



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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



March 16, 2025

A TIME TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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

WELCOME

EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS

PRELUDE

I Am Thine, O Lord
Jubilate Bells
Sarah Schlacks, directing

arr. Susan Geschke

A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wait for the Lord; be strong!

Genesis 15, Psalm 27, Luke 13

The promises of God will never be broken.

With God as our light, what is there to fear?

The promises of God will never be broken.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord!

The promises of God will never be broken

*HYMN OF PRAISE 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we are quick to join Abram's doubt and impatience. We want to believe your promises, but the here-and-now problems of daily life consume our focus and erode our faith. Open our eyes to your light.

Open our hearts to your love. Open our minds to your possibilities. Speak to us today, O God, and strengthen our faith, that we, too, may know the everlasting power of your love.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When God is with us, whom shall we fear?

Psalm 27

The God of salvation will never forsake you.

God's patience knows no limits.

Wait for the Lord.

Be strong and take heart.

The promises of God will never be broken!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 433

Sign Us with Ashes
(stanza 2)

PHOENIX

ANTHEM

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
WCPC Sanctuary Choir
Jonathan Aigner, director
Bruce Xu, organ

arr. Gilbert Martin (b. 1943)

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Duncan

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 15: 1 – 12, 17 – 18

SERMON

“Promises? Promises?”

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.

(from “A Brief Statement of Faith”)

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

Transportation Ministry

Larry Copeland

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

*DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:30 Judy Poythress

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 816

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

Parts of the Liturgy today from “Ministry Matters”

If you are interested in learning more about The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church, you can contact our pastor, Rev. Dr. David Jones, at djones@wpcpc-tx.org.

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.

PRAYER QUILT

Please stop by the prayer quilt displayed in the narthex for your prayerful tying of knots.

Please pray for Tom Stelter's sister, Lorrie Staehlin, for comfort and recovery from surgery to relieve her from persistent debilitating headaches.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Ingrid Fowler "We love you and miss you, Bill" and by Sarah Schlacks in thanksgiving to God for the life of Snellah Waters

2025 FLOWER OR PLANT CALENDAR

Sign up for your special date for 2025 Sanctuary Flowers or Plant. 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 or a plant 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.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=110917&f=1&a=1000.00>

<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

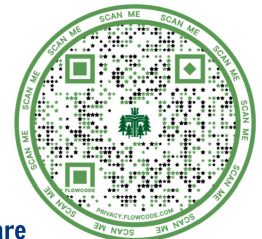


TREASURER'S REPORT THRU FEBRUARY 2025

	<u>February Mtd</u>	<u>Yr to Date</u>
Revenues	\$ 113,640	\$ 219,321
Expenses	\$ (83,184)	\$(169,763)
Net Total	\$ 30,456	\$ 49,558
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$ 30,456	\$ 49,558



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ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, March 9, 2025 -- 173

(This does not include those who participate online)

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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

