

Celebration of Worship

September 7, 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 Minute for Mission

Reflection

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost you your life."

Ringling of the Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as the family of God,

People: bound together in the body of Christ.

Leader: We gather as the children of God,

People: called together in the presence of the Spirit.

Leader: We gather this day to worship God

People: and join our lives in the life of the church.

Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Weaver of life, framer of the ages, we marvel at your
artistry and the trust you place in us. From our first cries
to our final breaths, we are your own. Bind us now to
each other in ways beyond our choosing, that your
purpose might find fulfillment in our common life and
service. In Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn

Sing a New World into Being

Sing a new world into being. Sound a bold and hopeful theme.

Find a tune for silent yearnings; lend your voice and dare to dream:

Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.

Sing a new world into being; sing as Christ inspires your song!

Sing a new world into being where each gender class and race

Brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace;

Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.

Sing a new world into being; risk transforming heart and mind!

Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home;

Where no children ever hunger, but are filled with God's shalom;

Where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.

Sing a new world into being; raise the harmonies of peace.

Sing a new world into being. Join the ancient prophets' cry

For a time of health and plenty when all tears have been wiped dry;

When compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.

Sing a new world into being; live the promise you believe!

Call to Confession

Leader: Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world,
but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with
us.

Prayer of Confession

**All: O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ,
yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of
our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not
good enough; sin is real, and we are powerless before it.
Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken
values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes so
that what we build with our lives may give you glory.**

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus accompanies us on life's journey, offering abundant
mercy and bountiful forgiveness along the way. This is good
news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sung Response

Gloria Patri

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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

Children's Time

Stu's Corner

Weighing the Cost

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: God of wisdom, by your Spirit speak this day a word of life,
and plant in us the power of your righteous love; through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Anthem

"May the Peace of the Lord"

Douglas Wagner

Chancel Choir

2nd Scripture Reading*Luke 14:25-33***Sermon***"What IS the cost?"*

Rev. Susan Frost

*"So therefore, none of you can become my disciples
if you do not give up all your possessions."* *Luke 14:11*

RESPONDING IN LOVE**Hymn***Break Thou the Bread of Life*

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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: All that we have points back to our Creator; all that we have is gift and trust. God will finish what God has begun. We have the privilege of taking part. With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God from whom they came.

Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors,
mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website "Give" button. Thank you!

Sung Response*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

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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MOVING IN GOD'S WAY**Hymn***We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

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Charge

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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

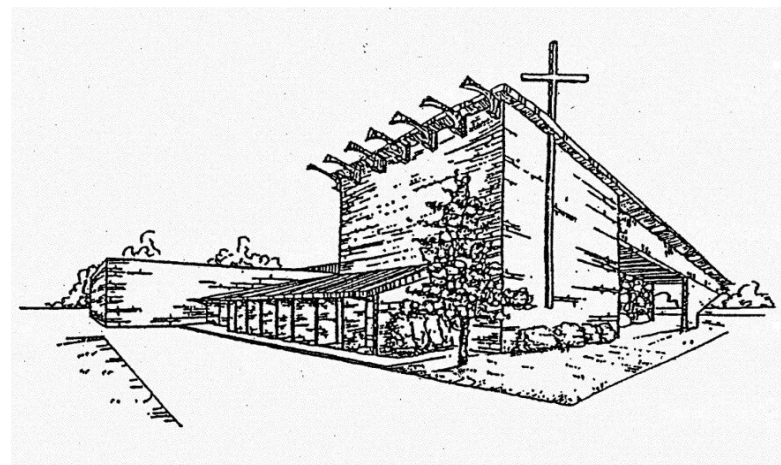
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

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 Artist who crafted you continue to shape your heart;
may the Christ who commissioned you charge you with purpose;
may the Spirit that stirs you help you to carry the cross,
that you may honor your creator and bless the world.

All: **Amen.**

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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Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...joining all those who sing on earth and in heaven:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Breaking of the Bread, Pouring the Cup

Leader: ...dedicated to your service.

People: Dying, you destroyed our death;

rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Invitation

Leader: ...The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion of the People

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion:

All: Loving God, you draw us into your abundance by feeding us with the bread of life and satisfying us with the cup of salvation. May this taste transform our thinking from scarcity to abundance and shape us from listlessness to gratitude. Now, fueled by your love, send us out to participate in your creative, holy work. Amen.

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. HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR CALENDAR for the 200 year Anniversary Celebration? In two weeks, on 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.
3. WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY resumes this week at 9 a.m. All women are invited to join this fall's study of the book of Isaiah, the most prominent of the major prophets. Bring a Bible and a beverage as we learn and discuss together.
4. ALL WOMEN are invited to the Women's Association and Circle Memory Gathering this Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Social Room. Brief histories and displays of past circle and PWC events will be shared. If you have a memory or memento, bring it along. Cookies and punch will be served.
5. MUSICIANS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. If you are interested in information about the Chancel Choir, contact Lee Ann Daigle (899-0120). For handbells, contact Jackie Anderson (703-2381).
6. ADULT ED. CLASSES begin next Sunday following the worship service in Room 9/10. Topics for the year will include discussion of Scripture, current events, justice issues, books, EVDs and more. Next week we will look at the "Nicene Creed, the 1700th Anniversary."

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>September 7th</u>	<u>September 14th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 18:1-11</i>	<i>Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18</i>	<i>Psalms 14</i>
New Testament	<i>Philemon 1:1-21</i>	<i>1 Timothy 1:12-17</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 14:25-33</i>	<i>Luke 15:1-10</i>

Memory Verse

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

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 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

Monday, September 8

- 1:00 P.M. 200th Anniversary Committee in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Basement Rooms
- 7:00 P.M. Session in Room 9/10

Tuesday, September 9

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 1:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Sanctuary
 Girl Scout Service Team in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, September 10

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Women's Assoc./Circle Memory Gathering in the Social Rm.
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, September 11

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 10:00 A.M. King Circle in the Memorial Room
- 6:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room
 Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Saturday, September 13

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
- 11:00 A.M. Memorial Service for Church Durand in the Sanctuary

Sunday, September 14

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