

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO FOLK MUSIC



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WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JUNE 4-JULY 2

TRINITY SUNDAY

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

JUNE 4, 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.

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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 Mary Ellen Holder, Liturgist

Good news! The Holy One, God Almighty, claims us as God's very own!
Rejoice in the Lord!

Good news! The times of trouble are nearly over!
Rejoice in the Lord, always!

Good news! God is in our midst, ready to renew us with holy love!
Rejoice in the Lord, always!
Again we say rejoice!

Good news! Good news! The peace of the Lord will dwell in our hearts!
We lift up our hearts in thanksgiving.
Thanks be to God!

+OPENING PRAYER

Move us, Joyful God, take our hands and lead us in your dance of creation.
When we are uncertain, guard our hearts with your peace.
When our steps falter, surround us with the strength of your Spirit.
Guide us, Dancing God, until we move and sing with the joy of your salvation.
In the name of Emmanuel, God with Us, we pray, Amen.

+SONG OF PRAISE #262 "God of the Ages" NATIONAL HYMN

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The gifts of God are eternal and will never be withdrawn.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

We profess that you are God, O Holy One.

We have no other gods before you...sometimes.

Our "other gods" are not the ones of our ancestors—the ones beyond the River, or in Egypt, or of the Amorites.

We struggle with "other gods" here and now who seek to fulfill us by consumerism and with self-importance.

Grace Notes

Has anyone ever done a helpful or generous thing for you without being asked and without asking for anything in return? You may have responded with relief saying something like, "I owe you one." That common human interaction is as close as we can come to what God does for us in grace.

The sung response today reminds us that day after day we are recipients of God's grace not because we deserve it but simply because God is generous and loving.

Princeton, NJ native Mary Chapin Carpenter grew up in New Jersey and Japan. As a child she learned to play her mother's ukulele and guitar. After the family moved to D.C. she began singing in local folk venues before attending Brown University. Her debut album, *Hometown Girl*, was released in 1987.

We hear gods who instill in us such fear of our enemies that we forget to see our neighbors.

Help us, O God, to find fulfillment in you. Forgive us that we are skeptical of love's transforming power. Remind us that despite our failings and our folly, you are ever faithful.

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 daily 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 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 "Halley Came to Jackson"

Mary Chapin Carpenter

Late one night when the wind was still
Daddy brought the baby to the window sill
To see a bit of heaven shoot across the sky
The one and only time daddy saw it fly
It came from the east just as bright as a torch
The neighbours had a party on their porch
Daddy rocked the baby, mother said, "Amen"
When Halley came to visit in 1910

Grace Notes

Halley's Comet, the subject of this Mary Chapin Carpenter song, is the only short-period comet visible to the naked eye from earth. It appears every 75-79 years.

Astronomers as early as the Mesopotamians observed the comet as a periodic or returning object. The comet last appeared in 1986 and is anticipated to return in 2061.

The books of Chronicles are a part of the Christian Bible. One book in the Hebrew scriptures and divided into two in the Christian bible, the book is a traditional narrative account of the generations from Adam to the start of the United Kingdom.

*Now back then Jackson was a real small town
And it's not every night a comet comes around
It was almost eighty years since its last time through
So I bet your mother would have said amen too
As its tail stretched out like a stardust streak
The papers wrote about it every day for a week
They wondered where it's going and where it's been
When Halley came to Jackson in 1910*

*Now daddy told the baby sleeping in his arms
To dream a little dream of a Comet's charms
And he made a little wish as she slept so sound
In 1986 that wish came round
It came from the east just as bright as a torch
She saw it in the sky from her daddy's porch
As heavenly sent as it was back then
When Halley came to Jackson in 1910*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Chronicles 3:1-8, 28-32b

Adam, Seth, Enosh; Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared; Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech; Noah; Noah's family: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Japheth's family: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. Gomer's family: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. Javan's family: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim. Ham's family: Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan.

Abraham's family: Isaac and Ishmael. These were their descendants. Ishmael's oldest son was Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. This was Ishmael's family. Abraham's secondary wife Keturah's family: she gave birth to Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

SERMON

“Like Sands”

Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN OF RESPONSE #526 “For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

The hope in our lives is Jesus.

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

The call we must answer is God's.

There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

The Lord of our lives is Jesus.

There is one baptism, one Father, one Mother of all.

The creator who calls us is God.

We are one body, one family, one church,

woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.

With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,

we are one body in unity and love.

Grace Notes

Baptist composer and hymn writer Buryl Red published more than 2500 works and produced more than 4000 recordings of his own and other music.

