

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 Sahr Lebbe, Liturgist

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;
Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

Pray for your communities

Keep God in the center of all that is.

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

For something happens here

that reminds us that we can live as God desires

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us
and we can trust the promise.

+OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,
across the ages

you have guided your people through the wilderness,

assuring us of a home in your eternal city.

Strengthen us along the way,

that we might not neglect our call

to serve the cities and towns where we live.

Help us to trust in your unfailing presence amid all of our fears.

Grant us wisdom to discern your way in this world

even as we hope for the next. Amen.

+GATHERING HYMN "God is Here" Purple #624

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God beyond borders, we know that on our way to worship,
we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods.**

We admit how easy it is for us

to wander down the streets of temptation,

pausing at the corner of easy choices.

We fall silent in the presence of those

who speak words of anger and hate.

We tolerate a culture that suspects all who are different from us.

Have mercy on us, O God,

for surely you take the side of justice.

Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in our lives.

You gift us with those of other cultures,

that our lives might be blessed.

You send us friends out of places we least expect,

that our community might be enriched.

**You call us to be generous with our blessings,
so others might be graced with the gift of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and 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 Is a Lamp unto My Feet" Purple #458

NEW TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 29:1-7

SERMON "Standing Up for the Down Trodden" Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE "All Who Love and Serve Your City" Purple #351

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adopted from the Confession of 1967

How is the church called to engage the world?

**In every 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 these concrete situations.**

Can the church countenance discrimination?

**No! The church labors for the abolition of all discrimination
and ministers to those injured by it.**

**Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude,
dominate, or patronize
their brothers and sisters, however subtly,
resist the Spirit of God
and bring contempt on the faith they profess.**

Can the church countenance poverty?

**No! A church that is indifferent to poverty,
or evades responsibility in economic affairs,
or is open to one social class only,
or expects gratitude for its beneficence
makes a mockery of reconciliation
and offers no acceptable worship to God.**

How is the church equipped to resist these sins in the church and in the world?
Through hope.

**With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present
tasks and strives for a better world.**

**It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth,
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.**

**In steadfast hope,
the church looks beyond all partial achievement
to the final triumph of God.**

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Matthew 25 Team

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

+CLOSING HYMN "For Everyone Born" Purple #769

+CHARGE AND BENEEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Join Us ON THE JOURNEY! JUNE 9 - JUNE 16, 2024

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.



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.

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 and Midweek Manna

Yoga is on hiatus until September. Midweek Manna will resume in late August.

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Prayer and Meditation

Please note: We will be doing a periodic revision of the prayer list this week. If you have included a prayer request that you wish to continue, please email Robert.

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:

Shelly Hyson following elbow surgery;

Bill and Liz Branch in their recent/current deployments with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA): Bill - tornado response in Omaha, NE area; Liz - planning for discernment event for potential PDA National Response Team Members;

The Congregation and Pastors of First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville and of Rogers as they deal with damage to church buildings and homes after recent storms;

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

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

Susan Mauney following hand surgery;

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

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;

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 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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WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 9, 2024

10:30 AM

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.

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