

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day October 22, 2017
 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: You are the Lord; let the peoples tremble! You sit enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

People: **You are exalted over all the peoples. Hear us as we praise your great and awesome name. You indeed are holy!**

Leader: Lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

People: **We will extol you, O Lord our God, and worship at your footstool.** Psalm 99

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*** #12

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, hear our prayer. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we're kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind. So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness, and pray that you will stay with us throughout the journey. Amen.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: ***Lord, Have Mercy*** #551

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Therefore, I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sin, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.**

All: **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri: ***Glory Be to the Father*** #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
 Amen, amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory
 *Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 96:1-9**

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the people are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: **Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

All: **Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.**

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 33:12-23**

Anthem: ***City Called Heaven*** arr. Josephine Poelinitz
 Nathan Ponder, tenor
 Johnny Brown, conductor

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: ***Fairest Lord Jesus*** #630

Scripture Reading: **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Sermon: **These Three** Jennifer Marshall

Prayers of the People

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.

*Affirmation 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.

*Hymn: ***Standing on the Promises*** #838

*Benediction

*Choral Response: ***May the God of Hope Go with Us*** #765

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

**FORUM: Hunger in Nacogdoches
 Wednesday, October 25
 6:30 pm**

**C.L. Simon Recreation Center
 1112 North Street
 Community Invited!**

**Food insecurity is a problem in Nacogdoches-
 Be a part of the Solution**

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Nacogdoches, Texas



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¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

1Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NRSV)

Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: David Sanderson Sue Johnson
Charlotte Sanderson Terri Moehring
Shepherd: Vickie Wallace
Liturgist: Charles Gavin
Reader: Megan Petti

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 22

2:00 pm Benefit Concert
5:00 pm Youth

Monday, October 23

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, October 24

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, October 25

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 26

9:30 am Circle Meeting

Sunday, October 29

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Children's Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
Congregational Meeting
12:15 pm Inurnment Service for Sarah Rogers
4:00 pm Halloween Carnival
5:30 pm Picnic and Hayride

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Chris Bray in loving memory of and thanksgiving for her mother, Eleanor Oberdorf, and her mother-in-law, Nina Bray.

THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Ken Deppisch
Bennie Kitchens
Chris Kline
Lisa Thompson

Class of 2018

Bobbie Ann Anderson
Clarence Bahs
Deborah Dalton
Kristi Hachtel
Michele Peck

Class of 2019

Bruce McNellie
Robin Moore
Ray Taylor
Patricia Thompson
Betsy Tucker

THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.

MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor	Steve Newton
Director of Family Ministries	Jennifer Marshall
Director of Music	Deborah Dalton
Organist	James Pitts
Nursery Coordinator	Myra McNellie
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