

Westover Hills Presbyterian Church

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



FOURTEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 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.

We Gather at God's Invitation

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

Welcome & Invitation to Discipleship

Prelude

David Austin, Director of Music

*Call to Worship

Shirly Garlington, Liturgist

Come, all who love the Lord and who would follow God's way.

Let us gather together in God's truth and God's love.

For life itself is found only in the way of the Lord.

And Jesus came that we might know God's way and have life.

Then let us give praise and lift our voices for all to hear!

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for your love and your grace so abundant and overflowing that you will receive us in spite of our fearful and timid lives of faith.

As you encouraged the first Christians to witness in the face of danger, encourage us to answer your call and follow you rather than cower before the powerful.

Grant us peace in the midst of challenge; and fill us with your Holy Spirit, through the risen Christ. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

Purple #839

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we still were sinners Christ died for us. Now, because we declare faith in God, we dare to approach the throne of grace. So, trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins together...

Prayer of Confession

God of life, you have called us to bear witness to the cross and resurrection of Jesus, but we confess that we usually keep this good news to ourselves.

Neither our words nor our actions faithfully proclaim his saving goodness.

We fail to share the love by which we so richly live.

Forgive us for living lives that deny your grace and power.

May your Holy Spirit, enliven and inspire us to be faithful witnesses to the love, mercy, and justice of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept.

Sung Response

“Glory to God”

Purple #582

Assurance of Pardon

...in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and you are freed.

Thanks be to God! Amen

*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

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to hear and accept your word. Silence in us all the voices that shout for our attention and let us only hear your voice calling us to service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:18-21

Anthem

Second Scripture Reading

John 21:1-14

Sermon

“Maybe We Need To Rethink This”

Rev. McCormack

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response

“For Everyone Born”

Purple #100

*Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His life as a human involves the church in the common life of people.

His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on our inhumanity toward the other, and the awful consequences of our own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of our life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

Minute for Ministry

Matthew 25 Team

Offering

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

We Gather at God's Table

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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.

The Words of Institution

Serving the People

Prayer after Communion

We Depart in God's Name

*Closing Hymn *"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"*

Purple #727

*Charge and Benediction

*PostLUDE

Join Us on the Journey!

July 7- July 13, 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.

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.

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:

Janice Mitchell and Donna Terrell (death of their brother in Tulsa);

Mary Lois Stanfield (death of her sister);

Sally Johnson (Presbyterian Village rehab unit following a fall);

Beth DuVall (Ann Patterson's cousin);

Leah Shell (friend of Robert's) dealing with a cancer diagnosis and treatment;

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;

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 & 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 John MacLeod and Kay McCollum.

Staff and Ministry Leadership

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