

We Gather at God's Invitation

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

Welcome &
Invitation to Discipleship The Rev. Dr. Robert Wm Lowry, Pastor

Prelude David Austin, Director of
Music

*Call to Worship Liz Branch,
Liturgist

Praise the God of all creation.

**Worship the One who calls us—
speaking with a different voice,
offering an unexpected invitation.**

Celebrate the presence of our loving God.

Rejoice, the realm of God is near.

*Opening Prayer

Open our ears to hear your holy voice, O Lord.

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 friends.

With those who would be enemies.

The voice calling long ago.

The voice calling today.

Give us ears to hear and hearts to embrace your holy word. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *"Just as I Am, without One Plea"* Purple #442

Call to Confession

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into
the world to demonstrate the depth and breadth of God's wondrous love.

Trusting in the grace of Christ and relying on the promises of God's love,
let us let go of the things that weigh on us. Let us confess our sins against
God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One,
what a blessing and privilege we share
here in this sacred space
and among this loving community.**

We are grateful.

**But, like Jonah,
we sometimes are jealous of what we share here.**

**We know that others are longing and thirsting
for what we know and experience.**

**Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors,
open our hearts to others;
some like us, some not.**

**We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness
to witness to those we have considered strangers
and even enemies
for the fear they just might become friends.**

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

Scripture Reading Jonah 3

Sermon "The Danger of Discipleship" Dr. Lowry

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response *"How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions"* Purple
#410

*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe and know
that Jesus is the Holy One of God.
We believe that he is the Christ,
the Son of God, who was to come into the world.
We believe that he is in the Creator
and the Creator is in him.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God,
and that in our believing, our proclaiming, our loving,
we have life in Christ. Amen.**

Minute for Ministry Matthew 25 Team

Offering

Offertory

Prayers of the People and 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.

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.**

We Depart in God's Name

*Closing Hymn *"Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted"* Purple #757

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Join Us on the Journey! July 28- Aug 3,
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
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
I see a card in the pew near you, please ask one of the ushers you saw when
in and we will be sure to get one for you. If you prefer, please scan the QR
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

Stewardship

If you would like a copy of your second quarter giving statement, please
contact Tammy at aplug4546@gmail.com or text her and she will email a
copy to you.

If you are unsure where you are in your family's annual giving, Tammy
can update you on your pledge.

We are blessed to have such a generous and committed congregation. Thank you for your support of our mission and ministry in Little Rock and beyond!

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

Please keep the flyer in your bulletin as a reminder or pass it along to someone who might be interested in donating or coming to the sale.

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:

Suzanne Carroll (as she recovers from traumatic brain injury and for her caregivers);
Janice Mitchell and Donna Terrell (death of their brother in Tulsa);
Mary Lois Stanfield (death of her sister)

Sally Johnson (at Presbyterian Village following a fall, we encourage planned visits with her daughter, Julie);

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);
Janes Estes - dealing with multiple health issues;

GA staff and commissioners to the 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA);
The resident 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.

If a name has fallen off the prayer list, please let Robert know so we may add it back.

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

The Deacons for July are Joy Thomas and Nancy Blackstone.

The Deacons for August are Shirley Garlington and Ann

Presbyterian Village Lunch

Each month on the fourth Tuesday our Deacons host a lunch at Presbyterian Village with our members who are residents there. In July we welcomed Sam and Beth Highsmith to our lunch group. It is always a great time to visit and catch-up with some of our members who are not able to join us on Sunday morning.



Following our July lunch, Robert and Shirley had the chance to visit Sally Johnson who sends her love to everyone.

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 Committee
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

Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell	The Central Arkansas Queer Collective
Mother Carol-Ann Blow	Sister Thea Bowman Ecumenical Catholic Church

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Calendar and Church Website



Westover Hills Presbyterian Church

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



SEVENTEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 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.

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