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*\*Those who are able are invited to stand. Bold text indicates unison readings.*

## We Gather at God's Invitation

Welcome and Invitation to Discipleship  
Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Robert Wm Lowry,

Prelude

David Austin, Director of Music

Call to Worship

Friends, the tomb is empty!  
The stone has been rolled away!  
**Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!**

For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.  
**But God's love cannot be contained by anything,  
not even death!**

Thanks be to God,  
who gives us victory throughout our Risen Lord.  
**Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

Where, O death, is your victory?  
**Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed!**

Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

Opening Prayer

Wonderful God,  
We gather today to celebrate your presence

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in the lives of faithful people.  
Send your Spirit to meet us here  
and guide us into your depths  
that we may begin to glimpse your grace:  
what eye has not seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived--  
all you have prepared for those who love you.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
your Mystery, your Wisdom, your Glory. Amen.

### \*Gathering Hymn

*“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”*

Purple # 239

### Call to Confession

No one wants to look foolish, but what is more foolish? Chasing after the world and all its gaudy trinkets and hollow praise to momentarily flatter our souls, or being a ‘fool for Christ’ imitating him in service to others, offering ourselves in love and joy to the world?

Let us admit to the foolishness of our choices, celebrate in the wonder of God’s choice to love us despite our folly, and cherish the forgiveness that we know in our laughing, loving, living Lord.

### Prayer of Confession

**O God, whose holiness is not limited to grand cathedrals or saintly persons, spectacular mountains or mountain-moving leaders;**

**O God, whose holiness is often discovered in simple everyday places and simple everyday folk, plant Your holiness in this place, in us now.**

**Grow us this hour, that we might flower, right where we are, with the beauty of Your holiness.**

**Through Jesus we pray. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

### Sung Response

*“Glory to God”*

Purple #582

### Assurance of Pardon

...in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*The Peace of Christ

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

**And also with you.**

## We Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

*"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"*

Purple #458

New Testament Reading  
26, 51-57

I Corinthians 15:1-

Sermon

"The Real Thing"

Dr. Lowry

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn of Response  
Purple #240

*"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

\*Affirmation of Faith

Inspired by the Second Helvetic Confession

What is faith?

**Christian faith is not an opinion or human conviction. It is a most firm trust and clear and steadfast belief in God's promise in Christ who is the fulfillment of all promises.**

Faith is a gift of God.

**Faith is a pure gift of God which God alone in grace and love gives to us. God does this by the work of the Holy Spirit, by the preaching of the gospel, and by prayer.**

Faith grows and moves with us.

**Faith is active through love. The same faith that draws us near to God draws us near to one another and keeps us in service to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience in adversity, and brings both into and out of our lives the good fruits of love.**

Minute for Ministry  
Team

Matthew 25

Presbyterian Women

Offering

Offertory

## We Gather at God's Table

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

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 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 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

## The Communion of the People

## The Prayer after Communion

## We Depart in God's Name

\*Closing Hymn

*"Christ is Alive!"*

Purple #246

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude



There was a great Westover showing to support Presbyterian Village at the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration!

Thanks to everyone who works so hard to make this partnership

so rich and rewarding.

Cinco de Mayo at the Rusty Tractor supporting PV.

***Join Us on the Journey!***  
**18, 2024**

**May 12 - May**

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### **Welcome**

We are so glad to be worshipping with you today.

If this is your first visit, welcome! If you have been with us before, welcome back! Whether you are a life-long Presbyterian, a brand-new Christian, or someone who is just trying to make sense of this world we share, we hope you will feel at home at Westover Hills Presbyterian.

### **Let us know you are worshipping with us!**

In the pew you will find an information card. Please leave us information on how we might be in touch with you to share more about life at Westover Hills. We would love to share a little about our story and hear more about yours. If you do not see a card in the pew near you, please ask one of the ushers you saw when you came in and we will be sure to get one for you. If you prefer, please scan the QR code to the right to be directed to the contact page of our website.



