



# 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

PRELUDE

David Austin, Director of Music

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Branch, Liturgist

Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord;  
**outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers.**

Come just as you are for you are wonderfully made;  
**male, female, cis, queer, trans,**  
**the young, the old, the in-between,**  
**this is God's house for all of God's people.**

In wondrous variety and holy diversity, let us worship the Lord.

+OPENING PRAYER

Here we are, God,  
called from our busy-ness,  
from the hue and cry of the world  
and all its petty demands for attention.

Here we are,  
in this time set apart  
for something other than the things  
that envelop us day in and day out.

Here we are, family and friends,  
neighbors and strangers.  
Help us to lay aside our worries and burdens  
and be present here  
in prayer, in song,  
in the holy meal, in holy community.

Here we are, God.  
Be here too. Amen.

+GATHERING HYMN

*"My Lord, What a Morning"*

Purple #352

CALL TO CONFESSION

Chuck Anderson, Liturgist

We do not approach God in confession because we fear consequences. We approach God because we trust in the promises. We trust the promise of grace that we are indeed forgiven. We trust the promise of hope that what has been broken will be made whole. We trust the promise of love that though we fall short, we can never fall from God's care.

So, friends, let us confess what we have said that we wish had been left unsaid, done that we wish had been left undone. Let us name what we have done wrong so that in the power of truth we may be made right.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God forgive us and make us aware of your deep mercy and love.**

**Forgive our love affair with labels.**

**We are never so happy as when we are labeling one another  
and silo-ing our neighbors**

**so that the world fits our notions of who is good and who is bad.**

**Forgive our obsession with our own opinions**

**and how easily we substitute them for your word.**

**Forgive us for forgetting to love one another and even ourselves  
with the same abundant love that you hold for each of us.**

**Mend us at our broken places**

**and give us hearts of compassion**

**for one another and for ourselves.**

*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.**

*As we turn to one another with signs of Christ's peace, please be mindful of personal preferences and distancing. Whether it is a handshake, a hug, a peace sign, or a fist bump of peace, it is the sharing that matters!*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*"Thy Word"*

Purple #458

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:1-8

SERMON

Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

*If your gift today is part of your commitment to either Westover Hills Presbyterian or Faith Lutheran, please make a note on your check. The loose cash offering today will be split between two ministries here in Little Rock, the Queer Collective and El Zocalo. More information on both groups may be found in the announcements in this bulletin.*

OFFERTORY

WE GATHER AT GOD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Jacqui Buschor

SURSUM CORDA

The Rt. Rev. Becca Middeke-Conlin

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.  
In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of sin and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen!**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom!

And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen!**

Join our prayers and praise  
with your prophets and children of every age that,  
rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor is yours,  
almighty Creator, now and forever.  
And let the church say, Amen.  
**Amen!**

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

*In the Presbyterian Church (USA) of which Westover Hills is a part, we celebrate what is known as "open communion." What this means is that anyone who wants to come forward and share the bread and the cup are welcome regardless of denomination, community of faith, or depth of doubt. Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.*

*When indicated, you are invited to come down the aisle to receive the bread and the cup. All bread is gluten free and all cups are filled with non-alcoholic grape juice.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

+CLOSING HYMN

*"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"*

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+CHARGE AND BENEEDICTION

Rev. Bolz-Weber

+POSTLUDE



WORSHIP NOTES

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**Worship Leaders Today**

The worship leaders today are Scott Anderson (Member, Faith Lutheran), David Austin (Director of Music, Westover Hills Presbyterian), Liz Branch (Elder, Westover Hills Presbyterian), Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber (2024 Cotham Lecturer), Rev. Jacqui Buschor (Pastor, Faith Lutheran), Dr. Rob Lowry (Pastor, Westover Hills Presbyterian), The Rt. Rev. Becca Middeke-Conlin (Bishop of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod of the ELCA), Ruling Elders from Westover Hills and the Westover Hills Chancel Choir.

**Offering Recipients Today**

The loose (cash) offering today will be split between two local ministries. First, the Central Arkansas Queer Collective. The QC is a 1001 New Worshiping Community of the Presbyterian Church and a partner with both Westover Hills and Faith. The second recipient, El Zocalo Immigrant Resource Center, works to support and advocate for immigrant communities in Little Rock.

## **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

## ***Westover Hills Announcements and Events***

### **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

### **Yoga**

Yoga meets each Thursday at 10am in the Chapel.

### **Midweek Manna**

Midweek Manna bible study meets at 12:05 Wednesdays in the Chapel.

### **Adult Class in November**

November 24 - Help Us Steer Into The New Year

CE has big plans in 2025 for the 9:30 Sunday morning hour – before worship. Would you join us on November 24 so we can share our epiphanies and ask for your feedback?

### **Magazines Needed**

If you still get print magazines, please consider donating any old ones you have to the church. We are gathering magazines for a spirituality project this winter. Especially needed are travel, nature, lifestyle, and other magazines that are heavy on pictures. Magazines can be left on the table by the door in the Hardie Room.

## ***Faith Lutheran Announcements and Events***

### **Christmas Party Save the Date**

Mark your calendars for the Christmas Party December 7 from 5-8pm. Details in the Weekly Reader coming soon!

### **Christmas Craft Market**

The Christmas Craft Market is scheduled for December 14 from 9am-2pm. Everyone is invited!

## **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 is in hospice care in the nursing unit at Presbyterian Village and Beth is in Alabama with her daughter;

Isatu Lebbiee and family as she continues to recover from a stroke;

Ellen Dreyfuss, Nancy's friend, just had emergency brain surgery;

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](mailto:office.westoverhills@gmail.com) *and* Robert at [robertwilliamlowry@gmail.com](mailto:robertwilliamlowry@gmail.com)

## **Deacon's Ministry**

Deacons for November are Jackie Oakes and Carol Enderlin

## *STAFF AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP*

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<b>Dr. Robert Wm Lowry</b>	Pastor/Head of Staff
<b>David Austin</b>	Director of Music
<b>Shawn Mittledorf</b>	Preschool Director
<b>Tammy Pflug</b>	Treasurer
<b>Ulysses Neyland</b>	Sexton
<b>Elder Liz Branch</b>	Recording Clerk & Christian Education Ministry
<b>Elder Candice Misenheimer</b>	Corresponding Clerk & Matthew 25 (Yard Sign Ministry)
<b>Elder Ray Stephens</b>	Worship and Arts
<b>Elder Bob Quinn</b>	Building and Grounds
<b>Elder Debbie Cooper</b>	Stewardship and Finance
<b>Elder Ann Patterson</b>	Preschool
<b>Sally Browder</b>	Matthew 25 (Church Vitality)
<b>Betty Glenn and Alice Ahart</b>	Presbyterian Women
<b>Elder Bill Smith</b>	Personnel
<b>Alice Ahart</b>	Kitchen
<b>Deacons Shirley Garlington and Kay McCollum</b>	Co-Moderators Board of Deacons

### Affiliated Ministries

<b>Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell</b>	The Central Arkansas Queer Collective
<b>Mother Carol-Ann Blow</b>	Sister Thea Bowman Ecumenical Catholic Church

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