

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



ALL SAINTS' DAY

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 10:30AM

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**Indicates the congregation is invited to stand.*

Bold text indicates unison readings.

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 in membership.

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

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PROCESSION	<i>"Highland Cathedral"</i>	Wendell Hall, Piper
WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP		Sally Browder, Elder
PRELUDE	<i>"Pie Jesu"</i>	Faure'
	Alisa Coffey, Harpist	
+CALL TO WORSHIP		Liturgist, Ann Patterson

We remember, O God...

**The countless saints of history
who have blazed a trail of courage through time.**

We remember, O God...

**The tender touch of loved ones,
the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

We remember, O God...

**The gentle strength of grandmothers,
the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children,
the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember, O God...

**The supreme love of Jesus,
the blessing of his Spirit,
the reminder of his words,
the sharing of his suffering,
the glory of his resurrection:
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
young and old,
dead and living,
articulate and silent,
strange and familiar,
brilliant and ordinary.**

We remember in every time and place the saints of God
who have shown us the Lord.

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
let us worship God with joy!**

+OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, our Alpha and Omega,

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our beginning and our end,
we have gathered in this time and at this place to worship You.
In Your time, You created all things,
and wove into their fabric a yearning for fulfillment in You.
It is this yearning within us which has pulled us here this morning.
Take these moments, O Lord of time and space,
and complete them in us, through Your Holy Spirit.
May our labor bring forth a new creation in You.
This is Your hour, Christ Jesus,
help us to make the most of each precious moment.
For in Your name we have gathered, and we pray. Amen.

†HYMN OF PRAISE #526 *“For All the Saints”*

SINE NOMINE

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us
and renew us.
Together let us confess our sins against God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. (in unison)

**O God of hope and healing,
we confess that our lives are often marked by brokenness and
sin.**

**We turn to you in the hope that your hand will pass over us
and we will be healed.**

**Yet in our desire for salvation,
we prefer healing that comes in our own way and on our own
terms.**

**When you do not respond according to our expectations,
we turn away in anger and disappointment.**

**Have mercy on us when we grow impatient with your timing,
desiring our own.**

Grant us the humility to receive the words of the humble and lowly.

**Open our ears to the council of the servants you send us,
so that we may be guided into your path of healing.**

Make us whole we pray.

Wash us and make us clean.

**And grant us faith beyond all fear,
so that we may be clothed with your joy
and give you thanks forever. Amen.**

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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SUNG RESPONSE

+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

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6; Philippians 3:12-14

SERMON

“A Time to Remember and a Time to Forget”

General Presbyter Stewart Smith

+HYMN OF RESPONSE #483 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM AND THE WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks.

In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past, and have blessed us

Respectful of individual preferences concerning contact, please extend either a hand or a gesture of peace to your neighbors.

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with signs of your grace.

We praise you that through the waters of the sea you led your people Israel out of bondage, into freedom in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit.

Through the baptism of his death and resurrection you set us free from the bondage of sin and death and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you for your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We give you thanks for the witness of your faithful disciples, who, through their lives among us have left on our hearts the imprint of love and fellowship.

For the lives of those who have joined the congregation of the church triumphant,

Michael Morgan

Andrea Eastin Campbell

Eddie Richardson

Sandra Smith Vitols

Ralph Cotham

Viviana McAtee

Annette Gibbs Haney

We thank you for their time in our midst and celebrate that for them their race is over and their victory won.

We pray your comfort when memory becomes heavy and loss profound.

We pray that for all in them that rose to the hopes of your heart, you hear our songs of thanksgiving and for all in them that fell short of your call, you greet them with the mercy and love of your son, our savior Jesus Christ.

We rejoice that you claimed us in our baptism, and that by your grace we are born anew.

By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

WE ARE MARKED AS CHRIST'S OWN

Worshippers are invited to come forward and receive the mark of the cross with water from the font. If you wish to receive the mark of the cross on your forehead, simply come forward and stand. If you prefer the mark on the back of your hand, you are invited to offer your hand, palm down.

If you are not yet baptized in a Christian tradition, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Baptism is a sign of our grafting into the body of Christ that is the church, however the love of God and the fellowship of the community are not reserved for the baptized alone.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Abide With Me"

arr. McDonald/Wood

Alisa Coffey, Harpist

+THE DOXOLOGY

WE GATHER AT GOD'S TABLE

THE INVITATION

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

THE SHARING OF THE CUP

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

+PARTING HYMN #492	<i>"Baptized in Water"</i>	BUNNESAN
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+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE	<i>"Morning Has Broken"</i>	Wendell Hall, Piper
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WORSHIP NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY are Rev. Stewart Smith, Music Director David Austin, Liturgist Ann Patterson and the Westover Hills Chancel Choir.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MIDWEEK MANNA will be taking a break until November 29th.

