

Westover Hills Presbyterian Church

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



Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 19, 2025

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

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Come and see the love God has given to us.

Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

With joy, we come to see the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Miraculous God, come to us now,

even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee.

Speak your peace to our hearts.

Touch us with your Holy Spirit.

Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day,

and live as your disciples

in the days and years to come.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

"Brethren We Have Met to Worship"

Purple #396

Call to Confession

Beloved, we are God's children now,

but what we will be in the fullness of our time

has not been revealed.

What we do know is this: we will be like Jesus the Christ and saints of God.

Let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us

and pray to be more like the Christ in every way.

Prayer of Confession

Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus fed those who were hungry...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response

“Alleluia!”

Purple #587

*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 John 3:7-12

Sermon

“A Familiar Story”

Rev Elizabeth Brinegar

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn of Response

“Lord I Want to Be a Christian”

Purple #729

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.**

Amen.

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

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

Purple #765

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude



The Life of the Church

Join Us on the Journey!

Jan. 19 – Jan 25, 2025



Digital Visitor Card

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 below to be directed to the contact page of our website.

January Blanket Making Today

We will meet in the gathering area today, Sunday January 19th after worship to make no sew fleece blankets for UAMS Palliative Care. We have fleece with hearts for Valentines Day. Come join us and find out about this project. There will be snacks!

Devotion Books Available

“These Days” devotional books for the first quarter of 2025 are available in the Narthex on the table. Please pick one up if you’re interested.

Manna Studies Micah

Midweek Manna is back with a study of the prophet Micah. Over the next six weeks we will do a close read of the prophet’s writing and explore how it speaks to us today.

Jan 22, 29 in-person in the Chapel

Feb 5, 12 in-person in the Chapel

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:

Jennifer Garlington, Shirley Garlington's niece, has started new cancer treatments to combat renewed cancer growth;

Survivors, responders, and communities impacted by wildfires, especially in the Los Angeles area

John Bowyer, friend of Ann & Max, bone biopsy procedure;

Blakey Raggausch, granddaughter of Ann & Max's friend;

Judi King, ongoing health concerns;

Liz Gath, recovering from colon cancer surgery;

Max Snowden, undergoing treatment for cancer;

Sam Highsmith, in hospice care at Presbyterian Village;

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

Isatu Lebbie continuing to recover from a stroke;

Rene Thompson, friend of Joyce Smith, dealing with cancer treatments;

Stacy Harter dealing with cancer;

Monroe Flucas, Jr., Julie Gaffney, Martin Gaffney, Richard Gaffney, Eunice Holdcroft as they deal with health issues (friends of Judi King);

Our members and friends at Presbyterian Village;

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 January are Shirley Garlington and John MacLeod.

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