

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 2, 2024

10:30AM

LARGE PRINT BULLETIN

OUR MISSION

Westover Hills Presbyterian Church exists to worship & learn, **welcome & celebrate**, advocate & serve with people open to a faith shaped by practice to be a congregation recognized as a safe place and a resource for action, acceptance, and joy.

Adopted May 2024

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

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

WELCOME & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Robert Wm Lowry, Pastor

PRELUDE

David Austin, Director of Music

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Whitney Bordelon, Liturgist

Welcome!

There are many places you could be this morning,
but you have chosen to be here:

where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.

Welcome to this place—full of music, of words, of prayer—
yet also filled with danger:

where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.

Welcome to God's House, the most dangerous place in town:
where we talk about and with God,

and are reduced to silence so we may hear the call to discipleship.

+OPENING PRAYER

In you alone we put our hope,
God our Creator and Sustainer,
who gives all good things
seen and unseen.

In you alone we put our hope,
God our Saviour and Redeemer,
who died for our sins
and rose again.

In you alone we put our hope,
God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter,
who moves us to sing
“Our God reigns!”

In you alone we put our hope.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we believe you have called us to unity,
but often we have isolated ourselves from others,
**God, forgive us for the times we have turned our backs
on those who are different.**

God, we believe you have called us to live together as one body,
**God, forgive us for the times we have created division
within your worldwide church.**

God, we believe you ask us to look, listen, and learn from others,
**God, forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked
those with different viewpoints.**

God, we believe you ask us to accept and seek to understand
all who are called by your name,
**Forgive us for the times we have offended you
by failing to love others as we do ourselves.**

God, we believe you call us to be one even as you are one,
**Forgive us for the disunity we have harbored
and make us one.**

God and Creator of all humankind,
your son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one
even as you, our God, are one.
May you renew our minds and rekindle your love in our hearts,
so that by the power of the Spirit,
we might find the Oneness that you intend for us.

**God, may we see in your Oneness our need for unity,
God, may we see in your Three-ness our need for community
God, may we see in your creativity our need for diversity,
God, may we see in your Self our need to love each other.**

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

Romans 15:7-13

SERMON

“Fling Wide the Doors”

Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Purple #509

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We sing of God the Spirit,
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter
and moving in the human heart.**

**We sing of God the Spirit,
faithful and untamable,
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.**

**The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy
not only in what is familiar,
but also, in that which seems foreign.**

**We sing of the Spirit,
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
transforming us and the world.**

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Matthew 25 Team

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 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

+CLOSING HYMN *"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"*

Purple #770

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE



JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY!

JUNE 2 - JUNE 9, 2024

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 we might be in touch with you to share more about life love to share a little about our story and hear more card in the pew near you, please ask one of the ushers 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.



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New Bulletin Layout

The new bulletin design reflects our commitment both to be as eco-friendly as we are able and to be responsible stewards of the church's finances. By changing to the tri-fold format, we can substantially reduce production costs for the bulletin while using 50% less paper. The large print will continue to be produced as a booklet.

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. This week we will wrap up our conversation with a look at the book of Job. Make plans to join us for this great discussion-based class!

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.

To volunteer, please contact Liz Branch at erbranch@comcast.net and Bill Smith at wsmith425@hotmail.com

Treats and Treasures

Treats and Treasures season is upon us. The Careline has information on both donations and the sale. If you have questions, please email the office at office.westoverhills@gmail.com

Yoga

Yoga is on hiatus until September.

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:

The Congregation and Pastors of First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville and of Rogers as they deal with the aftermath of recent storms;

Don Smith (Brian's father/Robert's father-in-law) hospitalized for pneumonia and sepsis;

The family of Winnie Robinson following her death on May 18;

Bill Gulla (recent visitor with Liz Gath) at UAMS with complications from a back pain treatment;

The residents and staff at Women and Children First

Molly Jensen (Robert's cousin) following quadruple bypass surgery;

Susan Mauney following hand surgery;

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

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

Mary Jane Gentry who passed away (husband Tom is maintenance supervisor at Ferncliff);

Mary Chrisman (at Briarwood recovering from a fall);

Kathleen Murphre (niece of Mary Chrisman);

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

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 *and* Robert at robertwilliamlowry@gmail.com

Deacon's Ministry

Deacons for June are John MacLeod and Katy Phillips.

STAFF AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

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
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

Dr. Robert Wm Lowry	The Table
Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell	The Central Arkansas Queer Collective
Mother Carol-Ann Blow	Sister Thea Bowman Ecumenical Catholic Church

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