

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 Lowry

Minute for Mission- EL ZOCALO Alice Ahart

PRELUDE David Austin, Director of Music

+CALL TO WORSHIP Tom Callaway, Liturgist

We have come to worship God, the living God,
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.
We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
Let us worship our calling God together!

+OPENING PRAYER

O Holy God,
like Isaiah the prophet, we stand in awe of Your glory,
feeling tremendously small and polluted by our sin,
and the sin of our society.
Even so, You touch us with Your burning presence,
and we are made clean and whole.
O God, our Creator,
continue to build this household of faith into what You want us to be.
O Christ, our Savior,
lead us to do as You will.
O Spirit, our Power,
strengthen us for the work of the Kingdom,
a worship and a service which is ours today as well as tomorrow.
O Blessed Trinity,
fill this place and these people with Your presence.
For yours is the Love, and the Joy, and the Creation,
now and always. Amen.

+GATHERING HYMN "Heaven Opened to Isaiah" Purple #68

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our Light and Salvation,
forgive us for those moments when we have walked in darkness,
stumbling in the wilderness of quarrels, division, and bickering.
You have called us to follow you and to fish for people
but too often we think that *our* way is the *only* way to do your will.
Forgive us, Lord, for the brokenness that we bring upon

ourselves.

God, the Stronghold of our Life,
hear our cry as we come to you for unity.
Send your Spirit to gather us as you desire us.
Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity.
Teach us that the "same mind" you call us to have
is not ours, but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. 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 "Thy Word" Purple #458

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 6:1-8

SERMON "CALLING" Rev. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE "O God, You Are My God Alone" Purple #696

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH adapted from A First Catechism of the PC(USA)

Who are you?
I am a child of God.
What does it mean to be a child of God?
That I belong to God who loves me.
What is special about human beings?
God made us, in wondrous diversity and identity, in the image of God.
What does it mean that we are ALL made in the image of God?
It means we are made to reflect God's goodness, wisdom, and love.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Whitney Bordelon

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 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" Purple #69

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

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Join Us ON THE JOURNEY! Nov. 10 – Nov. 16, 2024

Welcome

We are so glad to be worshiping 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

Christmas at El Zocalo

Our congregation will be collecting canned goods to deliver to El Zocalo for their Christmas party, where fifty of the neediest families will receive food boxes. The congregation is divided up alphabetically, with specific items to bring. We will collect the canned goods **November 24** and **December 1** in the narthex. If you can bring more than the requested item, it will be greatly appreciated.

A-F 3 jars of spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes
G-L 3 cans of green beans, corn, canned fruit
M-P 3 bags dry black beans, red beans and boxes of Mac and cheese
Q-Z 4 cans tuna, and canned fruit

Adult Class in November

November 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. Anybody will be able to participate in the discussion, no matter how much of the book they've 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 10 David Stricklin will lead a discussion of the book during the Sunday School hour.
- Monday November 11 Robert will lead an evening discussion in the chapel starting at 6:30.
- Tuesday November 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 November work date is Wednesday, November 13th from 9am-12noon. No experience is necessary & everyone is welcome. We always have great conversation and a lot of laughter. If you need a ride, please contact Kay Stephens, (501 765-1661, rayandkaystephens@att.net.

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:

Max Snowden, undergoing 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;
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

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 November are Jackie Oakes and Carol Enderlin

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
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
Mother Carol-Ann Blow	Sister Thea Bowman Ecumenical Catholic Church

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WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



The Angel and Isaiah *Marc Chagall*

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME
STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 10, 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.

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