



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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



December 01, 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

Est Ist Ein' Ros' (Lo, how a rose)
Nancy Hamff, flute; Maria Paz Pickens, piano

A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(8:30) Jacquelin Somers and Kathy Gage

Christ is coming!

We see the signs!

Christ is coming!

We will be ready!

Christ is coming!

Raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near!

Praise be to God!

We will worship and prepare.

*ADVENT RESPONSE 85

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
(stanza 1)

TIF IN VELDELE

*HYMN OF PRAISE 348

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and life, you set before us today the challenges of laying aside the works of darkness; of putting on the light of Christ; of being watchful and prepared for your coming in our midst in the person of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us when people do not see any evidence in us of the One who is to come. Remind us that the light of Christ shines through people like us. Merciful God, cleanse our hearts and minds of all that hinders us from loving you and loving our neighbor, so that our lives radiate faith active in love, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more in the person of your Son. (Silent prayers of confession) In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:17

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
(stanza 1)

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
WCPC Sanctuary Choir
Jonathan Aigner, director
Bruce Xu, organ

arr. Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Laura R. Grice

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Romans 13: 11 – 14

SERMON

"Wake Up Call!"

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

STATEMENT OF FAITH

In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected.

(from "A Declaration of Faith")

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.

Lord God, our Savior... Therefore, with all creation we 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.

We give your thanks for Jesus... Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy 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**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have smiled upon us with favor and fed us with your tender mercy. Send us forth to share your light with those who live in the shadow of death, and guide our feet in the way of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

*DOXOLOGY 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten
 (stanza 6)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 105**

People, Look East

BESANCON

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

~Prayer of Confession written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on **Liturgies Online**. <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>

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. ?

2025 FLOWER CALENDAR

Please stop by our table in the courtyard during November to sign up for your special date for 2025 Sanctuary Flowers. This coming year we will offer the option of donating a plant instead of flowers for the Sanctuary. A floral arrangement is \$75 and a plant is \$35. Make your check payable to WCPC and Write Sanctuary Flowers on your check and the date you reserved on the memo line. (Sanctuary Flowers-DDMMYY) Payment is made out the time of signing up. If you wish to donate flowers for 2025, please contact Carol Palmquist at 281-367-5166 or RNPalmquist@aol.com. Thank you for adding to the beauty of our sanctuary.

ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

- 1 – Use this quicklink <https://secure.accesssacs.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.accesssacs.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

TREASURER’S REPORT THRU OCTOBER 2024

	<u>October Mtd</u>	<u>Yr to Date</u>
Revenues	\$ 114,689	\$ 881,846
Expenses	\$(108,575)	\$(1,041,444)
Net Total	\$ 6,114	\$ (159,598)
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 4,292	\$ 42,917
<u>Total</u>	\$ 10,406	\$ (116,917)



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

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