

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



Baroque pulpits in lower Silesia depicting a whale (L) and ship (R)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 21, 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.

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

Ray Stephens, Liturgist

The voice calling long ago, the voice calling today.

The voice compelling Jonah to go, the voice compelling us to go.

The voice calling to Jonah, compelling him to share the good news of God's redemptive love.

The voice calling to us, compelling us to share the good news of God's redemptive love with those who would be enemies.

With those who might be or feel like enemies-the people of Nineveh, those a different race, those with different beliefs, those who have hurt us, those we do not understand or even detest.

The voice called long ago, and the voice is calling today.

Open our eyes and ears to hear the Lord's voice as we worship today. May we respond to God's call and be moved into action.

+OPENING PRAYER

God of the seas, sky, and land
when Jonah turned to run from you,
you showed him that nothing and no one
could hide from your presence.

You are in all things, and you love all things.

Show us the gift of your presence,
and help us to carry your word of compassion and grace
to all the world.

And when we, like Jonah, flee from you,
pursue us yet again
in the name of the one who carried out your love flawlessly,
Jesus Christ our hope and our salvation
in calm and stormy seas. Amen.

†GATHERING HYMN “Come, Thou Fount”

Purple #475

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Like an ever-flowing stream from the heart of creation,
your love flows for us now and always.**

**Yet we are afraid to drink deep of the waters of life for fear
that we may see our reflection and not like what we see
looking back.**

**We are afraid to let others drink before us for fear there
will not be enough left for us.**

**We are afraid to show others this living water for fear that
we may welcome the wrong people.**

**We let our fear overwhelm our thirst until our souls are
parched and our spirits weary.**

Forgive us our fears and transform us by your grace.

**Give us faith, O God, to see in the waters of life the
abundance of your grace.**

**Give us hearts to see in the waters of life the depth of your
love.**

**Give us love to see in the waters of life an invitation to all
your children to come and drink deeply the love and mercy
of God.**

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

Jonah 2

SERMON

“Jonah Runs”

Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Ho, All Who Thirst”

Purple #479

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

El Zocalo

Matthew 25 Team

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

WE REAFFIRM THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Hear these words from holy scripture:

Just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body, though, many,

are one body, so it is with Christ.

**For in the one Spirit
we are all baptized into one body—
Jews or Greeks, servant or free, male or female—
and we are all made to drink of one Spirit.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

† THE RENUNCIATIONS

† THE CREED

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ God's only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

† THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ASPERSION AND ANOINTING

Those who wish to be anointed with the water from the font as a reminder of their baptism are welcome to come forward. The sign of a cross will be made on your forehead or, if you prefer, you may offer the back of your hand for the anointing.

If you have not been baptized in a trinitarian Christian tradition, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. Simply offer your hands in a posture of prayer to receive a blessing.

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

†CLOSING HYMN

“Baptized in Water”

Purple #482

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

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.



What is that basket of veggies doing on the Communion Table?

We're glad you asked!

We will collect fresh produce for El Zocalo on Wednesday, July 24th, from 10am until 1pm, at a table in back of the church. You may drive by and drop off your items!

If you cannot shop, but wish to participate, you may write a check and give to Tammy.

The congregation has been divided alphabetically by last name, and requested to bring specific items, and they are:

A-E 3 Roma tomatoes, 3 green peppers

F-L 3 onions, 1 lb fresh green beans

M-O 3 squash, 3 avocados, 3 radishes

P-Z 3 ears of corn, 1 bag of red beans, 1 bag of black beans

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

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 week 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:

Suzanne Carroll (as she recovers from a traumatic brain injury and for her caregivers);

Robert (following successful pacemaker replacement);

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;

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

Please note: details of prayer needs are included only when permission is given. If a name-only appears, please offer a prayer for the physical, spiritual, and emotional well-being of that person.

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 July are Joy Thomas and Nancy Blackstone.