



# **The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church**

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



## **January 19, 2025**

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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

Variations on "Doxology"  
Jubilate Bells

arr. By Sondra Tucker

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## A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

Psalm 36: 7,9

**All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.**

Christ is the fountain of life.

**in Christ we behold the Light of God.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 667

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share.**

**We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share.**

**The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel  
and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us.**

**Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use.**

(Silent prayers of confession) In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace,  
and respond in grateful service.

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

### ANTHEM

*Know My Heart*  
WCPC Sanctuary Choir  
Jonathan Aigner, director

Benjamin Harlan (b. 1954)

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## A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Duncan

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION 156

*Sing of God Made Manifest*

SALZBURG

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11

### SERMON

"Gifts for the Common Good"

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

The early Christians recognized a diversity of abilities and functions as gifts of the Spirit. Some were tempted to use these gifts to serve their own needs and ambitions, to form elite groups who looked down on others. But the gifts were given for the common good, to build up the community in love and to equip it for its mission in the world. We are convinced that the Holy Spirit still calls people to various offices in the church and gives diverse gifts to believers. We are to use them to speak and embody plainly the gospel of Christ in the world. No gift is of value without love.

(from "A Declaration of Faith")

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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

Family Promise

Warren Evans

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

Jonathan Aigner, organ

### \*DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Becky Carlson (8:30) Rebekah Rydarowski(11:00)

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 719

*Come, Labor On*

ORA LABORA

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on *Gelobt sei Gott*  
Jonathan Aigner, organ

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

The Holy Spirit enlivens each of us with unique gifts that nurture faith and serve the common good. To identify those gifts, we can ask ourselves such questions as, when do I feel most alive? What do I love to do? What things, tasks, or actions fill me with a sense of purpose? What am I doing when time seems to stand still? These questions help us discern the Spirit's movement in our lives. Created in the image of God, each of us is uniquely gifted to reveal divine likeness. How or where is God calling you?

If you are interested in learning more about The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church, you can contact our pastor, Rev. Dr. David Jones, at [djones@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:djones@wcpc-tx.org).

## PLANT TODAY

The plant today is given in memory of Grace White  
by her friends on what would have been her 100th birthday.

## STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

Following worship, a Stephen Minister will at the front-right side of the sanctuary to pray with you. 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 the 11 am worship service and in room 100 to the left in the Children's Ed. Building at the 8:30 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, 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.

## 2025 FLOWER CALENDAR

Sign up for your special date for 2025 Sanctuary Flowers. This coming year we will offer the option of donating a plant instead of flowers for the Sanctuary. A floral arrangement is \$75 and a plant is \$35. Make your check payable to WCPC and Write Sanctuary Flowers on your check and the date you reserved on the memo line. (Sanctuary Flowers-DDMMYY) Payment is made out the time of signing up. If you wish to donate flowers for 2025, contact Carol Palmquist at 281-367-5166 or RNPalmquist@aol.com. Thank you for adding to the beauty of our sanctuary.

## ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

- 1 – Use this quicklink
- 2 - Text to give
- 3 – Give online using MyWCPC

<https://secure.accesssacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=110917&f=1&a=1000.00>

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

<https://secure.accesssacs.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 NOVEMBER 2024

	November Mtd	Yr to Date
Revenues	\$ 76,579	\$ 958,426
Expenses	\$(83,922)	\$(1,125,366)
Net Total	\$( 7,343)	\$( 166,940)
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 4,292	\$ 47,208
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$( 3,051)</b>	<b>\$( 119,732)</b>



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Sunday Worship: 8:30 am and 11:00am      Sunday School: 9:45am-10:45am

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

