

Celebration of Worship

October 26, 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

Greeters Jack Hewlett and Hunter Smith

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection Martin Luther

"The Bible is a remarkable fountain:
The more one draws and drinks of it, the more it stimulates thirst."

Ringling of the Bell

Call to Worship Makayla Smith

Leader: God is good! God deserves our thanks!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Each of us makes bad choices. Each of us makes mistakes.
We are not perfect.

**People: This is grace. God chooses to love us despite our faults.
God will not give up on us.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

Prayer: Addison Hewlett

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Sovereign God, Saving Lord, Reforming Spirit, we
rejoice that you have guided your church through years
of turmoil and change. We pray that you will continue to
reform us according to the Word of God, through the
Holy Spirit. Lead us to do the work you have called us
to in this time and place. Amen.**

Lighting the Christ Candle Martin Mossey and Holly Grocki

Hymn *O Christ, the Great Foundation* # 443

Call to Confession Maisie Burke

Leader: We all do and say bad things. We sin. Let us trust God's
grace by confessing our shortcomings.

Prayer of Confession Addison Hewlett

**All: Great God, we confess that we are stuck in our ways and
are resistant to change. We refuse to listen to you. We
ignore your Word. We ignore your Holy Spirit. We ignore
situations and people. We seek what we think we need.
Forgive us. Help us to live more faithful lives that follow
Jesus' example.**

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We are all justified by grace through faith. In all things, our
gracious God offers us 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.

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Passing of the Peace Lola Carson

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

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

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination Lola Carson

Leader: Dear God, as we listen, give us strength and determination
to continue Christ's work until he comes again.

All: Amen.

1st Scripture Reading *Jeremiah 31:31-34* Addison Hewlett
The Message Bible

Children's Time Stu's Corner
The Presentation of Children's Bibles - God's Word
Martin Mossey – Kindergarten
Zella Dolan and Connor Waas – 3rd Grade

Anthem *Touch That Soothes and Heals* arr. Thomas Keesecker
Chancel Choir

Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread,

Steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead:

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care,

Give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there.

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.

"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."

Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least.

Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased.

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.

"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."

Hands that beckon little children bind a wound, prepare a meal,

Feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal,"

See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.

"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."

2nd Scripture Reading *Romans 3:19-28*

Sermon *"Reformed and Always Being Reformed"*

*"For we hold that a person is justified by faith
apart from works prescribed by the law."*

Romans 3:28

Rev. Susan Frost

Hymn	<i>Our God, We Are a Church Reformed</i>	Insert
Affirmation of Faith		Insert
Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles		
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)		

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Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Freely we have received; freely may we give, that those in need may see and touch and hear and eat the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

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
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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: Lord, how can we thank you for such wondrous love? You have covered us with blessing and sustained us with hope. Most of all, you have given us your very self, for our life and the life of the world. In gratitude, we bring our gifts for the sake of those you love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* # 260

Charge

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

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.

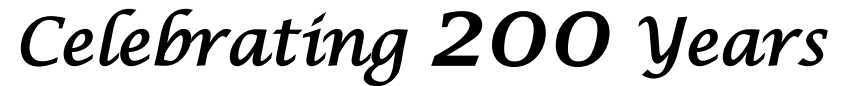
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Benediction:

Leader: May the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, and the Holy Spirit keep you, this day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

Postlude



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. ALL SAINT'S DAY is next Sunday. During Communion, there will be a reading of the names of those "saints" we lost this last year. If anyone in the congregation has someone they would like included in this list, we will need those names no later this Wednesday so that they can be put on an insert in the bulletin.
3. ADULT ED. continues the Adam Hamilton DVD series with the topic "Christ, Christians, and Culture Wars." Join us today after worship in Room 9/10 to watch and discuss the video, bringing your thoughts and questions on how people of faith can weigh in on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide so many in our country.
4. YOU ARE INVITED to an organ concert here in the Sanctuary this 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.
5. 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.
6. 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!
7. A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been called by Session for November 9th, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of voting and acting on the report and recommendation of the Pastoral Nominating Committee to elect and install our new pastor/head of staff, and approving the terms of call which will be offered. Members of Session and the Pastor Nominating Committee will be available following today's worship service to explain the process leading up to the call and answer questions. Then on November 9th, the candidate will lead us in worship before a vote is taken. We encourage all members to attend, meet the candidate, and participate in the Congregational Meeting.

This Week's Calendar

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

Monday, October 27

- 5:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 510 in the Basement Room
- 6:00 P.M. Rachel Circle in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

Tuesday, October 28

- 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. Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

Wednesday, October 29

- 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 30

- 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
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Friday, October 31

- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom

Saturday, November 1

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 2 - Communion Sunday

- 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. Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
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
- 4:00 P.M. Festival of Choirs at the Methodist Church

Affirmation of Faith

Compiled by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life-everlasting. The Nicene Creed; The Apostles' Creed, 2.3

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom alone we must cleave and in whom alone we put our trust. The Scots Confession, 3.01

We believe that we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves, but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001

We believe that all things are governed by the Providence of God.

The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.029

We believe that the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ. The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.039

We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God. God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. The Shorter Confession, 7.001

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacraments. The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.26

We believe that the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force. At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought. Our unity must become visible to the world. The Confession of 1967, 9.32

We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ. Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church. The Confession of Belhar, 10.3

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.5, 11.6

Our God, We Are a Church Reformed

Tune: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

O God, we are a church reformed, a church reforming still.

We long to grow in your true Word and follow more your will.

How awesome is your sovereign rule; You reign from heav'n above.

Yet you knelt down in Jesus Christ, in sacrificial love.

In love, you bring your people here and call your church to you,

That we may know salvation's joy and serve in all we do.

You call us to community; by faith our hearts are stirred.

In church, we seek an ordered life according to your Word.

As faithful stewards we find joy; we need no rich display.

Lord, teach us all to use with care the gifts you give each day.

The world makes gods of lesser things and wrongly uses power,

So by your Spirit may we work for justice every hour.

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>October 26th</u>	<u>November 2nd</u>
Old Testament	<i>Joel 2:23-32</i>	<i>Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 65</i>	<i>Psalms 119:137-144</i>
New Testament	<i>II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</i>	<i>II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 18:9-14</i>	<i>Luke 19:1-10</i>

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Memory Verse

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

Isaiah 40:8