

Westover Hills Presbyterian Church

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



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

NOVEMBER 24, 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. Dr. Robert Lowry

Prelude
Music

David Austin, Director of

*Call to Worship

Marianne Estes, Liturgist

In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

In the colors of the rainbow, we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.

In the days of Moses, the words of God were written on tablets of stone,

as the sign of a covenant between God and all of God's people.

In the tablets of stone, we see the sign of God's hope for each to live in peace with God and neighbor.

In the days of the prophet, God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts

As members of the living Body of Christ we see the sign of God's promise among us.

*Opening Prayer

**Jesus, teach us to be generous,
to serve you as you deserve:
to give without counting the cost,
to fight needlessly of the wounds,**

**to work and not seek for rest,
to toil and not seek for reward,
save the reward of knowing we am doing your will. Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn. *“Make A Joyful Noise to God”* Purple
#54

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Incarnate God

For the times we’ve hurt you

Forgive us

For the times we’ve hurt others

Forgive us

For the times we’ve hurt ourselves

Forgive us

For we are made in your image

and it is very good.

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
34

Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-

Sermon

“Covenant”

Rev. Lowry

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn of Response “*The Steadfast Love of the Lord*” Purple
#59

Minute for Ministry

Matthew 25

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

Offering

Offertory

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 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

We Depart in God's Name

*Closing Hymn *"You Shall Go Out With Joy"* Purple

#80

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Join Us on the Journey!

Nov. 24 – Nov. 30, 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.

Blankets for Palliative Care

Celebrate Thanksgiving by making blankets for UAMS palliative care patients. We will meet in the gathering area after church

November 24th to make Christmas blankets. Please join us. Holiday snacks will be provided. Absolutely no sewing skills required.

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 & boxes of Mac&cheese

Q-Z 4 cans tuna, and canned fruit

PW Morning Bible Study

The PW Morning Bible Study will meet on Monday, Nov 25th at 10:00am in the Chapel. Shirley Garlington will lead the study of lesson 3 titled, Food Justice. Hostesses will be Nancy Blackstone & Carol Enderlin. Park in the North Parking Lot off South Rd.

Adjacent doors will open at 9:30am. Study guides may be purchased from Kay Stephens for \$10. Join us for good fellowship, good food, and a good Bible study discussion. Remember your "least coin". And invite a neighbor; bring a friend! Need a ride? We'll get you there! Contact Nancy Passini @ 501-650-3002

Found Family Thanksgiving

November 28, 4-7pm Dinner & Games with the Queer Collective.
RSVP 501-396-9140

Hangin 'O the Greens

Advent begins December 1st, a new Church Year in the Liturgical Calendar and with it, the transformation of our Sanctuary into a new beginning – lights, banners, greenery. Come and be a part of the traditional 'Hangin 'O the Greens' Saturday, November 30th at 10:30am. Our Chrismon Tree and all of the handmade Chrismons will be staged along with the banners and greenery. And, of course, we'll have plenty of goodies to share. The Worship, Arts & Music Committee invites you to come and enjoy the fellowship as we "...prepare to make Him room." For more information contact Ray Stephens, (501) 249-4185, 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 lung cancer treatments;

Sam Highsmith, in hospice care at Presbyterian Village;

Beth Highsmith, in memory care in Alabama near her daughter;

Mary Henry's niece, Kellie Earls, has been in intensive care for an infected gallbladder;

Isatu Lebe continuing 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 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 November are Carol Enderlin and Jackie Oakes and
December are Shirley Garlington and Marcey Berry.