

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO FOLK MUSIC



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WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JUNE 4-JULY 2

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

A SERVICE OF WORD

JUNE 25, 2023 10:30AM

Grace Notes

Welcome to WHPC! If you are visiting us today, we are so glad you joined us for worship. If you have not already, please take a moment to record your contact information on the visitor card you will find in the pew and drop it in the offering box or hand it to a greeter at the door. We are always glad to share the great things happening at WHPC!

If you are looking for a new church home and would like to join in fellowship with Westover Hills, please join us in the Parlor (outside the sanctuary doors) and we will gladly share more about life at WHPC or, if you are ready, receive you into membership.

Childcare is available in the nursery. Please check with a greeter.

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Dr. Robert Lowry, Pastor

PRELUDE David Austin, Music Director

+CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist, Nancy Passini

Come into God's presence and shout with the heavens,
our God is very great!
Clothed with honor and wrapped in glorious light,
our God is very great!
Serving tirelessly and caring endlessly,
our God is very great!
Calling us to humility and compassion,
our God is very great!
Come into God's presence, to listen and hear God speak.

+OPENING PRAYER

God of majesty and might,
blow through this place
like a mighty wind.
Inspire us with your presence.
Cover us with your love,
that we might be your people,
serving others with care and compassion.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

+SONG OF PRAISE #469 *"Morning Has Broken"* BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters, nothing we can say or do can ever separate us from God's mercy and love. The gifts of God are eternal and will never be withdrawn. God's ultimate desire and purpose is not to punish but to forgive. So together we may pray with hope, not fear. Let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating God,
you stretched out the heavens like a tent
and set your dwelling place over the water.
You are carried on the clouds, and on the wings of the wind;
the winds are your messengers, and flaming fire your servants.
You set the earth on its foundations,
never to be moved.
The deep waters covered even the mountains,
but at your voice they fled,
coming to rest where you had appointed,

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beyond the boundary you set,
never to cover the earth again.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.
O LORD, my God, you are very great.
Your works are many and varied
and in wisdom you have made everything.

Loving God,
in our human condition you know who we are, and what we are;
you know our awkwardness with ourselves, with each other,
and with you.

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

+SUNG RESPONSE “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON

3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to
be! Let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my
wan-dering heart to thee. Prone to wan-der, Lord, I
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my
heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

The legendary folk trio of Peter Yarrow, Paul Stookey, and Mary Travers, known as Peter, Paul, and Mary, are one of the best known and iconic contributors to American folk music.

They sang both original compositions and some of the most iconic music of the 1960's folk era. At the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, best known for Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech, they performed the Pete Seeger song "If I Had a Hammer" and the Bob Dylan classic "Blowin' in the Wind."

The trio broke up in 1970 but would reunite for special concerts and performances. They reunited more or less permanently from 1981-2009 until Travers died of complications following treatment for leukemia.

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ which passes all understanding be with you all.

And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MUSICAL INTERLUDE “Puff the Magic Dragon” Peter, Paul, and Mary

Music by Peter Yarrow

Lyrics by Leonard Lipton and Peter Yarrow

*Puff, the magic dragon lived by the sea
And frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called Honah Lee*

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The song “Puff the Magic Dragon” is one of the trio’s best known hits. The music was written by Peter Yarrow to accompany a poem by 19-year old Cornell student Leonard Lipton.

A 1964 *Newsweek* article speculated that the song was about drug use. Responding to the article, both Yarrow and Lipton said that the song was about the difficulties of growing up and letting go of childhood innocence in an increasingly cynical and troubled world. Despite their denials, the rumor has persisted.

The song was adapted into an animated TV special in 1978. Burgess Meredith voiced the character of Puff. In December 2016, Fox announced plans for a live-action/animation film based on the song. As of today, no progress has been made on that project.

