



# **The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church**

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



**Sunday Worship  
November 19, 2023**

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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

*Give Thanks*

arr. Susan Geschke

Jubilate Bells

Sherry Hunter, Director of Bell Choirs

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## A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place;

Psalms 90

**we come today to rest in you.**

You have been the voice that guides us;

**we come today to listen.**

You have been the host who feeds us;

**we come today to be filled.**

You have been our joy and crown;

**we come today to sing your praise!**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 336

*We Gather Together*

KREMSER

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**by not honoring you or one another.**

**When we place our iniquities before you,**

**it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds.**

**As we stand in awe of your constancy for us,**

**we ask your forgiveness.**

(Silent prayers of confession) Through the mercy of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved in Christ,

*from Psalm 90:3, 12*

When we acknowledge our human limitations

and turn to depend upon our everlasting God,

we grow wise in heart to God's commands.

We are freed to love one another.

**Our sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. Amen.**

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

### ANTHEM

*Prayer*

by Arnold B. Sherman

Jubilate Bells

Sherry Hunter, Director of Bell Choirs

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## A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Duncan

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION 708

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

SCHUMANN

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 13:15-16 and Matthew 25:14-30

### SERMON

"Investing Our Lives in Faith"

Rev. Laura R. Grice

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.**

*adapted from the Confession of Belhar (10.3)*

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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

Prayers and Squares Ministry

Jacque Somers

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

### \*DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

### DEDICATION OF 2024 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*  
Jonathan Aigner, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

### QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

What have you done with the gifts God has entrusted to your care? How will you use what you have in the service of others? Of Christ? How does the community of faith encourage you in your discipleship and use of your gifts? How can you encourage others?

\* Portions of the liturgy this Sunday are adapted from and used with permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Connections Worship Companion*, 2023, and Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett and *The Presbyterian Outlook*, 2023.

### CHILDCARE 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 [RNPalmquist@aol.com](mailto:RNPalmquist@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/>

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

### TREASURER'S REPORT THRU OCTOBER 2023

	<u>October</u>	<u>Yr to Date</u>
Revenues	\$ 91,419	\$863,590
Expenses	<u>\$107,310</u>	<u>\$992,249</u>
Net Total	(\$ 15,890)	(\$128,659)
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 10,641	\$106,409
<b><u>Total</u></b>	(\$ 5,249)	(\$ 22,250)



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Sunday Worship: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday School (all ages): 9:45m-10:45am

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

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks

