

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



ΠΙΝΕΤΕΕΠΤΗ SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 11, 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. Dr. Robert Wm Lowry, Pastor

PRELUDE

David Austin, Director of Music

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellen McEwen, Liturgist

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

for all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

for love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

for God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

†OPENING PRAYER

God of no borders,

you see each of us

as one of your own children.

Be present in this place

just as you are in places

with different languages,

customs, cultures, and even beliefs.

Be present with us and gather us in

as we lean more and more into a life
defined by the promises of your grace.

Be present in this place and remind us
that wherever we go, you are there. Amen.

+GATHERING HYMN “For All the Faithful Women” Purple #342

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us when we walk away from you and then wonder where you are.

Forgive us when we fail to see the signs you place along our path.

Forgive us when we are too distracted to revel in the wonder of creation.

Forgive us when we forget who we are and whose we are.

Remind us that we are not a lost, but a found people

And that there is no place we can go where you are not. Amen

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 Ruth 1

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

Purple #684

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke,
and the world came into being.**

**The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness,
matter from nothing,
flesh from dust,
life from lifelessness.**

**In the quiet of a small town in Palestine
the Word of God came to us.**

**Even though of one being with the Creator,
Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born,
lived and walked among us,
speaking the words of life.**

He was crucified, died, and was buried.

He rose from the dead and speaks to us today.

He is the one who saves us from ourselves.

**In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God,
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,
whispers the Word,
and calls us back to the Creator,
back to the Christ,**

**back to the wholeness of everlasting life
in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.**

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 *"God of Our Life"*

Purple #686

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE



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 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.



Westover Hills Nominated Among Best Places to Worship in Central Arkansas

The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette polls readers annually for their Readers' Choice Awards. WHPC is among the five churches who are finalists for the "Best Place to Worship in Central Arkansas." It seems like an odd thing to rank churches the way you rank barbeque joints.

Nonetheless, it is an indication that the best kept secret in Little Rock is not as closely kept as it was! WHPC is getting noticed and people are finding out what we already know about this amazing community of faith; Westover Hills is the place to be!

If you are a D-G subscriber, please take a moment and cast a vote for Westover Hills and help raise our community profile and share the blessing of beloved community with our neighbors.

Robert to Louisville This Week

Robert will be in Louisville this week for a meeting of the executive team of the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examination of Candidates for Ministry which he chairs. While in Louisville, he will be available by email or phone.

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

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:

Our members and friends at Presbyterian Village;

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

Beth DuVall (Ann Patterson's cousin);

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;

the residents and staff at Women and Children First;

the clients and staff of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services;

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.

Home Communion

If you or someone you know in the broader Westover Hills family would like a home visit with communion, please contact Shirley Garlington.

STAFF AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

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

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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Calendar and Church Website