### **Treats and Treasures Is on the Horizon!**

Mark your calendar for these important dates for this year's sale.

- ❖ " Beginning Sunday, June 2nd, Kay Stephens will gladly receive any jewelry donations
- ❖ " Saturday, August 3rd 10-2 Drive-by drop-off
- ❖ " Saturday, August 10th 9-3pm Large Furniture Pick-up (must be scheduled ahead)
- ❖ " Presale Friday, August 16th 4-7pm \$10 at the door
- ❖ " Sale Saturday, August 17th 7-3pm FREE

Have questions or want to lend a hand? Contact co-Chairs Carol Enderlin or Jackie Oakes.

### **Women's Luncheon May 19th Following Worship**

All women of the church are invited to a salad luncheon on Sunday, May 19th immediately following church services. Sponsored by Westover's Presbyterian Women (PW) the complementary luncheon requires no RSVP and will be in the Fellowship Hall. Learn about PW and programs they support with volunteers and/or funds. Come to the table for fellowship, visit with new church members and those considering Westover as a church home. A chance for all women of the church to share time together and; enjoy a salad luncheon.

### **New Office Hours**

Starting on May 8th, the Westover office will now be open on Wednesdays from 10 AM to 3 PM.

### **Good News from the Garden!**

The Westover Hills Sid McCullum Farmers Market will return to the south parking lot on Tuesdays in May from 3:30-6 PM. Come support your local vendors! If you have any questions, you can contact Bob Quinn.

## Midweek Manna

Midweek Manna is our weekly bible study meeting in the Hardie Conference Room (in the office building) at noon on Wednesdays. This month we are studying how evil is depicted in scripture. The focus for Wednesday May 15 is the story of Cain and Abel and an introduction to the story of Jesus tempted in the wilderness. Make plans to join us for this great discussion-based class!

## Yoga

Yoga meets weekly in the chapel Thursday mornings at 10.

## Volunteers Needed for Church Office

We are looking for volunteers to be in the office on Wednesdays from 10am to 3pm. Office keys are available if you need them.

The expectations for office volunteers are:

- Answer phone (instructions for phone and email will be provided)
- Help anyone who drops by when possible and refer to Robert when appropriate
- Sort and distribute US mail
- Sort and distribute email from office account.
- Receive packages and deliveries

To volunteer, please contact Liz Branch at [erbranch@comcast.net](mailto:erbranch@comcast.net) and Bill Smith at [wsmith425@hotmail.com](mailto:wsmith425@hotmail.com)

## *Caring for One Another*

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### Prayer and Meditation

There are two important traditions at Westover Hills that join our voices in prayer every week. The first is ***Prayer on the 9's***. Every day you are able, join us in taking a minute to pause at 9am and 9pm to offer a short prayer for the church, the world, or someone you know who needs comfort.

Every Sunday in the bulletin and every Wednesday in the Careline e-newsletter, we share the list of pastoral care concerns known to the church. Members and friends are invited to pray for those people and world issues named on the list. Prayers of comfort, for healing, and for peace are always appropriate ways to remember our friends and neighbors. This week we remember:

**Ann Dixon (friend of Dorothy Willoughby) as she cares for her mother struggling with dementia;  
Ann Dixon as she struggles with HIV (Ann has been an advocate and caregiver in the HIV/AIDS Community since the 1980's and struggles with the disease herself);**

Susan Mauney following hand surgery;

Rev. Brian Wyatt (friend of Robert's) following Achilles' tendon surgery;

The family of Anna Grace Clark who died of brain cancer;

Robin Appleton - kidney tumor (sister-in-law of Rosemary & Paul McGinnis)

Zoe Travis - surgery and treatment for LCH (great niece of Rosemary & Paul McGinnis)

The family of Mary Jane Gentry who passed away early this week (husband Tom is maintenance supervisor at Ferncliff);

Mary Chrismon;

Kathleen Murphre (niece of Mary Chrismon);

Jennifer Garlington (Shirley's niece) dealing with breast cancer;

