

Westover Hills Presbyterian Church

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



TWENTY-EIGHTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 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. Elizabeth Brinegar

Prelude

David Austin, Director of Music

*Call to Worship

Alicia Quinn, Liturgist

Praise the Lord!

Praise God's name; serve God and give praise, all who dwell in the house of the Lord.

The Lord is good. We will sing his holy name.

For the Lord has chosen us as his own.

Your name, O God, endures forever.

May our love for you never cease.

Let us worship God together.

*Opening Prayer

Holy and righteous God, you have called us to be your people at this time and in this place. May our worship of you be faithful. May our minds be open to your Holy Scripture. May our hearts be open to the urgings of your Holy Spirit. As we humbly come before you, wash away everything that comes between us that we would be united in love and honesty. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *“Morning Has Broken”*

Purple #664

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of power and might, you call us to be a faithful and righteous people, but we let things come in the way. We rely on our own wisdom and wealth. We let our vanity get in the way of serving you. And we let others come between us as well. We choose family over faith. We choose political leaders over your true leadership. At a time that is so divisive in our country and in our world, help us to remember that we are here to build up your kingdom through acts of faith and service. Forgive us when we forget that. We come to you to learn your truth but then we break your holy commandments. Give us the courage and strength to stand up for what is right in a world that thrives on hate and fear. Above all, may we be faithful to you and your holy way. Amen.

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	<i>“Thy Word”</i>	Purple #458
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 4:12-16 & Mark 10:17-31	
Sermon	“How Hard Is It?”	Rev. Brinegar

We Respond to God's Word

- *Hymn of Response *“Will You Come and Follow Me”* Purple #726
- *Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his 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.

Minute for Ministry

Matthew 25

The Matthew 25 team is responsible for leading our churchwide visioning and strategic planning process.

Offering

Offertory

Prayers of the People

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 today our daily bread.

And forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors.

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 be the Love"

Purple #543

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude



Join Us on the Journey!

Oct. 13 – Oct. 19, 2024

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 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.



Digital Visitor Card

Robert Is in North Carolina

Robert's study group was scheduled to meet this week and early next week at their usual spot in western North Carolina. After checking with the local community, they have decided to go ahead with their meeting. Rather than spend the whole time working on sermons as they usually do, they will spend the first four days helping with clean-up in the Spring Creek community. Thank you to everyone who gave toward the relief effort. The damage in the valley community is devastating and it will be many many months until life is back to any kind of normal. When possible, Robert will be checking email. He will not have cell service while away.

Adult Class in October

The topics for the Adult Class in October are:

October 13 -- Psalms - Dr. Bobby Williamson

October 20 – Hinduism - Dr. Arya Basu

October 27 – Voter Guide on Ballot Issues for Nov 5 - Kristen Netterstrom Higgins

Fall Festival at Presbyterian Village

Come celebrate Fall at the annual Fall Festival at Presbyterian Village! Thursday, October 17th from 5:30 to 7:30pm in the Presbyterian Village Courtyard. You can purchase tickets at Presbyterian Village or call Lisa Jackson 501-225-1615 ext 234

Westover Hills 2nd Wednesday Workgroup at Ferncliff

Each fall through spring, Westover Hills serves in mission at Ferncliff checking

Gifts of the Heart disaster kits for accuracy and packing them ready for shipment to survivors in need of assistance. More than ever, extra hands are needed for this task. Our first work date will be Wednesday, October 9th from 9am-12noon. No experience is necessary & everyone is welcome. Ferncliff's young adult volunteers handle the heavy lifting. We always have great conversation and a lot of laughter. The weather is cooler & Ferncliff is a delightful place to spend a morning serving in mission. Rides provided if needed.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Responds to Helene and a Shooting

This week at Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been especially busy:

- 4-person team from National Response Team (NRT) deployed to Tampa Bay Presbytery in support of the presbytery response to hurricane damage (6 churches suffered significant water damage).
- 4-person NRT team deployed to Western Carolina Presbytery in support of the presbytery response to devastating flooding from Helene.
- 2-person NRT team to Transylvania Presbytery to offer listening session to Presbyterian Church and community in the wake of the shooting of a local judge by the local sheriff; the Presbyterian Church is across the street from the courthouse.

Congregational Meeting Called for October 20

A brief congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on October 20 to elect members of the congregational nominating committee.

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:

Ellen Dreyfuss, Nancy's friend, just had emergency brain surgery;
From Johnny Rhodes: "Thank each & every one of you for the cards, texts & calls you sent to wish me a speedy recovery from my shoulder replacement. I appreciate your love & concern & will repay your many kindnesses.";
Rene Thompson, friend of Joyce Smith, dealing with cancer treatments;
Leigha McCrary, friend's of Ann Patterson & Max Snowden granddaughter;
Peggy Willis, recovering from hip replacement surgery;
Friends and family of Rosanna King Taylor who died on August 22nd after a long battle with cancer; Stacy Harter dealing with cancer;
Lila Quinn (daughter-in-law of Bob and Alicia Quinn) surgery to remove cancer and recovery; 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);
Jane Estes - dealing with multiple health issues;
Our members and friends at Presbyterian Village;
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 October are Jackie Oakes and Carol Enderlin

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