

Celebration of Worship

October 19, 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 / Minutes for Mission and Stewardship

Reflection

Norman Mailer

"Love asks us that we be a little braver than is comfortable,
a little more generous, a little more flexible.
It means living on the edge more than one cares to.

Ringin of the Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: We lift up our eyes to the hills – from where will our help come?

**All: Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who
made heaven and earth.**

Leader: I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent
whether the time is favorable or unfavorable.

**All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from
this time on and forevermore.**

Leader: With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living
God.

Hymn

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm

Insert

Call to Confession

Leader: If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. And yet we
want to be people of truth and love. We seek a new start, a
new day, an opportunity to join God's work of building and
planting. With confidence that God hears our prayers and
loves us unconditionally, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

**All: God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in
our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know
you and your will for us. Still, we stray from your ways,
we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us
more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to
acknowledge that you are our God.
Forgive us, and by your Spirit, renew us. Engrave your
covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and
faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say
we believe.**

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other,
"Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of
them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their
iniquity and remember their sin no more. Hear and believe
this good news! 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

THE WORD

Children's Time

Stu's Corner

Anita Brocker

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Amid a world where sound teaching is hard to find, our ears
are easily tickled by words that suit our own desires. Open
us to hear your word, O Lord, that we might know you and
your will for us today.

1st Scripture Reading *II Timothy 3:14 – 4:5*

Anthem

Psalm 30

arr. Jane McFadden

Alleluia Bells

2nd Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Sermon

"Living on the Edge"

John Kubiniec

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

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Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967 – Inclusive Language Edition

**All: The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the
life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become
personal crisis and present hope for women and men when
the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience,
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to
respond in faith, repentance and obedience, and initiates
the new life in Christ.**

The new life takes shape in a community in which people
know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they
are. They therefore accept themselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God's grace.

The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

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

Invitation to the Offering

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

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

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

Insert

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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Memory Verse

The grass withers, the flower fades;
But the word of our God will stand forever.

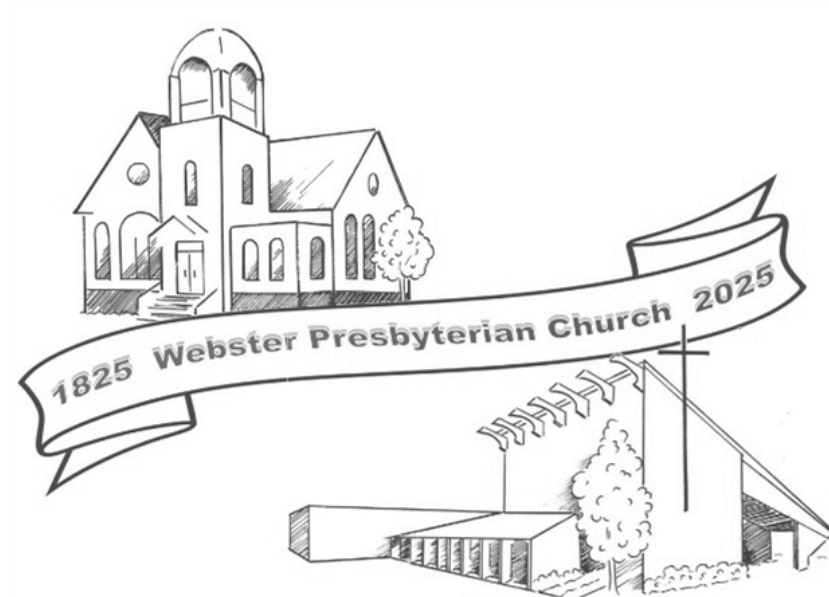
Isaiah 40:8

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>October 19th</u>	<u>October 26th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 31:27-34</i>	<i>Joel 2:23-32</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 119:97-104</i>	<i>Psalms 65</i>
New Testament	<i>II Timothy 3:14 - 4:5</i>	<i>II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 18:1-8</i>	<i>Luke 18:9-14</i>

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. TODAY Adult Christian Ed. begins a 5-week video series by Adam Hamilton, *SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK & WHITE*. We hope for new faces from the congregation as we listen and discuss how people of faith can weigh in on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide so many in our country. Join us at 10:45 in Room 9/10.
3. THE OCTOBER *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is tomorrow. Submit articles to both jchippero@websterpres.org and ghubbard@websterpres.org.
4. FALL WORKDAY - The Trustees invite you to the 2025 Church Fall Workday this Saturday from 9-12. We'll have a variety of inside and outside projects to get the church ready for winter. There will be breakfast snacks and drinks available, so stop in, even for a short, while to help.
5. YOU ARE INVITED to an organ concert here in the Sanctuary next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 when our new and talented Eastman School organist, Abby Crafton, will present a program of music not usually heard on Sunday mornings.
6. THIS WEEK A SCAM REQUEST for funds was made using Pastor Susan's name. Please know that no one from the church will ever solicit funds via text, phone or email.
7. PLEDGE CARDS for 2026 were mailed out recently for next year's church budget. Please consider your support for the work of the church and return the cards by next Sunday. This will lessen the number of follow-up calls that have to be made.
8. 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.
9. WINTER CLOTHING FOR CAMERON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: The Mission Committee has begun to collect men's, women's and children's gently used and new warm clothing for Cameron for winter beginning today and continuing through Sunday, November 16th. Please place your donations in the blue boxes in the Narthex and upper hallway. And please search your closets at home and/or buy something(s) at a local used clothing or discount store if you are able! Thank you in advance!

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, October 19

- 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
- 11:45 A.M. DVD on "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" Rm 9/10
Family Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Memorial Room

Monday, October 20 - *Pathway* Deadline

- 6:30 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

Tuesday, October 21

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, October 22

- 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 & Basement Rooms

Thursday, October 23

- 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 24

- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Event in the Social Room

Saturday, October 25

- 9:00 A.M. Church Workday
Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. Girl Scout Troop 715 in the Memorial Room

Sunday, October 26

- 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
- 11:45 A.M. DVD on "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" Rm 9/10
Family Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 P.M. Organ Recital in the Sanctuary