Anna Grace Clark undergoing brain cancer treatment;  
Cherry Starling (home from hospital following a cardiac incident);  
Beth Duvall (Ann Patterson's cousin);  
Suzanne Carroll (Tammy Miller's mother) following a TBI;  
Bobbie Carlton (mother of Max Snowden and Ann Patterson's sister-in-law);  
Ron Matney;  
Prayers of joy for Lila Quinn following successful cancer treatment;  
Family of Stan Whisnant (died recently of brain cancer - friend of Judi King);  
The WHPC Staff: Robert, Tammy, David, Ulysses, and Shawn

**Bold indicates new additions or updates.**

To include a person or group on the Prayer List, please contact the church office at [office.westoverhills@gmail.com](mailto:office.westoverhills@gmail.com) **and** Robert at [robertwilliamlowry@gmail.com](mailto:robertwilliamlowry@gmail.com)

**Deacon's Ministry**

Deacons for May are Alice Ahart and Kay McCollum.

*Stay Connected*

**Careline, Bulletin, and Social Media Procedures**

If you have an announcement (other than pastoral care updates) to be included in the bulletin, Careline, or on social media, the procedures below will answer most questions and guide you on how to make sure your information is correctly communicated. These publications are now overseen by our communications contractor, Caleb. His contact information is below.

- ❖ **For Events in the Life of the Church:** Event information and invitations should be sent to Caleb (contact info below) *no later than noon on Tuesday of the first week that the information should be included.* Please include the following information:
  - The text of the announcement/invitation exactly as you want it published;
  - A contact person with contact information;
  - The first date you want the information included and for how many weeks (maximum 4 weeks).
  - Include any art or graphics you want to accompany the text.
  - Whether you want the information publicized in the Careline, bulletin, or on social media or some combination of those.
- ❖ **For Community Events Outside the Church:** Event information and invitations should follow the same procedures as those for events in the life of the church. Please note that the standard will be to advertise outside events for two weeks.

The contact information for our virtual assistant, Caleb, is [jones.caleb.a.34@gmail.com](mailto:jones.caleb.a.34@gmail.com) Please use only email to contact him. If you have questions or concerns, please let Robert know.

**Calendar Updates**

While we are in the process of setting up our new database and calendar, all events and space requests should be sent to the office, Robert, and Candice.

**Session Reports**

All updates to the church calendar and any information for the church session should be sent to the office and copied to Robert.

### **New Database**

We are beginning the transition into our new church management software (CMS) called Breeze. This will not impact the directory app you have for church contacts. Please check your own entry on the directory app and let Robert know if there are any changes that need to be made.

## ***Staff and Ministry Leadership***

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### **Westover Hills Ministries**

**Rev. Dr. Robert Wm Lowry**  
Pastor/Head of Staff

**David Austin**  
Director of Music

**Shawn Mittedorf**  
Preschool Director

**Tammy Pflug**  
Treasurer

**Ulysses Neyland**  
Sexton

**Elder Liz Branch**  
Recording Clerk & Christian  
Education Ministry

**Elder Candice Misenheimer**  
Corresponding Clerk & Matthew 25  
(Yard Sign Ministry)

**Elder Ray Stephens**  
Worship and Arts

**Elder Bob Quinn**  
Building and Grounds

**Elder Debbie Cooper**  
Stewardship and Finance

**Elder Ann Patterson**  
Preschool Committee

**Sally Browder**  
Matthew 25 (Church Vitality)

**Betty Glenn and Alice Ahart**  
Presbyterian Women

**Elder Bill Smith**  
Personnel

**Alice Ahart**  
Kitchen

**Deacons Shirley Garlington  
and Kay McCollum**  
Co-Moderators Board of Deacons

**Affiliated Ministries**  
**Rev. Dr. Robert Wm Lowry**  
The Table

**Rev. Marie Mainard  
O'Connell**  
The Central Arkansas Queer  
Collective

**Mother Carol-Ann Blow**  
Sister Thea Bowman Ecumenical  
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Church Calendar and Website