*Little Jackie Paper loved that rascal Puff
And brought him strings, and sealing wax, and other fancy stuff*

Refrain

*Oh, Puff, the magic dragon lived by the sea
And frolicked in the autumn mist, in a land
called Honah Lee*

*Together they would travel on a boat with
billowed sail*

*Jackie kept a lookout perched on Puff's
gigantic tail*

*Noble kings and princes would bow whenever
they came*

*Pirate ships would lower their flags when
Puff roared out his name*

*Oh, Puff, the magic dragon lived by the sea
And frolicked in the autumn mist, in a land
called Honah Lee*

Refrain

*A dragon lives forever, but not so little boys
Painted wings and giant's rings make way for
other toys*

*One gray night it happened, Jackie Paper
came no more*

*And Puff, that mighty dragon, he ceased his
fearless roar*

*His head was bent in sorrow, green scales fell
like rain*

*Puff no longer went to play along the cherry
lane*

*Without his lifelong friend, Puff could not be
brave*

*So Puff, that mighty dragon, sadly slipped
into his cave*

Refrain (x2)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM

104:1, 12-17, 33-35

Let my whole being bless the LORD!

LORD my God, how fantastic you are!

*Overhead, the birds in the sky make their home,
chirping loudly in the trees.*

From your lofty house, you water the mountains.

The earth is filled full by the fruit of what you've done.

You make grass grow for cattle;

you make plants for human farming

in order to get food from the ground,

and wine, which cheers people's hearts,

along with oil, which makes the face shine,

and bread, which sustains the human heart.

The Lord's trees are well watered—

the cedars of Lebanon, which God planted,

where the birds make their nests,

where the stork has a home in the cypresses.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I'm still alive.

Let my praise be pleasing to him;

I'm rejoicing in the Lord!

Let sinners be wiped clean from the earth;

let the wicked be no more.

But let my whole being bless the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

SERMON

“A Theology of Gladness”

Dr. Lowry

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The **Heidelberg Catechism** was written in 1563 in the German city of Heidelberg, one of the few Calvinist outposts in Lutheran Germany. The traditional authors are thought to be Zacharias Ursinus and Caspar Olevianus, however research has shown that it was likely a team of theologians working together under the guidance of Frederick III, the Elector of the Province of the Palatinate from 1559-1576.

The **Westminster Shorter Catechism** was written in 1646/47 by the Westminster Assembly meeting in London. The synod of English and Scottish theologians was intended to bring the Church of England into greater conformity with the Church of Scotland.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN OF RESPONSE #464 *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee!"* ODE TO JOY

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Heidelberg & Westminster catechisms)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful savior Jesus Christ.**

What is the chief end of humankind?

To glorify God and take joy in God forever.

What rule has God given us to direct how we may glorify and find joy in God?

The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures. These Scriptures teach us what duty God requires of us.

What does God's law require of us?

**Christ teaches us this in summary when he says,
"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and first commandment.**

And the second is like it:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments hang
all the law and the prophets."**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Hymn writer **Michael Morgan** serves as Organist Emeritus for Atlanta's historic Central Presbyterian Church and as seminary musician at Columbia Theological Seminary.

He is a prolific writer of hymns rooted in Psalms. This composition utilizes Psalm 45 as the basis of the paraphrased text.

If you are looking for a new church home or would like to learn more about Westover Hills, please let an usher, greeter, or Dr. Lowry know. We would love to tell you more about life at WHPC!

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

+PARTING HYMN "How Our Hearts with Joy Abound"

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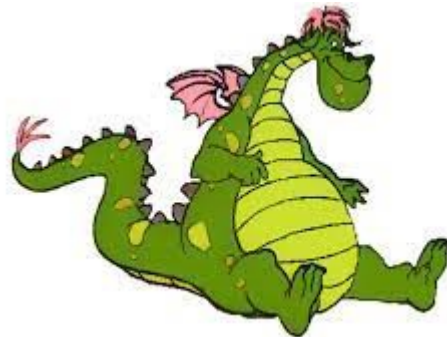
1 How our hearts with joy a - bound, with your beauty
2 Fair - er still than hu - man frame, ev - er to our
3 Yours the scepter, yours the throne; you to us are

all a - round; words are fee - ble to ex - press
eyes the same, stead - fast love shines from your face;
God a - lone. Vast the mer - cies to us given:

your great love and righ - teous - ness.
from your lips flow words of grace.
wealth of earth, and joy of heaven.

