

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 23, 2024

10:30AM

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

Bob Estes, Liturgist

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we have not come to be entertained

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

†OPENING PRAYER

We worship you, O God, as Creator and Liberator

You led the captives out of Egypt,

delivering them from the oppression of slavery.

You gave laws which enabled people to relate to you,

to one another,

and to the whole creation.

You implored people to worship only you,

knowing that whatever was put in your place

would all too easily become the object of idolatry,

and the priority of people's hearts.

You showered us with blessings

by revealing in Jesus just how precious we are to you,
and through him
you delivered us into a new and living relationship with you
and with one another—
with a new commandment—
a commandment of love.

May we reveal the depth of our love
as we praise and adore you, O God,
in Jesus' name and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

†GATHERING HYMN *“Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect”* Purple #61

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.**

**We have lived for ourselves
and apart from you.**

**We have turned from our neighbors
and refused to bear the burdens of others.**

**We have ignored the pain of the world
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy, forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

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”*

Purple #458

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 28 (various verses)

SERMON *“The Only Thing We Have to Fear Is Bad Theology”* Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN

“I Long for Your Commandments Lord”

Purple #64

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices:

left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no?

Some choices are simple, and some are very complex,

but one choice informs all the others:

Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

Who has been with us from before the beginning,

bringing us into existence?

Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us on our way?

Who has pointed us toward the path

**and posted the signs we need to find our way?
Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth
and gently curving?
Who has kept with us through hairpin turns
and construction zones and potholes and detours?
Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course
and seek the comfort of eternity?**

Only One. The One and Only.

Holy One. The One and Holy.

Will you choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful to us?

Will you choose this day to place your whole trust in the One who is trustworthy?

Will you choose this day to commit your talents and your resources to the One who first endowed them?

Will you choose this day to love the One who loved us first?

Count us in!

**We devote ourselves by renewing the covenant—
the promise God made to humanity so long ago.**

Because the LORD is our God, we will be God's people. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Matthew 25 Team

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

+CLOSING HYMN *"Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"*

Purple #42

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY!
2024

JUNE 23 - JUNE 30,

Welcome

We are so glad to be worshiping 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 worshiping 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.



Additional Hymnals Are on the Way

Our order of 50 new Glory to God hymnals including 10 Large Print edition are back in stock at the PC(USA) Store warehouse and will ship in the next few days.

A few hymnals are still available for dedication in honor or memory. If you would like to contribute toward this important part of our music ministry, please let Tammy know how many hymnals you would like to give (the suggested donation is \$25 per hymnal) and for whom you would like the dedication made.

Robert Out of the Office

Robert will be out of the office from Monday June 24 until Saturday July 14. June 24-28 he will be attending the Montreat Worship and Music Conference.

July 29-July 4 he will be attending the 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA) virtually. As the chairperson of one of 15 national committees of the denomination, Robert is a corresponding member of the Assembly.

July 7-13 he will be attending the Wild Goose Worship and Arts festival near Statesville, NC. He will be one of the leaders of the seminarians' pre-festival gathering and will be one of the speakers/workshop leaders on Friday.

In his absence, Marie Mainard O'Connell will lead worship on June 23 and Carl McCormack will lead worship on July 7. Robert will return to the pulpit on July 14 and the office on July 15.

While away, he is available by email and, occasionally, phone.

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

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

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:

**Monroe Flucas, Jr. (friend of Judi King);
Julie Gaffney (friend of Judi King);
Martin Gaffney (friend of Judi King);
Richard Gaffney (friend of Judi King);
Eunice Holdcroft (friend of Judi King);**

Leah Shell (friend of Robert);
Beth Duvall (Ann Patterson's cousin);
 Janes Estes - dealing with multiple health issues;
 GA staff and commissioners to the 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA);
 The residents and staff at Women and Children First;
 Robin Appleton - kidney tumor (sister-in-law of Rosemary & McGinnis);
 Jennifer Garlington (Shirley's niece) dealing with breast cancer;
 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 Kay McCollum.

STAFF AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Dr. Robert Wm Lowry	Pastor/Head of Staff
David Austin	Director of Music
Shawn Mittledorf	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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