looking at "Abide, page 144, and "The Bothersome Widow", page 147.
 Next Week: Join the Mission Committee when we welcome a representative from Heritage Christian Services who will speak about the work they do and the program they have here at WPC.
3. KENYA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' FUND: Although this fund is open year-round for donations, the Mission Committee is highlighting it now. We are currently supporting four very poor Kenya teenagers for their high school costs. Thank you for considering making a contribution! Checks can be made out to WPC with "Kenya Students" written in the memo line.
4. FOOD BARREL DONATIONS have been very generous, and we hope they will continue. This month there is a special need for tooth brushes and toothpaste as well as size 6 diapers.

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>September 28th</u>	<u>October 5th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15</i>	<i>Lamentations 1:1-6</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16</i>	<i>Psalms 137</i>
New Testament	<i>I Timothy 6:6-19</i>	<i>II Timothy 1:1-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 16:19-31</i>	<i>Luke 17:5-10</i>

Memory Verse

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."
 Philippians 4:13*

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 28

- 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
 Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 11:00 A.M. Adult Ed. book study "Into This Mess" in Room 9/10

Monday, September 29

- 6:00 P.M. Rachel Circle in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Basement Rooms
- 7:00 P.M. Homeowners' Association in Room 9/10

Tuesday, September 30

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in room 9/10

Wednesday, October 1

- 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

Thursday, October 2

- 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, October 3

- 9:00 A.M. Flower Show in the Social & Memorial Rooms and Narthex
- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom

Saturday, October 4

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
 Flower Show in the Social & Memorial Rooms and Narthex
 ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 5 - Worldwide Communion

- 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
- 11:00 A.M. Heritage Christian Homes Speaker in Room 9/10
 Family Bells in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel