



# The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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



**Palm Sunday**  
**April 13, 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

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*  
Jubilate Bells  
Sarah Schlacks, directing

arr. Valerie Stephenson (1943-2023)

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## A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

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### CHILDREN'S ANTHEM (11:00)

*Alive, Alive!*  
Bonnie Graham and Tricia MacDonald, directors  
Jonathan Aigner, piano

Traditional

### CHORAL INTROIT

*The Palms*  
WCPC Sanctuary Choir  
Jonathan Aigner, director  
Bruce Xu, organ; Cristino Perez, bass; Nancy Hamff, mezzo-soprano

Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830-1914)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

*from Ps. 118*

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

The stone that the builders rejected

**Has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 196

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us.

We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us.

Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us.

Hosanna! (Silent prayers of confession) Hosanna! Lord, save us, we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

He who rode into Jerusalem, struggled on the cross,

and was sealed in a tomb is risen from the dead!

Jesus Christ has defeated sin forever.

This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 433

*Sign Us with Ashes*  
(stanza 6)

PHOENIX

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**A TIME OF PROCLAMATION**


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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Kathy Gage

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 198***Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

ST. DROSTANE

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Luke 19:28-40

**SERMON**

"Even the Stones Would Shout"

Rev. Laura R. Grice

**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

*adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.09*

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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**

Montgomery County Women's Center

Susan Schatz

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY***Ave, Verum*

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Kristen Campbell, soprano; Nancy Hamff, mezzo-soprano  
Bruce Xu, organ

**\*DOXOLOGY 606***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Shelley Smith(11:00)

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 218***Ah, Holy Jesus*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**\*BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

*Introduction in D Minor*  
Bruce Xu, organ

Max Reger (1873-1916)

**PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK**

Righteous God, as we celebrate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we know where the journey leads. We give thanks that you would willingly give so much of yourself so that we might know hope, and love, and salvation. Glory be to you, O God, for your loving sacrifice. In the days ahead, as we witness the deep night of your death, help us to remember your presence in its midst and hope for the resurrection dawn to come. Amen.

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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).

### 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 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](mailto:RNPalmquist@aol.com). Thank you for adding to the beauty of our sanctuary.

### 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

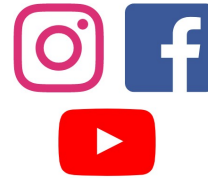
Address is: 4881 W. Panther Creek Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77381

5 – Give using your Paypal Account

[office@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:office@wcpc-tx.org)

### TREASURER'S REPORT THRU MARCH 2025

	<u>March Mtd</u>	<u>Yr to Date</u>
Revenues	\$ 106,601	\$ 325,922
Expenses	<u>\$ (106,881)</u>	<u>\$(276,643)</u>
Net Total	\$ (280)	\$ 49,279
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (280)</b>	<b>\$ 49,279</b>



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### ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, April 6, 2025 -- 214

(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

