



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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



February 02, 2025

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

Ps. 71:1–6

Our hope is in God all of our lives.

God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.

God has held us since our birth.

So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.

In love, God saves and supports us.

Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

1 Cor. 13:4–8

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love.

We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.

We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, we pray (Silent prayers of confession) through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end.

Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love,

God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new.

By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.

Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

WCPC Sanctuary Choir

Jonathan Aigner, director; Bruce Xu, organ

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 693

Thou I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

SERMON

"No Ordinary Love"

Rev. Laura R. Grice

STATEMENT OF FAITH

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

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-with-us through the ages... forever singing your glory:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

God-with-us in Jesus Christ... Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

God-with-us in the Holy Spirit...
Hear us as we pray in the manner Christ taught us, saying:
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**

O Lord our God, we give thanks that you have called us to feast here at this Table of grace. Continue to provide for us through the gift of your steadfast love, and help us provide for others; through the grace of Christ Jesus. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

*DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Judy Poythress 8:30 Nancy Hathaway 11:00

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Ever-loving god, You have known us since our very beginning. Lead us always in the ways of your love, that we might give up boastfulness and envy, and instead turn toward your ways of patience, kindness, and joy.

* The liturgy this Sunday is adapted from Westminster John Knox Press in *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*, 2012, and *Connections Worship Companion*, 2021. Used with permission.

If you are interested in learning more about The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church, you can contact our pastor, Rev. Dr. David Jones, at djones@wcpc-tx.org.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY 9 AT 10:50 AM

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, February 9th at 10:50 am. At that time the 2024 Nominating Committee will place in nomination four members of WCPC to serve on the 2025 Nominating Committee. The nominees are **Jen Conner, Linda Conner, Jim Holly and Tricia McDonald**. Along with the four, two members of the Session and one member of the Board of Deacons will serve as well.

SANCTUARY PLANT TODAY

The plant today was donated by Mary Ann Thomas in honor of Shelley Smith.

STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

Following worship, a Stephen Minister will be at the front-right side of the sanctuary to pray with you.

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 AND PLANT CALENDAR

Sign up for your special date for 2025 Sanctuary Flowers and Plants. 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 at the time of signing up. If you wish to donate flowers for 2025, 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.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

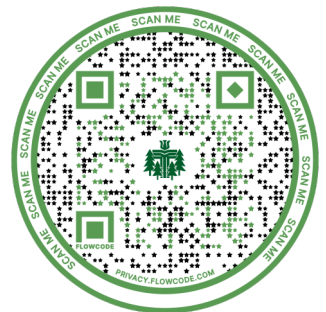
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5 – Give using your Paypal Account

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Treasurer's Report for 2024

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
Revenues	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 1,098,378
Expenses	\$ (1,226,500)	\$ (1,258,677)
Net Total	\$ (51,500)	\$ (160,299)
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 51,500	\$ 51,500
Unplanned Reserve Transfers		\$ 108,799
Total	\$ 0	\$ 0



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

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