

Celebration of Worship

October 5, 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

Monika Ajay Kaul

"Love thrives on truth, but falters when nourished by presumption."

Ringling of the Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me;

People: Bless God's Holy Name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and do not forget God's benefits, who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: who redeems our life, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: who satisfies us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, with grateful hearts we gather to bring you praise. May your praises fill the whole earth. We are thankful for your mighty works and for the tender care you give us. We praise you with our voices, our bodies, our instruments, ourselves. We join all of creation to give you praise. In the name of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

430

Call to Confession

Leader: Hear the good news of the Gospel. Jesus Christ came to save sinners. We confess in the sure and certain knowledge that God's grace overflowed to us while we were yet sinners. In confidence, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace.

Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Holy Spirit, we pray.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us

People: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

What is Worldwide Communion Sunday?

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Holy God, as we read your word, may your Spirit speak through it, that it may be for us the word of life.

All: Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Psalms 37:1-9

Anthem

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" arr. John Leavitt

Chancel Choir

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy.

Bread is broken, the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; Pass the Word around; loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one. At the table He sets the tone,

Teaching people to live and bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; Pass the Word around; loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God Immanuel everywhere!

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; Pass the Word around; loaves abound!

2nd Scripture Reading *Luke 17:5-10*

Sermon *“Stewardship vs Presumption – What the Table Teaches Us”*
“Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?” Luke 17:9
Rev. Susan Frost

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn *Come to the Table of Grace* Insert

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: Before us is a world in great need, waiting in hope. We are a people holding treasure meant to be given away: the good news of Christ; resources of time, talents and money. If we are to participate in God’s steadfast love and mercy, we must give sacrificially to the needs of God’s people.

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 Insert

MOVING IN GOD’S WAY

Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* # 438

Charge

Leader: Fulfill your holy calling by serving God and serving neighbor without thought of reward. And hope always in God, through whom all things are possible.

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.

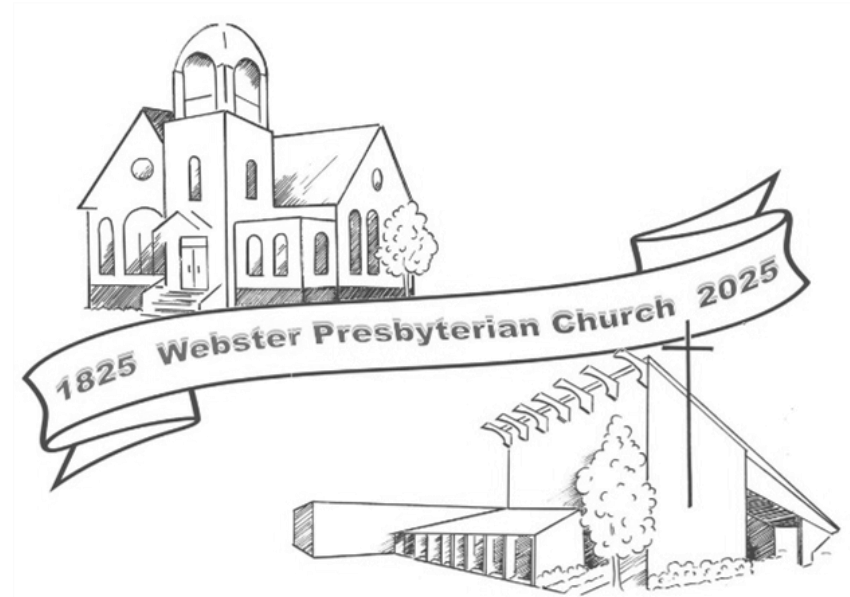
Blessing

Leader: May the steadfast love of God be upon you. May the grace of Christ Jesus our Lord be within you. May the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you, now and forever.

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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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: ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.

Leader: ...Come, Lord, Jesus!

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breaking of the Bread, Pouring the Cup

Leader: ...These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion of the People

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

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

Prayer after Communion:

**All: God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us
this foretaste of the heavenly realm of justice and peace.
Strengthen us with this food from your table as we seek to
serve you. Lead us in lives of purpose and joy as we await
the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

Lectionary Passages

	<u>October 5th</u>	<u>October 12^h</u>
Old Testament	<i>Lamentations 1:1-6</i>	<i>Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 137</i>	<i>Psalms 66:1-12</i>
New Testament	<i>II Timothy 1:1-14</i>	<i>II Timothy 2:8-15</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 17:5-10</i>	<i>Luke 17:11-19</i>

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 you are encouraged to join the Mission Committee in Room 9/10 following the service 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. STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK - Come and hear about '200 Years of Service to God – Where will we go from here?' and the 2026 budget. The session will be immediately following the service in the Sanctuary where important information will be shared regarding the finances of the church. It will be carried on YouTube and Facebook.
4. JODY COLLINGE VISIT ON OCTOBER 8 - Jody, who grew up in our church and is still an active, full time Christian Missionary, will be here in Room 9/10 this Wednesday at 7:00 pm to update us about her recent work! This will be an informal get together with plenty of time for questions. This has been set up by the Mission Committee, but all are invited so please come if you can.
5. 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.
6. "HEART & HAND has pillowcase kits for volunteers to sew on a table in the hallway outside the main church office. The kits contain directions and pre-cut fabric. They are for hospitalized children with serious diseases. Thank you all who can help us with this project.
7. THE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Semi-Annual Fall Clean-Up will take place Saturday, October 18th, at 10:00. Volunteer "pickers" and drivers are needed to clean up Route 250 by the church. See the sign-up table in the Narthex to join the crew.

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Memory Verse

*"The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever."
Isaiah 40:8*

This Week's Calendar

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

Monday, October 6

- 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 Meeting in Room 9/10

Tuesday, October 7

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

Wednesday, October 8

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle at the home of Elaine Wilbert
- 4:00 P.M. 200 Anniversary Committee on Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 715 in the Memorial Room
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
Meet & Greet Missionary Jody Collinge in Room 9/10

Thursday, October 9

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. King Circle in the Memorial Room
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 11

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

Sunday, October 12

- 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. 2026 Budget Presentation in the Sanctuary