



# **The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church**

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



**April 21, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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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

*Mountain Springs*  
Jubilate Bells  
Sherry Hunter, director

by Sondra Tucker

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## A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

The silent witness of the heavens  
**tell the glory of the Lord.**  
Vast galaxies of constellations  
**declare God's power with one accord.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, Creator God, that too often we have exploited rather than loved your good earth. We recognize our selfishness, our shortsightedness, our ungratefulness and our lack of regard for the air and sea, the dirt beneath our feet and the living beings dependent upon an unpolluted world.**  
**Forgive us, Gracious God. Pick us up off our knees and enable us to stand and look afresh with wonder at all the beauty you bestow upon us. Give us eyes to see the colors and light that beckon us to care for the sky and land. Grant us ears to hear the birds' songs and the crickets' chirps as they call us to be good stewards of the trees and soil they call home. Give us the wisdom to stop, see, listen, and feel your glory made known through the countless variety of flowers, insects, plants, and animals in every corner of this your globe.**  
**May the beauty of this, your earth, compel us to act in ways that preserve, protect and sustain your creation so that each and every living being may flourish now and for generations yet to come.** (Silent prayers of confession)  
In Christ name we pray. **Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.  
**God leads us on righteous paths.**  
*Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives,  
and we dwell in the theater of God's creation.*

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 581

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD

### ANTHEM

*Brother James's Air*  
WCPC Sanctuary Choir  
Jonathan Aigner, director  
Bruce Xu, organ

arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

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## A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

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### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00AM)

Penelope Rose Dias

## \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*He Leadeth Me*

HE LEADETH ME

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 104: 1 – 15, 35c

## SERMON

"God the Creator and Sustainer"

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

## 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. (A Brief Statement of Faith – Confessional Statement of the PCUSA)**

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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

Why Native Plants at WCPC?

Cinda Hitchcock

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

"For the Mountains Shall Depart" from *Elijah*  
Cris Perez, bass-baritone ; Bruce Xu, organ

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

## \*DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:30 Kristin Campbell, 11:00 Rebekah Rydarowski

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

**PSALM 8****Prayer from Book of Common Worship (2018 edition)**

God of majesty, amid the grandeur of your creation you sought us out, and by the coming of your Son you adorned us with glory and honor, giving us dominion over your works. Enable us so to care for the earth that all creation may radiate the splendor of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*\*Prayer of Confession written by Jill Duffield Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina.*

## 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

Native flowering plants are provided by the Creation Care Team and will be added to the Pollinator Garden after the service.

## 2024 FLOWER CALENDAR

THE 2024 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\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

- 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 March 2024

	<b>March</b>	<b>Yr to Date</b>
Revenues	\$ 125,932	\$ 276,445
Expenses	\$ (115,741)	\$ (293,923)
Net Total	\$ 10,191	\$ (17,479)
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 4,292	\$ 12,875
<b>Total</b>	\$ 14,483	\$ (4,604)



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Sunday Worship: 8:30am and 11:00am      Sunday School (all ages): 9:45am-10:45am

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