+CHARGE & BENEEDICTION

+POSTLUDE



Puff the Magic Dragon

WORSHIP NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY are Dr. Robert Lowry, Music Director David Austin, Liturgist Nancy Passini, and the Westover Hills Chancel Choir.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MIDWEEK MANNA BIBLE STUDY resumes this week.

NEW YEAR NEW YOU YOGA Yoga will be taking a break during the month of June but will return on July 6th.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST Thanks to your generosity we have funded 100% of the program for summer 2023!

THE SID MCCOLLUM FARMER'S MARKET The annual Farmer's Market has returned. The Farmer's Market is open every Tuesday from 3:30-6:00pm, so come and check out the local produce and other items from local vendors. If you have any questions, you may contact Bob Quinn.

LIFEQUEST SUMMER TERM Come join the fun at LifeQuest this summer! Registration opens June 12. Registration Fee is \$35. A wide variety of classes will be offered in in-person, online and in hybrid formats. For more information and class brochure, call 501-225-6073.

TASTE AND SEE BIBLE STUDY From Carol Clark, a Taste and See Bible Study will begin on July 13th. We will be doing some "tasting" from Margaret Feinberg. These Bible studies will take place on July 13, 20, 27 and August 3 at Park Hill Presbyterian Church from 10:00-11:15am. Please let Donna Callaway know if you can attend.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE is available year-round. Presbyterian Women make fair trade products available to the congregation not as a moneymaker but as one of our missions. The price we pay for coffee is the price we charge. Purchasing fair trade coffee helps more money reach the hard-working farmers. Contact Carolyn Nash with questions or to purchase coffee.

SOME CARELINE CHANGES A few things have changed in the Careline. These include:

- Pastor Robert's calendar for the month
- The full church and building calendar for the month (rather than only the week, as previously practiced)
- More info from mission partners for community events and opportunities.

THE CARELINE CONTINUES TO UNDERGO RENOVATIONS If you have suggestions on what needs to be included, how to make the Careline more readable, etc. please contact Sydney in the church office. We are committed to making this a resource to the whole church and welcome your input!

PRAYER LIST UPDATE If you or a loved one would like to be on the prayer list, please contact the church office at office.westoverhills@gmail.com. The name will remain on the prayer list until the office is notified to remove it or it will be removed at the beginning of a new quarter. The prayer list has been updated, so be sure to email the office if you or a loved one would like to remain on the list.

CALENDAR UPDATES AND SESSION DOCUMENTS should be sent to the office and copied to Candice Misenheimer.

PASTOR ROBERT'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday

Noon-2pm Clinton Foundation Cohort Meeting

Wednesday

10am PC(USA) Gun Violence Prevention Working Group Zoom

Noon Midweek Manna

2pm Vera Lloyd Development Committee

Friday

Day Off

PLEASE SEND NEWS FOR CARELINE to office.westoverhills@gmail.com. If you would like to receive the twice-weekly

church e-newsletter (CareLine), please fill out a contact card from a pew rack, add 'CareLine request' and drop the card in an offering box

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PASTORAL CARE

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS Don Campbell II and Rev. Don Campbell (death of Don's wife and Rev Don's daughter –in-law Andrea); Sandra Vitols (Pastor Robert's sister-in-law) newly diagnosed with liver and colon cancer; Bill Ballard and family (lost his mother last Sunday); Jane Estes (recovery from long haul Covid, and toxic mold treatment and recent discovery of additional mold delaying further remediation and Jane's ability to return home safely); Vivianna McAtee; Amy Crawford (late stage liver cancer); Kimberly Crawford and Caroline Crawford (daughters of Amy Crawford); Brad Stokes; The WHPC Staff: Robert, Tammy, David, Ulysses, Shawn, and Sydney; WHPC Preschool and Play Day staff, children, and families.

DEACONS FOR JUNE are Laura Whitmore and Marcey Berry

DEACONS FOR JULY are Brenda Lelansky and Carol Enderlin

CALENDAR

The church calendar is available on the website

(scan QR code or visit www.westoverhills.org to be directed to our website)

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