Celebration of Worship

October 25, 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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Mark Hayes

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection Quote of reflection from John Calvin

"Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves."

Ringing of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

One: The Lord has been our dwelling place in all generations.
All: From everlasting to everlasting, God is God; and so we come to worship.
One: God satisfies us every morning with steadfast love.
All: Let us rejoice and be glad all our days.
One: Tell of God's glorious power and praise God's holy name.
All: We will offer God the work of our hands and praise from the depths of our hearts.

* **Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* # 138

Prayer of Adoration

One: God, our God, you are gracious and loving, holy and eternal; your love is steadfast, your presence ever near. Your wisdom is older than time and as fresh as the morning dew. Your name has come to us through the centuries, yet you can always do a new thing to draw us back to you. Holy God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, Three and One, we offer you our prayers and praise this day in humble expectation. Refresh our understanding and nurture our readiness to serve you.

Call to Confession

One: In recalling all that you have done and who you are, we recall who we have been and what we have done. Out of a desire to begin again with you and one another, we confess to you our sins:

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, you know our hearts, the times we truly loved one another and the times we merely tolerated each other. You know our minds, the times we focused on you and the times we pursued our own purposes. You know our bodies, the times we have served you and the times we have served only ourselves. Forgive us those times we went our own way and renew our commitment to live lives marked by your grace.

Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven people, set free from past failures to make a fresh start this day and every day. The Holy Spirit empowers us to love God and to love others. Thanks be to God for such everlasting grace!

* **Gloria Patri** Screen

* **Passing of the Peace**

Children's Message

Prayer for Understanding

All: Lord God, as we listen to the Scriptures this day, send your Holy Spirit so we encounter the words as your Living Word. Open our hearts to respond in love and service for Christ's sake. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading *John 15:9-17*

Anthem *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* arr. Ivan Trusler
Chancel Choir

2nd Scripture Reading *Luke 2:41-47*

Sermon Rev. Russ Roth

* **Hymn** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* # 210

* **Invitation to the Offering**

One: As members of Christ's body, the Church, we draw on the gifts of many other followers of Jesus, offered to him over centuries of service. Our gifts join theirs so that God will be praised and Jesus' love spread in this generation and those still to come.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

All: Generous God, you are both faithful and fruitful as you embrace each new generation. Bless our gifts and make them fruitful beyond our imagining. Keep us faithful in this generation so that the inheritance we have received in Christ will continue in generations yet to come. Amen.

*** Doxology** Screen

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

One: Faithful God, we do not have enough words to thank you for all you have given us and the love you share with us in Christ Jesus.

In the silence of this time, help us review the week just past, remembering the ways we encountered you – in the beauty of creation, the support of friends, the wisdom of books, the joy of music, the energy of exercise, through study and prayer.

God of comfort and challenge, we are grateful for your presence in these uncertain times, at home, at work and at school. We give thanks for your attention to the small details and the large responsibilities we face. Make us attentive to the needs of those around us. In silence we name before you those finding these days especially difficult.

God of justice and leadership, we pray for our country and nations of the world facing immense challenges. Guide decision-makers in these complex times, and keep the hearts of those with resources open to those who do not have enough. We pray for places where justice is lacking, where violence threatens, or leaders are untrustworthy.

God of the Church, we pray for our church: where the church is divided, heal it; where we are in error, correct us; where we are tired, give us hope and expectation; where we are serving your purposes, nurture and protect us.

God of grace and guidance, you call us to be your hands and feet, your voice and comfort in the world, following the example of Jesus. Equip us to respond to the needs around us in his name, and make us bold to get started right here and right now. For we dare to pray the words Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn** *The Church of Christ in Every Age* # 421

Blessing

Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King* Robert Hobby

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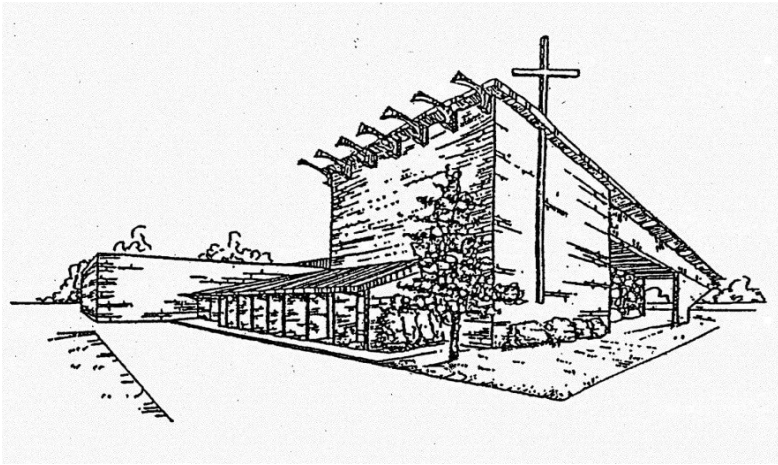

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. FOLLOWING THE SERVICE TODAY, the 2027 Proposed Budget will be presented and explained in the Sanctuary. As we look to the future, we hope all will take the time to learn how the church uses the funds that are pledged to make this place a meaningful place for our members, our community, and many organizations beyond our walls.

3. A HANDBELL CONCERT will be held here in the Sanctuary next Sunday afternoon at 3 pm to honor Jackie Anderson and all she has done to teach and promote handbell ringing for all ages and abilities. Four handbell choirs will participate. Come join and celebrate with us on this special occasion.

4. THE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Semi-Annual Fall Clean Up will take place this coming Saturday beginning at 10:00 am. and ending before noon. Volunteer "pickers" and drivers are still needed to clean up Route 250 by the church. All supplies will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Clark Chippero at clarkchippero@gmail.com to join the crew!

5. THE YOUTH OF WPC are offering leaf-raking on Saturday, November 7th, for those who need help with leaf removal. They are a small group, so they would appreciate help. If you are willing to volunteer, call the church office to add your name to the list of leaf rakers.

6. SEWING KITS FROM HEART AND HAND for volunteers to complete are on a table in the hallway across from the office. These are fleece hats which will go to needy grammar school children. If you are willing to complete some of the kits, please return them to the basket in the office by November 16th.

7. KENYA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FUND**:** Special envelopes in the chair racks for your voluntary donations will be removed after today's 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 today, and we thank those who have already done so!

8. 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 for free and in an equitable way to the many homeless and very poor folks in the northwestern part of Rochester. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

Monday, October 26
- 6:30 P.M. Rachel Circle in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Basement Rooms

Tuesday, October 27
- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10

Wednesday, October 28
- 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. Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

Thursday, October 29
- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

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

Saturday, October 31
- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
  ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. Daisy Troop 300 in the Memorial Room
  Route 250 Clean-up

Sunday, November 1 - Communion Sunday
- 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
- 3:00 P.M. Bell Concert in the Sanctuary

Memory Verse

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."
Proverbs 15:1

Lectionary Passages

	October 25	November 1
Old Testament	*Deuteronomy 34:1-12*	*Joshua 3:7-17*
Psalm	*Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17*	*Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37*
New Testament	*I Thessalonians 2:1-8*	*I Thessalonians 2:9-13*
Gospel	*Matthew 22:34-46*	*Matthew 23:1-12*