

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Unofficial Banner of the Confession of 1967

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A SERVICE OF WORD

JULY 30, 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.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Indicates an invitation to stand in body or 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

Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you are called:

**We cannot do this alone,
we dare not try this alone,
so we gather as God's people.**

Lead a life worthy of your calling,
a life filled with service and meekness.

**We come to build up Christ's Body,
in humility and gentleness,
with patience and love.**

Lead a life which reflects your calling,
that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;
we would share the grace offered to us.**

Live a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called.

**We gather as God's family
at the Table prepared for us,
waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.**

+OPENING PRAYER

One body, one Spirit, one hope,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Maker of all,
who is above all and through all and in all,
take this patchwork collection of persons
and quilt together your church.
Like old pieces of cloth,
take these words and songs and prayers,
take our thoughts and inner hungers,
and join them all together into a new and living fabric—
the purpose of which is to cover and color your world
(or at least our corner of it)
with grace and love. In Christ. Amen.

+SONG OF PRAISE #358 *"Help Us Accept Each Other"*

BARONITA

Grace Notes

Liturgy (gk. **Leitourgia**) literally means “the work of the people.” The oldest surviving liturgy of the church is the Byzantine liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. It survives in the Eastern church as a liturgy of the church and throughout the church through prayers, music, and other settings of the text.

If we already believe that we are forgiven by God, why do we have an “Assurance of Pardon” in the liturgy each week?

The Assurance of Pardon in the liturgy is not a declaration of new information but a proclamation of an eternal truth; we are forgiven!

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

**God of unity and love,
place within each of us
a spirit of hope and community.**

**Have mercy upon us
when we speak without love
or act without humility.**

Cleanse us with the living water of your grace.

**Create in us willing hearts
to live in patience and gentleness.**

**Raise us up to be your children,
growing toward maturity
in faith and love.**

**Strengthen this church,
that we may be a model
of ministry and unity
for all the world to see.**

In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†SUNG RESPONSE

“Praise God, All You Nations”

DA N’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.



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The book of Ephesians is the tenth book in the New Testament. Since the late 18th century, it has been generally accepted that though attributed to Paul the letter is actually written by an author influenced by Paul and using the apostle's name.

This spirited song from the African-American church tradition draws on John's vision of the new heaven and new earth in the book of Revelation. That world is built on the wonderful promise that God will wipe every tear from our eyes and death will be no more.

+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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 4:17-24

So I'm telling you this, and I insist on it in the Lord: you shouldn't live your life like the Gentiles anymore. They base their lives on pointless thinking, and they are in the dark in their reasoning. They are disconnected from God's life because of their ignorance and their closed hearts. They are people who lack all sense of right and wrong, and who have turned themselves over to doing whatever feels good and to practicing every sort of corruption along with greed.

But you didn't learn that sort of thing from Christ. Since you really listened to him and you were taught how the truth is in Jesus, change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were, corrupted by deceitful desires. Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness.

SERMON

"We Are Changed and Changing the World"

Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE "Soon and Very Soon" SOON AND VERY SOON

1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King. No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King. No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King. Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.' The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: 'Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!'.

The Confession of 1967 was the first major confession of faith in American Presbyterianism. Drawing on the thought of theologian Karl Barth, the great Swiss reformed pastor, the confession declares that faith is to be understood primarily as trust in Christ, to whom the scriptures witness, rather than mastery of a theological system of thought.

The committee that wrote C67 argued that the Westminster Confession should not be abandoned but that more than a mere revision or restatement was needed. In 1965, the draft confession was shared with the church for input and then, with revisions, to the presbyteries for approval. The confession's writing and debate was reported on by Time magazine and the New York Times.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967

In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act.

The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.

When the world faces division and conflict:

The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another in all relationships of life: employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and even our politics.

Institutions, individuals, or even churches who exclude, dominate, or marginalize their neighbors, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt to the faith they profess.

In the face of enslaving poverty:

The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of resources, exclusion from opportunity, or basic human greed.

The church calls every person to use their abilities, possessions, and fruits of the Spirit for the maintenance of human flourishing and the common welfare.

“Now to the one who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask for or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

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Composer J. Edmond Thomas was born in Calhoun County, Arkansas in 1860. He was a co-founder of the Trip Music Company in Waco, TX in 1892. He later helped found the Ft. Worth company, Quartet Music.

There is some dispute over his first name. Some sources record it as “John” while others, including his grave marker, record it as “James.”

A teacher, composer, music compiler, and publisher for more than 44 years, he died in 1946 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Ft. Worth.

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

“Hallelujah! We Shall Rise”

arr. Gene Bartlett

Words and Music by J.E. Thomas

*In the resurrection morning when the trump of God shall sound,
we shall rise, we shall rise!*
*Then the saints will come rejoicing and no tears will e'er be found,
we shall rise, hallelujah, we shall rise!*
We shall rise, we shall rise!
We shall rise, Hallelujah, in the resurrection morning.
When death's prison bars are broken we shall rise, hallelujah, we shall rise!
*In the resurrection morning, what a meeting it will be,
we shall rise, we shall rise!*
*When our fathers and our mothers and our loved ones we shall see,
we shall rise, hallelujah, we shall rise!*
We shall rise, we shall rise!
We shall rise, hallelujah, in the resurrection morning,
*When death's prison bars are broken,
we shall rise, hallelujah, we shall rise!*
*In the resurrection morning we shall meet Him in the air,
we shall rise, (we shall rise) we shall rise!*
*We shall rise! And be carried up to glory to our home so bright and fair,
we shall rise, hallelujah, we shall rise!*
We shall rise, we shall rise!
We shall rise, hallelujah, in the resurrection morning.
*When death's prison bars are broken,
we shall rise, hallelujah, we shall rise,
amen, we shall rise, hallelujah, we shall rise!*
Hallelujah, we shall rise!

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.**

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

†PARTING HYMN #333

“Seek Ye First”

LAFFERTY

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

†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 is taking a break and will be returning on August 30th!

NEW YEAR NEW YOU YOGA Yoga will be taking a break and will be returning on September 7th.

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.

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 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.

STEW POT 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 began on July 13th. We will be doing some "tasting" from Margaret Feinberg. There will be one more bible study on 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.

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 George Ngundune (Christiana Esemé- Kuqong's grandson in Missouri, undiagnosed illness); Cindy Brown (Betty Deere's friend, in AR Heart Hospital); Jim Phillips (Cardiac Catheterization at Springhill Baptist on August 2 to determine if he has a blood clot); Hope Walker (back injury); Courtenay Jackson; Ray Stephens (Cochlear Implant Surgery Recovery); Suzanne Carroll (El Dorado, mother of Tammy Carroll Miller, heart attack); Pastor Robert, Brian, and Brian's 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

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