



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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



July 21, 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

Come into the presence of the Most High God
with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

For our Savior frees us from that which binds us;

our Savior heals our diseases;

our Savior is our peace.

You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph. 2:22

Come; let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control as if you will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

(silent prayers of confession are offered) in the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us
even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ —
by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Eph. 2:4-10

For we are what God has made us,

created in Christ Jesus for good works,

which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

ANTHEM

God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

WCPC Summer Choir

Jonathan Aigner, director

Bruce Xu, piano

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rebekah Rydarowski

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SERMON

"God's on the Move"

Rev. Laura R. Grice

STATEMENT OF FAITH

God sent his Son to proclaim release to those who are bound, to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand, to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news. The Lord is moving toward the time when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be manifest throughout the whole creation. We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives. We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.

from A Declaration of Faith

A TIME OF PROMISE

COMMISSIONING OF THE PERU MISSION TEAM

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

Bread for the World

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

*DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:30am Mary Jo Chapman 11:00am Tina Davies

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Where do you see God on the move, caring for the needs of the world? What moves you to care for others?
What do you do when you feel overwhelmed by the needs of the world?

* The liturgy this Sunday is adapted from and used with permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*, 2015 and from Philip K. Gladden from *The Presbyterian Outlook*, 2024.

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!

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<https://www.wcpc-tx.org/text-to-give/>
<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 JUNE 2024

	June MTD	Yr to Date
Revenues	\$ 59,757	\$ 522,137
Expenses	\$ (95,514)	\$(589,604)
Net Total	\$ (35,757)	\$ (67,467)
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 4,292	\$ 25,750
Total	\$ (31,465)	\$ (41,717)



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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

