

# WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



## A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 3, 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*



CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, lover and friend, you showed us holiness in action through the way you lived your life. You gave away your power in the service of others and turned our understanding of blessedness on its head.

**We confess the difficulties we experience in living as you lived and loving as you loved**

We confess how easy it is to concentrate on our own pleasures - taking note of the plight of many in the world only as the news momentarily grabs our attention.

**We confess our capacity to be so consumed by our own agendas that our concern for the needs of others shrinks all too rapidly.**

We confess our failure to act when we see around us weakness, pain, suffering and powerlessness.

We confess our reluctance to love our enemies and to do good to those who dislike or even hate us.

**We confess the ease with which we become conformed to the world’s standards rather than facing the challenge of conforming to those of Christ.**

Stir up your Spirit in us, Lord, that we may experience the happiness and blessing of being your disciples in more than name only.

**Strengthen us to be people who sing and live your song of love; who willingly serve our neighbours—even those we don't especially like; who seek justice and mercy for all and who truly repent of what is past and look with anticipation for what is yet to come.**

**This we pray in your name and for your sake.**

*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

1 Kings 17:1-24

SERMON *“Promises Echoing Through Time: Care”*

Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN *“A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar”*

Purple #201

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY                    “Lord, I Believe”        arr. Larry Shackley

*I believe in God the Father, Maker of all heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of matchless  
worth; by the Spirit was conceived, of the Virgin Mary born,  
he in whom I have believed: God Almighty, Three in One.*

*I believe. Lord I believe!*

*Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, for me he died.  
Laid within the grave so silent, gates of hell he opened wide;  
for the stone-sealed tomb was empty;  
on the third day he arose into heaven, made his entry, mighty  
conqueror of his foes.*

*I believe. Lord I believe!*

*At God's right hand he is seated, till his coming, as he said;  
final judgement will be meted to the living and the dead.  
I confess the Holy Spirit, who was sent through Christ the Son  
to apply salvation's merit: God, the Spirit, Three in One.*

*I believe the church of Jesus, universal, ever remains;  
we are one through all the ages, in communion of the saints.  
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised to  
eternal life in heaven; ever let his name be praised.*

*I believe. Lord, I believe! I believe. Lord, I believe!*

# WE GATHER AT GOD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE 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 ROLL CALL OF THE SAINTS

Matthew Butler

Martha Deckleman

Hunter Gray

Bill Gulla

+ Mary Ellen Holder

+ Doyle Hughes

Bonnie Kelly

Julia Loyall

+ Dot McWeeny

Ed Passierb

Marcella Passierb

Thomas Phillips

+ Winnie Robinson

+ Ed Stanfield

Sondra Hollis Thomas

+ *Denotes member of Westover Hills Presbyterian Church.*

## 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      *"For All the Saints"*

Purple #326

+ 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.

**Adult Class in November**

November 3 and 10, in preparation for Cotham lecturer Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, we will be looking at several things in her book *Accidental Saints: Finding God in all the Wrong People*. We'll focus particularly on her communication style and the main themes she's interested in, most especially the action of grace in people's lives. We'll focus roughly on the first ten (brief) chapters of the book on November 3 and the rest of the book on November 10. But anybody will be able to participate in the discussion both weeks, no matter how much of the book they've had a chance to read.

November 17 - No class in preparation for Rev. Nadia's preaching in worship

November 24 - Reprise of Arkansas Peace Week youth art & essay contests



## **Cotham Lecture Book Study**

There will be three opportunities prior to the Cotham lectures to gather and discuss one of Nadia Bolz Weber's books, "Accidental Saints."|

- Sunday November 3 and 10 David Stricklin will lead a discussion of the book| during the Sunday School hour.
- Monday November 4 and 11 Robert will lead an evening discussion in the chapel starting at 6:30.
- Tuesday November 5 & 12 Robert will lead a daytime discussion in chapel at 1:30

## **Cotham Lecture Books Available**

On November 3 and 10, in the 9:00 Sunday morning adult class, David Stricklin will lead the class in a study of Cotham lecturer Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber's *Accidental Saints*. For the first 12 requesters we have complimentary copies available — so that you can read up before November 3 (adult class discussions) and November 16-17 (Cotham Lectures). To quote Wikipedia, "Bolz-Weber is known for her unusual approach to reaching others through her church. She has produced work in the church that scholar and writer Diana Butler Bass considers part of "a new Reformation."

Books are made available as part of your tithes and offerings to Westover Hills Presbyterian Church. To request a copy, please email or call Liz Branch.

Please be aware that Bolz-Weber uses language that some people would find offensive.

## **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.

### 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:

**Max Snowden, Baptist Hospital for tests;** Kellie Earls, Mary Henry's niece, is in intensive care for an infected gallbladder; Bobby Thomas home recovering from throat surgery; Beth and Sam Highsmith as Sam recovers in the nursing unit at Presbyterian Village and Beth is in Alabama with her daughter; Deepest sympathy to Mary Lois Stanfield in the death of her husband Ed 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, friends of Ann Patterson & Max Snowden granddaughter; Stacy Harter dealing with cancer; Lila Quinn (daughter-in-law of Bob & Alicia Quinn) surgery to

remove cancer & 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