



Sunday Worship
March 17, 2024
5th Sunday of Lent

A TIME TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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

WELCOME

EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS

PRELUDE

Maria Paz Pickens and Karen White, piano

A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; (from Psalm 51)

According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.

Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way.

We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine." Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be.

(Silent prayers of confession) In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news!

We worship a God who forgives our iniquities
and remembers our sins no more.

Proclaim the good news with me:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 433

Sign Us With Ashes
(stanza 5)

PHOENIX

ANTHEM

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

by Hans Leo Hassler
arr. By Arnold B. Sherman

Jubilate Bells
Sherry Hunter, director

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Duncan

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. (from “A Brief Statement of Faith”)

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

FaithsTogether

Carol East

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

*DOXOLOGY 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
(stanza 5)

DEO GRACIAS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

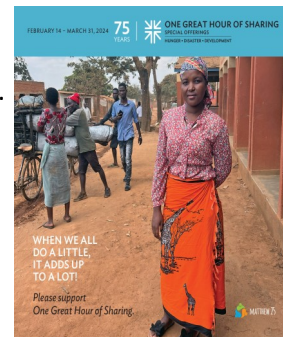
Bruce Xu, organ

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year: www.wcpc-tx.org/giving cash or checks payable to WCPC. Please be sure to note One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).



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.

STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

Following worship, a Stephen Minister will be available to pray with you. They will be at the front-right side of the sanctuary. Our Stephen Ministers are trained in compassionate listening and confidentiality. There is no need too large or too small to request prayer.

FLOWERS TODAY

The flowers today were given by Ingrid Fowler in memory of Bill.

2024 FLOWER CALENDAR

THE 2024 Flower Calendar is open. You may reserve your special date by contacting Carol Palmquist at 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\2024. 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

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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.

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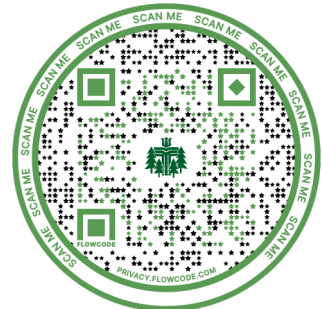
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5 – Give using your Paypal Account

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TREASURER'S REPORT THRU FEBRUARY 2024

	February	Yr to Date
Revenues	\$ 80,131	\$ 150,513
Expenses	\$ (80,337)	\$ (178,182)
Net Total	\$ (206)	\$ (27,669)
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 4,292	\$ 8,583
Total	\$ 4,086	\$ (19,806)



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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

