

# The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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



# World Communion Sunday October 06, 2024

# A TIME TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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

#### WELCOME

#### **EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS**

PRELUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

## A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We proclaim your name to the whole human family. We praise you in the midst of this congregation: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Let us continue to praise our majestic Creator

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 509

All Who Hunger

HOLY MANNA

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sovereign God, who are we humans, that you pay any attention to us? And yet, you have entrusted us to care for all of creation. We confess the times we have thought too highly of ourselves, and the ways we have twisted our charge to care for creation into permission to dominate and subdue it. We confess the same human tendencies to dominate and subdue other people. It is easy for us to ignore or take for granted our own privilege, rather than seeking to dismantle unjust systems of supremacy. Your desire is for peace, but so often we choose comfort and call it peace. Remind us of who we are, and whose we are. Remind us of our interdependence with creation, and our dependence on you, our Creator. Set our hearts and minds on your will, made known to us in Jesus Christ. (Silent prayer of confession.) In the name of your Son, we pray. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Jesus is not ashamed to call us his beloved siblings and family. Our sin is forgiven, we are made one with Christ and with each other. Thanks be to God!

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 581** 

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Glory Be to the Father

**GLORIA PATRI** 

Buryl Red (1936-2013)

In Remembrance WCPC Sanctuary Choir Jonathan Aigner, director Bruce Xu, piano

# A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
*HYMN OF PREPARATION 517	Here, O Our Lord, We See You	MORECAMBE
STORIES OF CONNECTIONS AND SUI	PPORT	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Mark 10: 13 – 16	

#### SERMON

#### "The Touch of Grace"

#### 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.

# **A TIME OF PROMISE**

#### 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.** 

God of seeds and soil... to sing your praise: 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!

God of grain and grapes... we proclaim the great mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

God of wheat and wine...

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

You have met us at the table, Lord Jesus, to unite us with you and with brothers and sisters around the world. Go with us now into that world, that we might be a living sign of welcome among refugees, of freedom among the oppressed, of hope amid persecution, of peace amid violence, of living faith amid a culture of skepticism, and of loving kindness toward the earth and all her inhabitants. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

	Bruce Xu, organ	
*DOXOLOGY 606	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	OLD HUNDREDTH
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	:	8:30 Becky Carlson 11:00 Diane Atkins
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 498	Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoker	BEACH SPRING
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE		

Bruce Xu, organ

© Presbyterian Outlook, 2024 Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Rev. Stephanie Sorge, communion liturgy by Molly Spangler and Heather Prince Doss.



With joy and gratitude, we give thanks to the WCPC member who generously donated the Communion tablecloth in celebration of Worldwide Communion Sunday.

### 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**

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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

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT THRU AUGUST 2024**

	August MTD	Yr to Date
Revenues	\$ 121,721	\$ 701,209
Expenses	\$(165,135)	\$(839,069)
Net Total	\$ (43,414)	\$(137,860)
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 4,292	<u>\$ 34,333</u>
<u>Total</u>	\$ (39,122)	\$(103 <i>,</i> 527)



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 Sunday Worship:
 8:30 am and 11:00am

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 Sunday Creation
 Sunday School: 9:45am-10:45am

 Pastor: The Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
 Associate Pastor: The Rev. Laura Grice