A native of Little Rock, he graduated from the schools of music at both Baylor and Yale before settling in New York City. In the early 1960's he served as the music director at Manhattan Baptist Church, the only SBC church in the city at the time.

His song "In Remembrance" from *Celebrate Life* has become a standard and is included in many hymnals.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"In Remembrance"

Buryl Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.

In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.

In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

*Take, eat and be comforted, drink, and remember, too,
that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you, shed for you.*

In remembrance of me, search for truth.

In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart.

Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

WE GATHER AT GOD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Grace Notes

This new hymn by Mary Louise Bringle is based on Jesus' Great Commission. It emphasizes that engaging in mission according to the model of Christ's life and ministry inspires service rather than conquest. The gospel message is a gift of life and hope made known in healing, justice, and peace.

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!

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

†PARTING HYMN "Go in Grace and Make Disciples" WONDROUS LIGHT



1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's
 2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,
 3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and

(Em7) (A) (D) (G) (D) (G)
 Gm7 C F Bb F Bb



ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's
 but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant
 man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the

(D) (Em) (A7) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D)
 F Gm C7 F C F C F



vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth
 love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;
 gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,

(B) (Em) (B) (E) (A) (D)
 D Gm D G C F



to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and
 jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low
 as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -

(G) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)
 Bb F Bb Gm F C7 F



make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.
 Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.
 cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

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

TODAY BEGINS A SERIES ON GOSPEL AND FOLK MUSIC Each week Robert will preach from a text paired with a folk song. Each song illuminates a theme or image in the text. Today the song, "*Halley Came to Jackson*" by Mary Chapin Carpenter, tells the story of generations in one family encountering Halley's comet.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR CAMP NOAH THIS WEEK

We currently need volunteers for:

Welcome/Morning 8:45-10

Thursday

Friday

Lunch/Afternoon Snack 10:30-12:30

Monday

Thursday

Friday



The Morning volunteers will help welcome campers and prepare the mid-morning snack (i.e. fruit and a juice box).

The Lunch volunteers will help set up the sack lunches (all elements ready to be put in bags) and prepare the afternoon snack similar to the morning.

A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Narthex or you may sign-up online with the link provided in Friday's Careline.

WHAT DO THE LETTERS IN LGBTQIA+ MEAN? HOW TO UNDERSTAND NEW PRONOUNS June is Pride Month and the first three Sundays of June the Adult Sunday School class will discuss the history, issues, and current realities facing the LGBTQIA+ community. We will also discuss how we can be welcoming and hospitable to the community at Westover. The schedule for the week is:

- June 4– Robert will lead a discussion on the PC(USA)'s theology of human sexuality over the last 40 years.
- June 11– Robert will lead a discussion on the meaning of the letters in LGBTQIA+ and what some of the language we hear surrounding gender and sexuality means in today's conversation.
- June 18– We will be joined by two young people who identify as gender-fluid or transgender to learn from them about pronouns, gender identity, and what their own identity means to them.

MIDWEEK MANNA BIBLE STUDY will resume June 21.

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 We will collect money to purchase fruit for Women and Children First during the month of June. We will make deliveries each week during the summer. Envelopes are in the pews, or you may write checks with the word fruit on the memo line. The purpose is to offer a healthy alternative and promote proper nutrition. WHPC has sponsored this project since 2005 and we look forward to continuing this project well into the future.

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.

PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS HOSTS: A NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK The Presbytery of Arkansas is hosting a night at an Arkansas Travelers baseball game on Friday, June 16. Tickets are \$15 per person and include a pregame meal at the ballpark. See the CareLine for the link to the registration form. The deadline for registration is noon on Friday, June 9th.

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 will be updated on June 13th 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.

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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PASTOR ROBERT'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

M-F Camp Noah

PASTORAL CARE

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS Betty Herron (friend of Robert Lowry and Catherine Lowry); Amy Crawford (late stage liver cancer); Jonathon Simpson (awaiting confirmation date for kidney transplant); Amber Simpson (awaiting approval as a donor for her brother); Connie James (mother of Jonathon and Amber, donated her kidney 27 years ago to Jonathon); Susan Mauney (knee surgery); Winnie Robinson (declining health); Michael Thompson (diagnosed with leukemia); Jane Estes (recovery from long haul Covid and toxic mold healing and remediation of their home); Vivianna McAtee; Ralph Cotham, Andrea Campbell; the camp, staff, and campers at Ferncliff Camp; the young people at Pulaski County Juvenile Detention Center (PCJDC); Tornado victims and those who responded to the crisis; WHPC staff: Robert, David, Ulysses, Tammy, Shawn, and Sydney; WHPC Preschool kids, families, and staff.

DEACONS FOR JUNE are Laura Whitmore and Marcey Berry

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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