

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
DEDICATION OF GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS

AUGUST 4, 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

Dr. Robert Wm Lowry, Pastor

PRELUDE

David Austin, Director of Music

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Calloway, Liturgist

Let all the people praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon the earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

+OPENING PRAYER

Sojourning God,

we pray that you will make yourself known to us,
in times of ease and times of struggle.

Help us to hear the calls of the oppressed and the poor.

Guide us to live in ways that do not elevate our needs and wants
over those of our neighbors.

Call us to heed the voice of the prophets,
to step out in faith and put our neighbors needs as important as our own.

In the name of Christ,
who loves us even when we try to walk away,
even when we think the sacrifice is too great,
and gives us renewed hope, we pray. Amen.

+GATHERING HYMN

“O God, Show Mercy to Us”

Purple #341

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most gracious God,

**who gives the fruits of the earth
for the benefit of all your creatures,
we give thanks to you for abundant harvests
and plentiful food.**

**We pray for those in our land who are denied these gifts,
and seek your forgiveness for our complicity in their want.**

**We pray for those whose voices are not heard
and for those who do not hear.**

**Forgive us when our choices are selfish ones,
and forgive us especially
when we do not choose to raise our own voice
against the pain of those among us who suffer needless want.**

**Most of all, O God,
we give you thanks
for the revelation of your love in Jesus Christ,
who came that everyone might have abundant life. 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 Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

Purple #458

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 4

SERMON

“Tales of a Petulant Prophet”

Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*”

Purple #435

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Matthew 25 Team

The Matthew 25 Team is charged with leading the church in carrying out our strategic plan and vision for the future of Westover Hills. They report weekly on the progress of supporting projects and our strategic goals.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION

“*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*”

Purple #641

WE GATHER AT GOD’S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

†CLOSING HYMN “*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*” Purple #436

†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.

Stewpot Is on the Move

After half a century at historic First Presbyterian Church, Stewpot is on the move. August will be the last month meals will be served from First Pres and September will mark the next chapter with Stewpot in a new home at the Salvation Army on the 1100 block of W. Markham (just east of Union Station). Westover Hills continues to be a partner with Stewpot and will continue to be in their new home. Thanks to a generous offer from Stewpot, Westover has purchased two refrigerators and a freezer that are no longer needed in the new kitchen. These new appliances will enhance our kitchen ministry and provide needed funds to Stewpot for their move.

Treats and Treasures

The season of fellowship, bargains, and mission support is here! Treats and Treasures is well underway downstairs. The gym is filling up fast with all kinds of great deals. If you have not already made drop-off plans, please contact Carol Enderlin or Jackie Oakes. Furniture drop-off/scheduled pick-up is Saturday. If you need a pick-up, please be sure to schedule that in advance.

How can you help, you ask?

There are three ways you can help with Treats and Treasures:

1. Volunteer during the next two weeks to help get things unpacked, set-up, and priced and/or on the day of the sale.
2. Get those donations in as soon as possible.
3. Tell your friends, or better yet, surprise someone with a ticket to the preview sale.
4. Shop, shop, shop! One person's give-away might be your next treasure. The only way to find out is to browse the wares and see what speaks to you.

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 family of Peggy Scates following her death on July 27;

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 Caleb at jones.caleb.a.34@gmail.com *and* Robert at robertwilliamlowry@gmail.com

You may also scan the QR code to the right for the digital prayer request card.



Prayer Requests

Deacon's Ministry

Deacons for August are Shirley Garlington and Ann Bell.

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

Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell The Central Arkansas Queer Collective
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