



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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



February 23, 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

Listen to the stories of God,
passed down by the faithful from age to age.
Listen to the Son of God,
teaching us how to live and love and serve.
Listen to the voice of God,
proclaiming the broken world "beloved."
Listen and worship, People of God,
for God is here among us!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Christ, the economy of your love is beautiful,
expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imagining.
The economy of our love is stingy and crooked. We invest love where it can be repaid.
We spend mercy where it yields gain. We advance blessing we can bank on.
We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this with no recognition of how deeply indebted we are to you.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray with our whole hearts, (Silent prayers of confession)
through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of the Most High God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
we have received grace in good measure—
spilling out and running over.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 6:35–39

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

ANTHEM

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
WCPC Sanctuary Choir
Jonathan Aigner, director
Bruce Xu, piano

arr. Ed Lojeski (1942-2020)

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Gage

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

“The Radical Act of 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

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

Interfaith’s Hand Me Up Shop

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"O Rest in the Lord" from *Elijah*
 Nancy Hamff, mezzo-soprano
 Bruce Xu, organ

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

MC KEE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTIONS

When have you experienced mercy and forgiveness? For whom do you feel called to pray in this time and place?
 How might loving and praying for our enemies look like naming evil, standing with the marginal, and pursuing justice in our community? Practice praying not only for those who are close to you, but also for those people and places in which you find it difficult to extend mercy?

* The liturgy this Sunday is adapted from various sources, including, The Office of Theology and Worship in *Call to Worship: Lectionary Companion*, vol. 52.1, 2018 and 58.1, 2024 and Westminster John Knox Press in *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C*, vol. 1, 2012. 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.

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 Diane Atkins Jones in memory of her mother Dottie Atkins on her birthday.

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. 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

Address is: 4881 W. Panther Creek Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77381

5 – Give using your Paypal Account office@wcpc-tx.org

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, February 16, 2025 -- 211

(This does not include those who participate online)



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

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