



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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



April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

A TIME TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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

WELCOME

EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS

PRELUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,
for we are the church of Jesus Christ!
We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,
opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God

*HYMN OF PRAISE 634

To God Be the Glory

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not loved others as you have loved us.
We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy.
(Silent prayers of confession) For the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You have already been cleansed by the word that
God has spoken to you.
In baptism God claimed us
and joined each of us to Christ, as branches to a vine.
Believe the promise given to us:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth
WCPC Sanctuary Choir
Jonathan Aigner, director
Bruce Xu, piano

John Rutter (b. 1945)

For the Beauty of the Earth,
For the Beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.*
For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale and tree and flower,;
Sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on Earth, and friends
above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

or each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of Earth and buds of
heav'n:

Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1863

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30AM)

Remy Hutchinson (8:30am)

Violet Dias (11:00am)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Laura R. Grice

WELCOMING THE 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Zoe Conner, Violet Dias, James Formolo, Remy Hutchison, Laura Keiser, Owen Michaelis, Jeremy Nkwah, William Spears, MacKenzie Ward, Kuei Wei

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I John 4: 7 - 21

SERMON

"It's All About Love!"

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

STATEMENT OF FAITH

(adapted from Belonging to God: A First Catechism)

We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. We believe the good news that gives us comfort that we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for our sake, so that nothing will ever separate us from God's love. We know this good news through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and helps us rely on its promises today.

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

Just Coffee

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

*DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:30 Bruce Lee, 11:00 Diane Atkins

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

May you leave this place to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world, offering love and grace to all you meet.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

Sweet Jesus, in this night of rest,
heal my broken places and restore my faith.
You are my vine; only in you am I strong enough
to face the darkness of this world.

I thank you for the safety of my home
and pray for those who have no bed tonight.

Make me grateful,
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

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.

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

- 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

Treasurer’s Report Thru March 2024

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

