The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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

WHAT TIME IS IT?

Sunday Worship
September 10, 2023
A TIME TO GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

*All who are able, please stand. **Bold** print denotes congregational response

WELCOME

EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS

UPDATE ON 2023 FINANCES  Andre De Bruyn
Chair of Finance Team

PRELUDE  
Bruce Xu, organ

A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP
Praise the Lord!  
Psalm 149: 1, 4, 5

Sing God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful, 
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.  
Let the faithful sing for joy.  

*HYMN OF PRAISE 267  
Come, Christians, Join to Sing  
MADRID

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. 
Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. 
Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. 
Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. 
Forgive us yet again. Remind us of your grace. And send us back into your world as your disciples.  
(Silent prayers of confession) In the name of the One who calls, Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:  
Romans 8:34

Who is in a position to condemn?  
*Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;*  
Christ reigns in power for us;  
Christ prays for us.  

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to Christ our Lord!  

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 582  
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me  
GLORY TO GOD

ANTHEM  
Lord, Here Am I  
John Ness Beck (1930 - 1987)  
WCPC Sanctuary Choir  
Jonathan Aigner, director; Bruce Xu, piano

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE  
Rev. Laura R. Grice

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 377  
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light  
HOUSTON

SCRIPTURE LESSON  
Romans 13: 8 – 14
STATEMENT OF FAITH

Christ is the head of the church, therefore we are responsible to Christ when we make policy and decisions in the church. Christ is the foundation of the church, therefore it will not fall despite our weakness. We are confident that the Lord of the church will judge and defeat our sinful intentions and actions, help us in our weakness and blindness, and use the church to accomplish his purpose. (from “A Declaration of Faith”)

ORDINATION AND/OR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (11:00 am)

Ruling Elders:
- Kristen Campbell
- Chris Chagla
- Claire Keiser
- Mark Seefeldt
- Steve Schlacks

Deacons:
- David Chesney
- Ria Du Bruyn
- John Erickson
- Karen Gonzales
- Tommie Lewis
- Stan Tucker

ORDINATION QUESTIONS

a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?  I DO WITH GOD’S HELP.

b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you?  I DO WITH GOD’S HELP.

c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?  I WILL AND I WILL WITH GOD’S HELP.

d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? I WILL WITH GOD’S HELP.

e. Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?
   I WILL WITH GOD’S HELP.

f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?  I WILL WITH GOD’S HELP.

g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?  I DO WITH GOD’S HELP.

h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?  I WILL WITH GOD’S HELP.

i. (1) (For ruling elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?  I WILL WITH GOD’S HELP.

(2) (For deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
   I WILL WITH GOD’S HELP.

a. Do we, the members of the church, accept Kristen, Chris, Claire, Mark, and Steve as ruling elders and David, Ria, John, Karen, Tommie, and Stan as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
   WE DO.

b. Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?  WE DO.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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.
CHILD CARE FOR WORSHIP
Childcare, for children under 5, is provided during both worship services. Room 100 in the Children’s Education Building for the 8:30 service and in the Hendricks Building (building to your right across the parking lot as you leave the sanctuary) during the 11 am 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, 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.

2023 FLOWER CALENDAR
THE 2023 Flower Calendar is open. You may reserve your special date by contacting Carol Palmquist at RNPalquist@aol.com or 281-367-5166. Make your check payable to WCPC for $75 and write Flowers and the date for your flowers on the memo line. Flowers: mm/dd/2023. Payment is due at time of sign-up. You may put the check in the offering plate or mail in to church office attn: Flowers. Thank You!

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/
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

TREASURER’S REPORT THRU AUGUST 2023

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