# Celebration of Worship

November 16, 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**

# Words of Welcome, Announcements and Minute for Mission

#### Reflection

"Teach me to see that this is you who carries everything in your strong hands; then I can even be happy knowing that you are fulfilling your plans." Diet Eman (1920-2019) Dutch Resistance Fighter who helped Jews escape the Nazis

# Ringing of the Bell

# **Call to Worship**

Leader: The day of the Lord is coming!

People: God WILL complete creation; a new heaven and a new

earth.

Leader: The glory of the Lord is coming!

People: God will overturn each stone and bring justice into light.

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is coming!

People: God will draw us into communion and all our prayers will

be thanksgiving.

#### Invocation

AII:

God, source of our salvation, marvelous and mighty, nation rises against nation, kingdom against kingdom. The peoples of the earth suffer earthquakes, famines and plagues, and we feel betrayed by those we had trusted. So show yourself to us in these troubled times. Grant us wisdom to speak words of peace and comfort into places of brokenness and hurt. Make us instruments of the new heaven and the new earth you have promised, in which we place our trust. Amen.

**Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* # 263

#### Call to Confession

Leader: Before we call, God answers us. While we are still speaking, God hears us. Let us confess our sin to God who even now is waiting to say, "I forgive you."

# **Prayer of Confession**

All: O God of mercy, hear our prayers. Your Spirit calls us to movement and change, but we are stubborn, hesitant and fearful. We choose the familiar over the faithful, the comfortable over the courageous, selfishness over service, diatribe over dialogue. O God of mercy, hear our prayers. Forgive us of our sins, and move us to live as people transformed.

#### **Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession**

# **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Leader: God is creating new heavens and a new earth; the former

things shall not be remembered. They shall not even cross God's mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what God is

creating: newness of life

All: In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one

another. Alleluia!

Sung Response We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

# **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

# Prayer of Illumination

Leader: God of earthquake and the silence, quiet in us any voice but

your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might

act, making way for your new creation.

All: Amen.

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading Psalm 98

Children's Time Stu's Corner

Creating: Fun or Scary?

**Anthem** "Faith" Paul McKlveen

Alleluia Bells

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** *Isaiah 65:17-25* 

**Sermon** "God WILL Create" Rev. Susan Frost

"For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth, the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind." Isaiah 65:17

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#### **RESPONDING IN LOVE**

Hymn O God, Who Gives Us Life

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: Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God, with gratitude and

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 Dedication**

All: Loving God, before we give to you, you have given to us. All we offer we have received from you. We thank you for your goodness, and we praise you for your bountiful works, through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **MOVING IN GOD'S WAY**

**Hymn** Called as Partners in Christ's Service # 343

# Charge

Leader: Be strong in the truth of God. Bear witness to the gospel. Persevere in the face of evil. Persist in your commitment to Christ. Live without fear. Love without reserve.

# 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 grace of God, the love of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

#### **Postlude**

# Lectionary Passages

November 16<sup>th</sup>
Old Testament
Psalm
Psalm 98
New Testament
II Thessalonians 3:6-13
Gospel
November 23<sup>rd</sup>
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 21:5-19
Luke 23:33-43

# Celebrating 200 Years



# 200 Years T 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. THE DECEMBER *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is early this month, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please submit all articles by this Tuesday to both <a href="mailto:jchippero@websterpres.org">jchippero@websterpres.org</a> and ghubbard@websterpres.org.
- 3. THE CHURCH OFFICE will have abbreviated hours Thanksgiving week. The office will be open 9 am to Noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. THE EASTERN SERVICE WORKERS ASSOCIATION will again be providing Thanksgiving food boxes to low-income members on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Food sorting and delivery driver volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping, contact Tony Hubbard (265-1224 or tghubbard65@gmail.com) for more information.
- 5. THE ANGEL TREE to benefit Williamson Come-Unity Center is up and ready for you to start your shopping! Gifts are due back, unwrapped, by December 7th and can be placed in the designated bins in the Narthex. To purchase gifts on-line, see the directions and a QR code to scan on the Angel Tree table in the Narthex. We advise that gifts ship no later than 12/01 so that they get here on time, as we are on a tight deadline for delivery to Williamson. If you need help with your order, or have a group that would like to participate, please speak with Doreen Clark or Laura Oliver. There was an error with the QR code, so if you are planning to use, it please stop by the Angel Tree to pick up a new flyer or email Laura at loliver421@gmail.com to get the new code.
- 6. WPC WILL AGAIN PARTICIPATE in the Webster Parade of Lights! Mark your calendars for December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and walk with us. In the meantime, we're looking for volunteers to help build our float, and supplies to borrow including a small trailer, straw bales, lights, and other decorations. Please reach out to Heather Hewlett or Elissa Burke for more information.
- 7. \$10 GIFT CARDS FOR MEN AT GRACE HOUSE We are collecting these from today until December 14 in the box in the Narthex on Sunday mornings and at the office at other times. The men appreciate cards for places that are easily accessible in the city such as WalMart, Target, McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King and Chick- fil-A.

#### This Week's Calendar

#### Sunday, November 16

- 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
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. DVD "Spiritual Maturity and Seeing Gray" in Rm 9/10
- 12:00 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge
- 4:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Social Room

#### Monday, November 17

- 4:00 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, November 18

- 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
- 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

#### Wednesday, November 19

- 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
- 7:00 P.M. ONE in Christ on Zoom

#### Thursday, November 20

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

# Friday, November 21

- 10:00 A.M. Heart & Hand in Room 5
- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. FNO Rehearsal in the Social Room

# Saturday, November 22

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
- 10:30 A.M. Memorial Service for Carol Walck in the Sanctuary

# Sunday, November 23

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-Streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Room 3 Youth Christian Ed. In the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. DVD "What Would Jesus Say to America?" Rm 9/10 Decorate the Church for Christmas
- 12:00 P.M. Pie-making Event in the Kitchen and Social Room

# **Memory Verse**

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. *Colossians* 3:15