

Westover Hills Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Jonah, an Angel, and the Whale

In the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art
Possibly from Jami al-Tawarikh a 14th century Muslim text

FIFTEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 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**

Marianne Estes, Liturgist

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!

From the east to the west, from the north to the south,

God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.

From the east to the west, from the north to the south,

we gather together, united by God's Spirit,

to celebrate God's glory

and proclaim His praise!

Let's worship God together!

***Opening Prayer**

Eternal God,

whose signature we see, if we dare to look,

in the creation of the universe,

help us this hour to look and to listen

for Your handwriting and Your voice in this place,

among these people.

Connect our temporary praise to Your timeless rhythms,

Your ageless melodies,

Your everlasting joyful noise.

Guide us now to focus upon You,

knowing that in You,
our distractions become new possibilities for action.
Breathe life into our singing, our praying,
our speaking, our listening, our touching,
that all these activities might become more than they are.
In our worship we reach out to You, O God,
knowing that You have already enfolded us in Your arms.
In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn “*Softly and Tenderly*” Purple #418

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,
in your presence
and in the presence of our brothers and sisters in Christ,
we confess that we have fallen short.
We have fallen short of your expectations,
fallen short of your calling, fallen short of our hopes for ourselves.
We have fallen short,
but we remember that you and your grace never fall short of us.
You love us beyond our sin.
You forgive us beyond our shortcomings.
You shower us with undeserved grace
because you, loving God, do not keep score.
Help us to see one another
with the same generosity and love that you see each of us.**

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

Scripture Reading

Jonah 1

Sermon

“Buying Passage to Tarshish”

Dr. Lowry

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn of Response

“God Is Calling”

Purple

#410

*Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith (PCUS)

God has not taken God’s people out of the world,

but has sent them into the world

to worship God there and serve all humankind.

**We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord on
behalf of all people.**

**Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves
alone.**

Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission.

**We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the
world and joining in God’s work.**

We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now.

But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and God's promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture.

We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

Minute for Ministry

Matthew 25 Team

Offering

Offertory

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The traditional text of the Lord's Prayer is found in the purple hymnal on page 35.

We Depart in God's Name

*Closing Hymn

"Today We All Are Called"

Purple

#757

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Join Us on the Journey!

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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 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.



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

Preaching Fellowship

Robert has been named one of 26 inaugural Preaching Fellows of the Center for Faith and Justice.

The Fellows will spend a year working together to better integrate themes of faith-based justice in their preaching as well as research on the role of preaching and liturgy in creating communities of justice in the church.

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:

The people of the Carribean, the Yucatan peninsula, Houston, and the Texas gulf coast recovering from Hurricane Beryl;

Suzanne Carole (mother of Tammy Miller) continuing to recover from a TBI and preparing to return home to El Dorado;
Janice Mitchell and Donna Terrell (death of their brother in Tulsa);
Mary Lois Stanfield (death of her sister);
Sally Johnson (recovering from a fall);
Leah Shell (friend of Robert's) dealing with a cancer diagnosis and treatment;
Beth DuVall (Ann Paterson's cousin);
Monroe Flucas, Jr., Julie Gaffney, Martin Gaffney, Richard Gaffney, Eunice Holdcroft as they deal with health issues (friends of Judi King);
Jane Estes - dealing with multiple health issues;
The residents and staff at Women and Children First;
Robin Appleton - kidney tumor (sister-in-law of Rosemary & Paul 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 Joy Thomas and Nancy Blackstone.

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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