



# The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

“An Inclusive Church Family: Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ.”



## July 07, 2024

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## A TIME TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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\*All who are able, please stand. **Bold** print denotes congregational response

### WELCOME

### EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS

### PRELUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

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## A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord,  
calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

**His grace is sufficient for us.**

Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing,  
**not in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Let us worship God together!

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 331

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us when we are paralyzed by confusion and doubt.  
Strengthen our faith, that we may not only believe, but may be filled with the power to help and heal.  
When others reject or refuse our ministry, help us to be forgiving and grace-filled.  
Grant us the courage to accept those things that cannot be changed,  
that we may be freed from anger and resentment.  
Forgive us when our disappointment clouds our wisdom and confuses our actions.  
Guide us on this path of ministry, that we may be filled with the joy of our ministry.  
(Silent prayers of confession) In the name of the One who calls us to ministry and mission. **Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's grace is sufficient for all our needs,  
covering all our sins.

**God's power is made perfect in our weakness,  
as Christ redeems our lives  
and reconciles us fully and completely to God.**

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

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## A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Schlacks

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION 462

*I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mark 6: 1 – 13

### SERMON

"The Sacrament of Failure"

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## A TIME OF PROMISE

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### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING\*\*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God... who sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Sovereign of mercy... and together we proclaim the great mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

By the power of your Spirit...As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray...

**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.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\*\*

**Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another. Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until Christ comes again. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

#### \*DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

11:00 Phyllis Jones

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 299

*You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

HANOVER

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*The Stars and Stripes Forever*

arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Tina Davies, Maria Paz Pickens, Sarah Schlacks and Karen White, piano

\*\* from Gail Ramshaw in *Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks: A Collection of Litanies, Laments, and Thanksgivings at Font and Table* Augsburg Fortress, 2017, and Westminster John Knox Press, in *Book of Common Worship*, 2018, used with permission.

#### QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Jesus charges his disciples to be vulnerable as he sends them out. The apostle Paul says that he embraces his vulnerability, “for whenever I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:10c).

In what ways might God be calling you to be vulnerable today?

## FLOWERS TODAY

The flowers today are given by Steve and Sarah Schlacks in thanksgiving to God for His gift of the freedom we enjoy, and for the life of Snellah Waters.

### STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

Following worship, a Stephen Minister will be available to pray with you. They will be at the front-right side of the sanctuary. Our Stephen Ministers are trained in compassionate listening and confidentiality. There is no need too large or too small to request prayer.

### CHILDCARE FOR WORSHIP

Childcare, for children under 5, is provided in the Hendricks Building (building to your right across the parking lot as you leave the sanctuary) for both worship services if desired. After the children's message staff will be available to take children over to the nursery rooms or you can walk them too. WCPC believes worship for children is important to spiritual formation, so children of all ages are encouraged and welcome in worship.

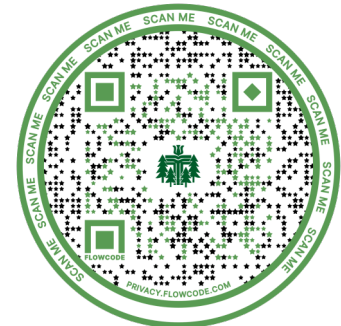
The Parlor (a room with a viewing window and restroom to the right as you enter the worship space) is available if you need a place for busy toddlers to roam, continue a meltdown, or privacy to diaper, etc. ?

### ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

- 1 – Use this quicklink <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=110917&f=1&a=1000.00>
- 2 - Text to give <https://www.wcpc-tx.org/text-to-give/>
- 3 – Give online using MyWCPC <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx?sn=110917>  
Using a credit card, you can make a one-time contribution or set up a recurring charge using our secure online payment process.
- 4 – Mail in your Contribution Address is: 4881 W. Panther Creek Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77381
- 5 – Give using your Paypal Account [office@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:office@wcpc-tx.org)

### Treasurer's Report Thru May 2024

	<u>May MTD</u>	<u>Yr to Date</u>
Revenues	\$ 83,676	\$ 462,381
Expenses	<u>\$(109,955)</u>	<u>\$(494,091)</u>
Net Total	\$ (26,279)	\$ (31,710)
Planned Reserve Transfers	<u>\$ 4,292</u>	<u>\$ 21,458</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (21,987)</b>	<b>\$ (10,252)</b>



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Sunday Worship: 8:30 am and 11:00am Sunday School: 9:45am-10:45am

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