

Celebration of Worship

November 9, 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

Michael Higgins

"The soul did not invent itself; it is a presence from the divine word where intimacy has no limit or barrier. You can never love another person unless you are equally involved in the beautiful but difficult spiritual work of love.

Ringin of the Bell

Gathering Song

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel God's mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: We will lift up joyous songs and sing your praises.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it rejoice.

People: Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.

Leader: For God will come to judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. Let us join with all creation to praise the Lord! Let us worship God.

Invocation

Leader: God of creation and compassion, you hear the cries of your people. You know our fear and despair. In your great love, you assure us that you walk with us in Christ Jesus. In this time of worship, we long to see your new heaven and new earth break through, making your justice known and life fruitful for all your children. We praise you for the hope you offer us in Christ Jesus. We trust that you are at work in your church and in creation so all that is broken will be made new. Through our prayers and our praise, strengthen our trust in your promised future, O God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all life.

Hymn

Let Us Build a House

Insert

Prayer of Confession

All: God of promise and purpose, you set before us a vision of your new heaven and earth, yet we confess we easily cling to the past. We hold on to grudges and resentment. We grumble about change, even when we see the need for it. We resist making room for those who have faced discrimination in our community.

Forgive these old ways of thinking and acting. Create in us hearts made new by your mercy and love. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! While the world judges in order to condemn, God judges with justice, equity and mercy. All things have been made new in Christ and our sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start.

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

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: God, through the power of your Holy Spirit, open your Word in us that we would hear what you would say to us today; through Jesus Christ, who invites us to welcome him in, even before we are ready or worthy.

All: Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Haggai 1:15 – 2:9

Children's Time

Stu's Corner

Anthem

"The Journey Is Our Home"

Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

2nd Scripture Reading

Luke 20:27-38

Sermon

"Reimagining"

Rev. Russ Roth

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* # 210
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Lighting of Prayer Candles
Prayers of the People Insert
The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Call to the Offering

Leader: Each week we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom.
Though we do not know exactly what this will look like, we
offer our gifts to God for the work of the Kingdom here and
now.

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.

Blessing of the Offering

All: Steadfast God, we enjoy your loving kindness day by day.
We offer our gifts in gratitude for what we have received
from your love. Bless our gifts and our lives so that your
goodness will touch many lives in the name of Jesus Christ,
our friend and savior. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* # 483
Charge and Blessing
Postlude

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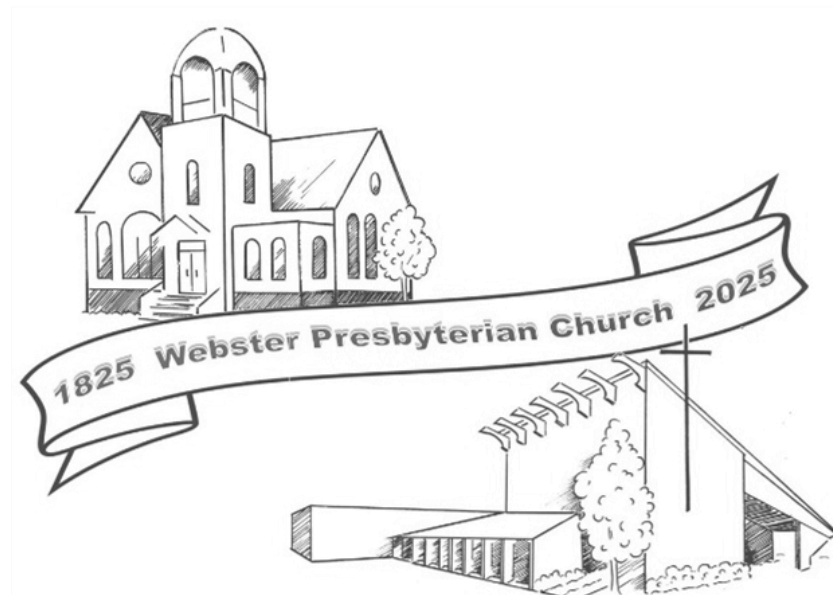
Lectionary Passages

	<u>November 9th</u>	<u>November 16th</u>
Old Testament	Haggai 1:15b – 2:9	Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalms	Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21	Psalms 98
New Testament	II Thessalonians 1:1-5, 13-17	II Thessalonians 3:6-13
Gospel	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19

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*

Celebrating 200 Years



200 Years ♥ Still Building

Matthew 16:18b – on this rock I will build my church

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Prayers of the People

God of all life and each life:

We thank you that you are with us every day, in each challenge and opportunity. In our weakness, you are strength in our confusion; you light the path ahead. In our questions, you offer wisdom for our choices. Stay with us in these days when so much seems uncertain, and help us to serve you faithfully, when and as we are able.

God of loving kindness:

Thank you for each moment of joy and celebration in our lives: for love given and received, for friendships which bring meaning and happiness, even from a distance, and for family members who show us glimpses of unconditional love. In all our relationships and interactions, keep us mindful of your call to see you in each other.

God of the nations:

We worry for the world filled with conflict and division, when the earth itself is put at risk by destructive human actions. Guide diplomats and politicians to look beyond short-term interests, and keep the well-being of vulnerable people and the planet in focus. Open our leaders' minds and hearts with wisdom to develop more equitable ways of ordering our common life.

God of healing:

We pray for those who are suffering in these days when cold weather is closing in. Draw close to all who fear the future. Comfort those with pain or problems that seem overwhelming. Shine the light of your love into our sadness and sorrows and show us how to comfort and support each other.

God of life:

We thank you for your saints of every age who continue to inspire us, and for all who have meant the world to us and now live with you. Keep us in communion with them and, at the last, bring us all to dwell together in your light.

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. FLOWERS on the Communion Table are given by Gayl Galen in memory of her husband, Ken.
3. A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been called by Session for today, 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.
4. NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FINAL DAY to bring in winter clothing for Cameron Community Ministries. Men's (especially needed), women's and children's gently used and new warm clothing can be placed in the blue boxes in the Narthex and upper hallway. Donations can include items from your closets at home or purchases from a local used clothing or discount store.
5. THE DECEMBER *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is early this month, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please submit all articles by Tuesday, November 18th, to jchippero@websterpres.org and ghubbard@websterpres.org.
6. THE EASTERN SERVICE WORKERS ASSOCIATION will again be providing Thanksgiving food boxes to low-income members on November 24th and 25th. 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.
7. 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.
8. WE ARE EXCITED FOR WPC TO PARTICIPATE in the Webster Parade of Lights again! Mark your calendars for December 6th 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.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 9

- 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
- 10:45 A.M. Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

Monday, November 10

- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Service Team in the Chapel
- 6:30 P.M. Long-range Planning Committee in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

Tuesday, November 11

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 1:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room
- 4:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Memorial Room
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, November 12

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle in the Memorial Room
- 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 & Basement Rooms

Thursday, November 13

- 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, November 14

- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom
- 6:45 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

Saturday, November 15

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 P.M. Eagle Ceremony in the Sanctuary & Social Room

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