



# **The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church**

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



## **February 16, 2025**

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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

*Faithful Follower*  
Jubilate Bells  
Sarah Schlacks, directing

Sondra Tucker (b. 1957)

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## A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

When we turn our hearts away from God Jer. 17:7-8  
and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength,  
**we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.**  
When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree planted by water.  
**Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious,**  
**but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 804

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MARION

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world.**  
(Silent prayers of confession) Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because Christ has been raised from the dead,  
sin and death do not have the last word!  
**Our faith is not in vain!**  
**Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,**  
**we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM

*Psalm 23*  
WCPC Sanctuary Choir  
Jonathan Aigner, director  
Bruce Xu, piano

Paul Basler (b. 1963)

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## A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Laura R. Grice

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 647

*Give Thanks*

GIVE THANKS

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

(from “A Declaration of Faith”)

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**A TIME OF PROMISE**


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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

...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.

## FAITH IN ACTION

Social Justice Forum: Sunday, Feb. 23, 6PM

Todd Duncan

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

## \*DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Priscilla Dobbins(11:00)

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

One commentator on Luke 6:17–26 writes, “‘Blessed’ (makarios) does not simply describe a state of happiness or bliss. Rather, it refers in a theological sense to one’s standing before God.” As you reflect on the blessings and woes in Luke’s Gospel how does this meaning of “blessed” or “happy” contrast with contemporary uses of this word, even by some preachers? What is one change you can make in your own life before God that would bring you into closer accord with Jesus’ understanding of blessedness?

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](mailto:djones@wcpc-tx.org).

### STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

Following worship, a Stephen Minister will 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 the 11 am worship service and in room 100 to the left in the Children's Ed. Building at the 8:30 service. 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.

### THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Lynne Gregg in memory of her daughter, Angela.

### 2025 FLOWER OR PLANT CALENDAR

Sign up for your special date for 2025 Sanctuary Flowers or Plant. 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 or a plant for 2025, contact Carol Palmquist at 281-367-5166 or [RNPalmquist@aol.com](mailto: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.  
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)



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

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