YOGA takes place every Thursday at 10am in the New Chapel. Yoga is for everyone, whether you are an expert or you have no experience. All you need to bring is a yoga mat and an open mind.

ADULT CLASSES SUNDAY AT 9:00 IN THE NEW CHAPEL Adult classes are held in the New Chapel every Sunday at 9:00am prior to worship. The topics for this month are:

- November 12– Challenges of producing responsible journalism in Arkansas– Benjamin Hardy, Managing Editor, *Arkansas Times*
- November 19– Why it's important to be a responsible new consumer– journalist and Westover Hills member Celia Storey
- November 26– Christ the King– How to read the Bible with the newspaper in hand– Robert

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WESTOVER HILLS The Stewardship and Finance committee is hosting a fellowship lunch following worship on November 19th to kick-off the celebration of our 75th anniversary of the congregation at Westover Hills! More details will come closer to the date.

2ND WEDNESDAY SPIRITUALITY GROUP Please join us for our Second Wednesday Spirituality Group on November 8, at 5:45pm in the New Chapel. If you need directions or more information, you may contact H.K. Stewart.

FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY BOOK GROUP AT SECOND PRES Pastor Robert will be leading this multi-church reading group during the fall. The book for fall is *Eat This Book: The Art of Spiritual Reading*, by Eugene Peterson. The book group meets in the Second Hall at 2nd Presbyterian at 9:30am on the first and third Monday of each month. All are welcome, so come join us for a great book and even better discussions.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET Coming soon in November is the Westover Hills Annual Alternative Christmas Market on Saturday, November 11 from 9am-3pm and on Sunday, November 12 following worship until 2pm. Come shop for a Christmas gift that gives twice. Take time to shop and have a hot dog lunch sponsored by David Austin and the choir on Sunday following worship. Donations will be accepted for the Celtic Women's Choir, which provides education through the arts and music for young women.

STEWPOINT CLOTHES CLOSET Stewpot is in need, 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!

STEWPOINT NEEDS YOUR HELP Barbara Polite (head of the clothes closet for Stewpot) is not able to help out at the moment. We need volunteers on Tuesdays 9:00-11:00 and on Thursdays from 9:00-1:00. Please contact Nancy Sherman Carter if you are able to help out; her email is nesherman57@yahoo.com

NEW ONLINE GIVING You can now make donations online! By donating you can choose to give to Westover Hills and/or our nested New Worship communities, The Table and The Queer Collective. You may find the link in the CareLine, and simply just click the "funds" tab to pick which you'd like to give to. You can make a one-time donation or schedule a recurring gift. Also, by setting up an account, you can keep up with your digital records online. Our communities are so grateful for your generosity and hope this platform is helpful for you.

VERA LLOYD TURKEY TROT Fall means cooler weather, turning leaves, and the annual Vera Lloyd Turkey Trot! You can find the link to sign up in the CareLine.

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.

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

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.

PASTORAL CARE

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS Catherine Lowry (Pastor Robert's mother who suffered a stroke on Thursday); Judy Lyle; Kristi Craddock (cousin of Cindy Hamilton; in critical condition in the ICU); Family of Ralph Cotham, who died on October 10; Courtenay Jackson; Debbie Waltermire (friend of Betty Deere; diagnosed with breast cancer); Barbara Polite (manager of Stewpot Clothes Closet; neurological issues); Jason Chrisman (son of Mary Chrisman); Duke Monroe and family (death of Duke's wife, Barbara, on October 29); Douglas Ponce (director of El Zocalo; his mother is hospitalized in El Salvador); The Garcia family (friends of Sydney); Jim Miller (broken ankle; at home); Lila Quinn; Deran Abernathy (son-in-law of former member Judy Huffman; stage 4 lung cancer); Rev. Carol Ann Blow (health issues); Johnny Rhodes; Anna Grace Clark (brain cancer); Reverend Doug Kanney (heart issues); Those affected by wildfires in the United States; Preschool staff, children and parents; Church staff: Pastor Robert Lowry, Rev. Michael Gallup, Ulysses, Shawn, Tammy, David and Sydney.

DEACONS FOR NOVEMBER are John MacLeod, Ann Bell, and Marcey Berry

CALENDAR

The church calendar is available on the website

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