

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



The Sermon on the Mount Fra Angelico (1395-1445)
Fresco in the collection of the Museo Nazionale de San Marco in Florence

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A SERVICE OF WORD

JULY 16, 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

Indicates an invitation to stand in body of spirit.

Bold text indicates unison readings.

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Dr. Robert Lowry, Pastor

PRELUDE

David Austin, Music Director

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.

Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.

Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.

Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead and brings new life.

+OPENING PRAYER

God, bless those who are in poor spirit,
who feel empty inside and who dread the day.

God, bless those who mourn and grieve,
who ache with loss for someone so much loved.

God, bless the people who are meek,
who do not grasp or shout or demand to be first in the queue.

God, bless the people who are hungry for justice
and who cannot wait for everyone to have their rights.

God, bless all who are merciful,
who have learned to forgive even those who hurt them hard.

God, bless all who are pure in heart,
in whom there is no vengefulness, but only love.

God, bless the peacemakers,
the ones who, by their words and deeds, can change the world.

God, bless the persecuted ones,
and keep them safe from those who would hurt them.

God, so rich in blessings for your children,
we rejoice in your promises
and in your boundless and transforming grace.

Amen.

+SONG OF PRAISE #181 "Come Sing to God"

ELLACOMBE

Grace Notes

The Prayer of Confession today uses the Sermon on the Mount as a framework for describing the relationship between sin and grace; our frailty and God's abundant love.

Just as in Jesus' preaching, blessing always has the last word.

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

Blessed are we when we let go of possessions
for the kingdom of God unfolds in open places.

Woe to us when we gather into barns for soon this life will be over.

Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger
for the empty places in body and soul are the fertile soil for new growth.

**Woe to us who fill our lives to capacity
for we fail to recognize what is missing.**

Blessed are we who know sorrow
for the ache of love lost is witness to the seed planted.

**Woe to us who have yet to know the pain of grief
for the fullness of love is woven with sorrow.**

Blessed are we who know scorn
for the rejection of humans keeps us mindful of that beyond.

**Woe to us who depend on the approval of others
for to dance with Spirit appears foolish.**

Blessed are we who live in the harmony of life in the Spirit,
For we will recognize abundance. Amen.

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

+SUNG RESPONSE

"Praise God All You Nations"

DAN'ASE



Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise!
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise:
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



God's love is great and en - dures for - ev - er.
Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.



Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise!
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!

Grace Notes

Although presenting challenges in its translation, the King James Version offers some of the most poetic English versions of the Psalms. This translation preserves better than most English versions the cadence and beauty of the Hebrew.

Translation issues are important in their role helping us better understand a text in its original context. An accurate translation is essential in biblical scholarship and theology. However, it is important to remember that we do not worship the words on the page but the God to whom the words point. Sometimes the preservation of the beauty of the original is more important than a more precise word-for-word translation.

+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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM

30:1-5

I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 5:4

Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

SERMON

"Glad by God"

Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

1 When the Lord re - deems the ver - y least,
2 When the Lord re - stores the sick and weak, we will re -
3 When the Lord re - vives the world from death, we will re-joyce, will re -
4 When the Lord re - turns in vic - to - ry,

joyce.
joyce, will re-joyce.

When the hun - gry gath - er for the feast,
When the earth is giv - en to the meek,
When the word of God fills ev - ery breath,
When we live in glo - rious lib - er - ty,

Grace Notes

What does it mean when we pray, “thy kingdom come?” This text, loosely modeled on Psalm 126, sketches out some of the things that help us understand what God’s plan for that kingdom really is.

The setting of this familiar gospel tune underscores that the kingdom is something to be celebrated and rejoiced over.

Refrain

we will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce!

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system includes the word 'Refrain' in the upper right. The lyrics are: 'we will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce!' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

†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.”**

Grace Notes

This hymn, a 21st century composition adapting a traditional Celtic prayer style known as lorica (Latin for “armor” or “breastplate”), is based on a prayer attributed to St. Patrick.

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!

OFFERTORY

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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.

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

+PARTING HYMN



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

+CHARGE & BENEEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP NOTES

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

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MIDWEEK MANNA BIBLE STUDY has begun again! Join us on Wednesdays at 12:05pm in the New Chapel as we continue our study into Ezekiel. All are welcome, even if you haven't attended before. This is a great way to connect spiritually during the otherwise hectic week. We look forward to seeing you there!

ADULT CLASSES SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 During the month of July, the adult classes will focus on the following topics:

July 23– TBD

July 30- TBD

The adult classes meet in the New Chapel every Sunday morning at 9am. See the CareLine for the Zoom link details.

NEW YEAR NEW YOU YOGA Yoga will meet July 20th and will then take a break until September. Yoga is open to all whether you are a beginner or an expert. All you need to bring is a yoga mat and an open mind.

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 opened 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.

TREATS AND TREASURES 2023 TREATS AND TREASURES 2023 Treats and Treasures 2023, chaired by Carol Enderlin and Nancy Passini will be returning. Important dates:

July 29- Item Donation Drop Off on South Road by Fellowship Hall from 10am-2pm, volunteers will unload your items and hand you a receipt

July 29- Item Pick Up Day (if you have heavy items to donate-like furniture, contact Eileen Joyce at 501.350.3949 to arrange a pickup. Pickups will only be happening on this day)

July 31 to August 10 and 14 Monday- Friday- Volunteer Dates 9-3pm (contact Carol Enderlin at 501. 908. 6830 if you would like to volunteer during the day)

August 1-10- Tuesdays and Thursdays- Night volunteer dates from 5-7:30pm (If you would like to volunteer at night please contact Nancy Passini at 501.650.3002)

August 11- Early Shopping Sale from 4-7pm, \$5 at the door in the Fellowship Hall

August 12- Big Sale Event from 7am-3pm, free event

If you would like to volunteer for the Early Shopping or Big Sale Contact Carol Enderlin at 501.908.6830. We look forward to seeing you all there!

JEWELRY FOR TREATS AND TREASURES Please bring any jewelry items for Treats & Treasures to Kay Stephens so that she has time to sort, clean, and repair (if needed) items. Thanks to all of you who have already brought your goodies.

STEWPOD CLOTHES CLOSET It is HOT! And the Clothes Closet has been having more and more folks in need. WE have had to increase the number of hours we are open. Donations have begun to slow down, so we are asking for the following items:

Ball caps

Men's athletic shoes

Men's jeans and docker type pants waist size 30-36

Travel size toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, soap and backpacks

There is a donation box in the office as well as in the Narthex of the Sanctuary. We do appreciate all that you do for the Clothes Closet!

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.

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:

Pastor Robert will be on Vacation this week. Rev. Michael Gallup will be preaching next Sunday.

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 Pastor Robert, Brian, and Brians family (passing of Brian’s sister); Phyllis Thomas (mother-in-law of Karen Stephens Thomas, daughter of Ray and Kay Stephens; breast cancer); Anna Grace Clark (friend of Shirley Garlington, brain tumor treatment); Don Campbell II and Rev. Don Campbell (death of Don’s wife and Rev Don’s daughter –in-law Andrea); 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 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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