



# The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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



**All Saints Observance**  
**November 3, 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

**"TOGETHER WE CAN..."**

David Watkins

Personnel Team

### PRELUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

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## A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

Fling wide the temple gates!

**Open up the ancient doors!**

The mighty and glorious one is coming.

**Who is this mighty and glorious one?**

This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

**Let us be glad and rejoice in God.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 326

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people. Yet we remain shrouded in sin— we hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name. Forgive us; unbind us and let us go so that we may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace.** (Silent prayers of confession) Through Jesus Christ our redeemer. **Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen! The one who is seated on the throne says:

See, I am making all things new.

And now it is finished!

Hear the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God**

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

### ANTHEM

*O Thou the Central Orb*  
WCPC Sanctuary Choir  
Jonathan Aigner, director  
Bruce Xu, organ

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O Thou the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most high,  
Eternal light of this our wintry world,  
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,

Hope soars above, above.  
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.  
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
of God's ordaining counsel,  
As thy sight gives measur'd grace to each,

Thy power to prove.  
Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
In fellowship with Thee,  
Transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,  
now pure within, now pure within. Amen.

- Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

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## A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION 730

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Dorothy (Ann) Bartlett 12/06/2023  
Severo Hinojosa 09/03/2024  
Norma (Elaine) Schenck 03/24/2024  
Nick Zettlemyer 11/10/2023

Eva (Jo) Cooke 04/18/2024  
Rev. Gayle Perkins 05/16/2024  
Snellah Waters 03/15/2024

Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks 12/25/2024  
Paul Pinnicks 07/23/2024  
Grace White 03/04/2024

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 25: 6 – 9

## SERMON

“We Wait on God...God Waits on Us”

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.**

With Isaiah the prophet, we give you thanks... singing with the saints of every age:  
**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.**

With Mary and Martha, we remember Jesus... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.**  
**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...  
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\*\*

**We give you thank and praise, O God, for you have prepares a feast for us—the rich food of heavenly grace, the well-aged wine of salvation. You have wiped away our tears and taken away our disgrace. You have destroyed the shroud of sin and swallowed up death forever. Now send us out with gladness, rejoicing in the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**

*Pie Jesu*

Andrew Lloyd Webber (b. 1948)

Kristen Campbell, soprano; Nancy Hamff, mezzo-soprano

Pious Jesus,  
Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Give them rest.

Lamb of God,  
Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Give them rest,  
Everlasting rest.  
-13<sup>th</sup> century Latin hymn

**\*DOXOLOGY 606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 321**

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Bruce Xu, organ

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

Tears flow through the readings for All Saints' Day. An Old Testament prophet envisions the day when "the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces" (Isa. 25:8); a New Testament visionary promises the faithful that God "will wipe every tear from their eyes" (Rev. 21:4); even Jesus weeps at the tomb of his friend Lazarus (John 11:35). What do saints have to do with tears? Does faithfulness demand suffering? Does it require a certain sort of compassion for the pain of the world?

**FLOWERS TODAY**

The flowers today are given by Jeff and Stephanie Keiser in celebration of Susannah's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**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.  
Address is: 4881 W. Panther Creek Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77381
- 4 – Mail in your Contribution
- 5 – Give using your Paypal Account [office@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:office@wcpc-tx.org)

**TREASURER'S REPORT THRU SEPTEMBER 2024**

	<u>September Mtd</u>	<u>Yr to Date</u>
Revenues	\$ 65,948	\$ 767,157
Expenses	<u>\$(93,800)</u>	<u>\$(932,869)</u>
Net Total	\$ (27,852)	\$(165,712)
Planned Reserve Transfers	<u>\$ 4,292</u>	<u>\$ 38,625</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (23,560)</b>	<b>\$(127,087)</b>



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

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