

# Westover Hills Presbyterian Church

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



## THIRTEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 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

Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell

Prelude

David Austin, Director of Music

\*Call to Worship

I praise you, O LORD, for you have brought me up;

**I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

You brought up my soul from the pit, you restored me to life.

**Hear me, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!**

You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

**May I praise you and not be silent.**

**O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

\*Opening Prayer

O God our defender,

storms and conflict rage about us and cause us to be afraid.

Rescue your people from despair,

deliver your children from fear,

and preserve us all from fighting against ourselves and you;

this we pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

\*Gathering Hymn

*"Here In This Place"*

Purple #401

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We have not believed in our own worth.**

**Hear the confession of our hearts in this silence.**

Lord hear us as we pray:

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry  
for all we have done to displease you and cause harm.**

**Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light,  
and walk in your ways,  
confident of your love and grace. Amen.**

*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 *“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”* Purple #458

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:1-32

Sermon *“Below the Belt”* Rev. Mainard-O'Connell

### We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn of Response *“Fight the Good Fight”* Purple #846

\*Affirmation of Faith

From Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

**We believe that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
For we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Minute for Ministry

Matthew 25 Team

Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Depart in God's Name

\*Closing Hymn

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

Purple #700

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

Join Us on the Journey!

June 30 - July 6, 2024

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## Welcome

We are so glad to be worshipping 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 might be in touch with you to share more about life at love to share a little about our story and hear more about card in the pew near you, please ask one of the ushers you we will be sure to get one for you. If you prefer, please scan be directed to the contact page of our website.



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## 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](mailto:erbranch@comcast.net) and Bill Smith at [wsmith425@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:office.westoverhills@gmail.com)

## Just a Reminder

Robert is out of the office this week while he attends the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (virtually) before going to the Wild Goose Festival where he will co-lead the seminarian cohort and speak as part of the conference.

## 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PC(USA)- Salt Lake City

The 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly has begun with committees meeting over zoom for the next week followed by the plenary gathering in Salt Lake City next week. Please keep the commissioners, advisory delegates, advocates, and staff in your prayers.

## Caring for One Another

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## 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 Fordyce following the mass shooting there on June 21;  
The people of Minnesota, south Florida, the Dakotas, and other places dealing with torrential rains and flooding;

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 & 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](mailto:office.westoverhills@gmail.com) *and* Robert at [robertwilliamlowry@gmail.com](mailto:robertwilliamlowry@gmail.com)

## **Deacon's Ministry**

Deacons for June are John MacLeod and Kay McCollum.

## Staff and Ministry Leadership

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<b>Dr. Robert Wm Lowry</b>	Pastor/Head of Staff
<b>David Austin</b>	Director of Music
<b>Shawn Mittedorf</b>	Preschool Director
<b>Tammy Pflug</b>	Treasurer
<b>Ulysses Neyland</b>	Sexton
<b>Elder Liz Branch</b>	Recording Clerk & Christian Education Ministry
<b>Elder Candice Misenheimer</b>	Corresponding Clerk & Matthew 25 (Yard Sign Ministry)
<b>Elder Ray Stephens</b>	Worship and Arts
<b>Elder Bob Quinn</b>	Building and Grounds
<b>Elder Debbie Cooper</b>	Stewardship and Finance
<b>Elder Ann Patterson</b>	Preschool
<b>Sally Browder</b>	Matthew 25 (Church Vitality)
<b>Betty Glenn and Alice Ahart</b>	Presbyterian Women
<b>Elder Bill Smith</b>	Personnel
<b>Alice Ahart</b>	Kitchen
<b>Deacons Shirley Garlington and Kay McCollum</b>	Co-Moderators Board of Deacons

### Affiliated Ministries

<b>Dr. Robert Wm Lowry</b>	The Table
<b>Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell</b>	The Central Arkansas Queer Collective
<b>Mother Carol-Ann Blow</b>	Sister Thea Bowman Ecumenical Catholic Church

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Calendar and Church Website

