Celebration of Worship

October 18, 2026 9:30 A.M.

We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.

* *Please stand, if you are able.*

Prelude *Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus* D. Wood

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection Arab Proverb

"If you have much, give of your wealth;
if you have little, give of your heart."

Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Song *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* Screen

Call to Worship

One: Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

All: Let us shout out in praise!

One: God does great things for us. See God's amazing works all around us.

All: Great is the Lord!

One: Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

* **Hymn** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* # 422

Call to Confession

One: We come to worship because we believe in the goodness of God. We have seen it. We come knowing that we don't always bear that goodness in our lives. We have made mistakes. And so we confess, knowing that God is good and merciful and kind.

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that we are yours, made in your image and likeness. Give us courage, here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need.

Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

* **Gloria Patri** Screen

* **Passing of the Peace**

Children's Time

Anthem *Seek Ye First* arr. Douglas Wagner
Chancel Choir

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer for Understanding

All: Lord, as we come to hear your Word for us, still in us all that distracts us. Open our ears to hear your Word for us, read and proclaimed. And open our hearts to be transformed to be your people, to love and serve with faithful obedience. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading *Isaiah 45:1-7*

Anthem *Spiritus* Susan Nelson
Alleluia Bells

2nd Scripture Reading *Matthew 22:15-22*

Sermon John Kubiniec

* **Hymn** *God of the Sparrow* # 272

* **Invitation to the Offering**

Leader: We give back in gratitude for all we have been given. All around us are the wonders of God's love and grace. Tucked within us are gifts to be shared: our talents, our interests, our love and service to others. As we come to the time of offering, we are invited to consider how we will respond to the generosity of God, how we will share our time, talents and treasures with one another and with the world. Let us consider our gifts given in grateful praise.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

All: **Generous God, all that we have comes from you. We give back in gratitude. May our gifts become beacons of hope and doors of justice and open arms of love, making your presence known in the world around us. Amen.**

*** Doxology** Screen

Mission Stewardship Presentation

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn** *Take, O Take Me as I Am* See Below
Sing a total of 4 times

Blessing

Postlude *Let Me Be Thine Forever* attr. J.C. Bach

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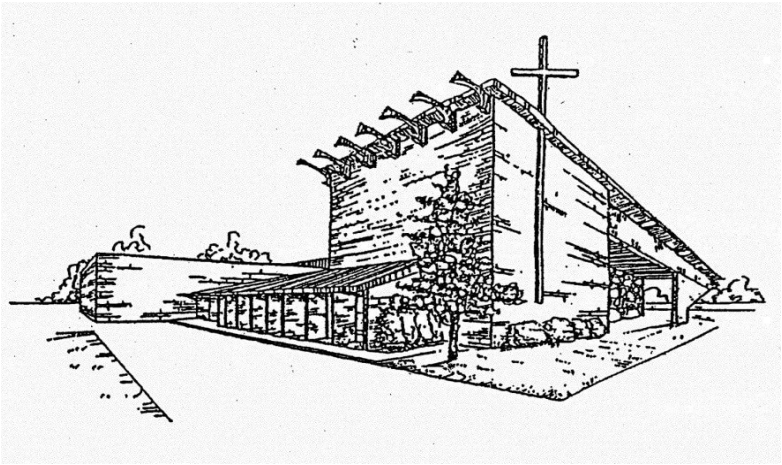

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. CHURCH WORKDAY is Saturday, October 24th, from 9 am to Noon. Mark your calendars and join the Trustees for part or all of the morning to help with a variety of inside and outside projects to get the church ready for winter. Breakfast snacks and drinks will be available.
3. KENYA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FUND**:** Special envelopes in the chair racks for your voluntary donations will be removed after next week's October 25th service. These donations allow 4 very needy students in Kenya to attend high school instead of stopping after 8th grade. If you still want to contribute, please do so soon, and we thank those who have already done so!
4. WINTER CLOTHING FOR CAMERON - We are now collecting new and gently used clothing for winter for men, women and children in the blue plastic tubs in the Narthex and upper hallway. Please begin searching your closets and local low-cost discount used or new clothing stores for items to donate. Cameron Community Ministries distributes them free and in an equitable way to the many homeless and very poor folks in the northwestern part of Rochester. Thank you!
5. THE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Semi-Annual Fall Clean Up will take place on Saturday, October 31st beginning at 10:00 am. Volunteer "pickers" and drivers are needed to clean up Route 250 by the church. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Clark Chippero at clarkchippero@gmail.com to join the crew!
6. THE NOVEMBER *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is Tuesday, October 20th. Please submit your articles by noon to both jchippero@websterpres.org and ghubbard@websterpres.org or drop your article off in the office.
7. THE FOOD BARREL donations for Webster HOPE and local food cupboards are always gratefully received. Help us restock the food barrel with needed items, including pasta, cereal, cooking oil, canned fruit and vegetables, shampoo, conditioner and cleaning supplies.

Lectionary Passages

	October 18	October 25
Old Testament	*Exodus 33:12-23*	*Deuteronomy 34:1-12*
Psalm	*Psalm 99*	*Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17*
New Testament	*I Thessalonians 1:1-10*	*I Thessalonians 2:1-8*
Gospel	*Matthew 22:15-22*	*Matthew 22:34-46*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 18
- 8:15 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 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
- 12:00 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Memorial Room

Monday, October 19
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Basement Rooms

Tuesday, October 20 – *Pathway Deadline*
- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10

Wednesday, October 21
- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. ONE in Christ Committee on Zoom

Thursday, October 22
- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, October 23
- 10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom

Saturday, October 24
- 9:00 A.M. Fall Workday at the Church
  Prayer Time on Zoom
- 10:00 A.M. Girl Scout Event in the Social Room
  Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Basement Room
- 1:15 P.M. ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 25
- 8:15 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 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. Confirmation Class in the Youth Room
  2027 Budget Presentation in the Social Room

Memory Verse

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Proverbs 15:1