



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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



May 05, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Youth and Senior Sunday 2024

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

MacKenzie Ward and Laura Keiser

God calls us to worship through the entirety of our lives; through our hearts, our minds, and our bodies.

*ENERGIZER

"500 Miles"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that this journey seems like a walk of 500 miles, and we are always looking for an easier way. We long for a more complete life with you, but we cling to the comforts we know. You call us to life in community with young and old alike, but we stay with what is familiar, the "me and mine". Yet you offer the grace of abundant life, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from old attachments so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. (silent prayers). In Jesus' name, AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news is that God is there to walk with us through the hardest of journeys. When we stumble, God is there to pick us up, and forgive us our failings. This is glorious news, for in Christ we are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

ANTHEM

We Are
Claire Keiser
Bruce Xu, piano

Kari Jobe

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MacKenzie Ward and Laura Keiser

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 139:1-14; Philippians 2:3-11

REFLECTION

"Game Show: We Are..."

You are invited to participate to learn more about our youth, identifying short statements about them.

FAITH IN ACTION

Youth Conferences

Debra Martinez

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Sarah Cassidy, Emily Cordier, E.K. Michaelis, Elise Robinson, Maya Warner, Andrew Weaver, Samantha Whitehead, Harry Woodside

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes every one 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)

A TIME OF PROMISE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right and joyful thing ... in singing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory;

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you ... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

Rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Send your Holy Spirit on us...

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray...

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, provider of all things, we thank you for this bread and cup, signs of the presence of the risen Lord. Strengthen us through your Holy Spirit, that we may live in unity as Christ's body and proclaim your love to all the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

*DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

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.

CHILDCARE FOR WORSHIP

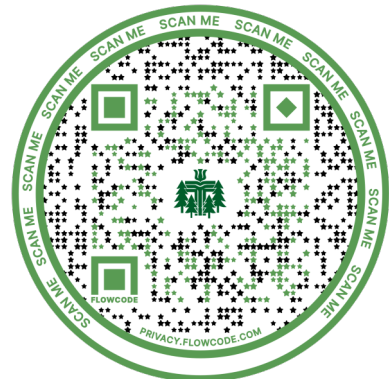
Childcare, for children under 5, is provided in the Hendricks Building (building to your right across the parking lot as you leave the sanctuary) for both worship services if desired. After the children’s message staff will be available to take children over to the nursery rooms or you can walk them too. WCPC believes worship for children is important to spiritual formation, so 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. ?

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

	March	Yr to Date
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: 8:30 am and 11:00am

Sunday School: 9:45am-10:45am

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