



# **The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church**

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



**Creation Care Sunday  
April 27, 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

Bruce Xu, organ

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## A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the Gospel's corner stones  
of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

*from Ps. 118*

**Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.**

We know that those we have come to know as the builders and  
the rulers of the world do not have the final word.

**The Gospel of Grace is the Lord's doing.**

Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness and cruelty,  
**this is the day that the Lord has made.**

Grace is the ground upon which we walk.

**Let us rejoice and be glad.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 236

*The Strife Is O'er*

VICTORY

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, locked in rooms of inaction and indecision, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We have lost ourselves in anxiety so loud we have not heard your voice. We have not recognized you on the move in the world, wounds in your side and life in your lungs. We have believed in the finality of your death and assumed all is left to our own meager efforts. We have refused to see, so we might not have to believe the gospel and live our lives accordingly.

God of new life, restore hope throughout our bodies. Help us to breathe again. Strengthen us for the joy that is before us. Grant us eyes to see your beloved people all around us and ears to hear your good news through all the noise. Even as we have looked away, come to see us, call us forth from our locked rooms and bring us out to walk with you in the world you so love. (Silent prayer of confession) In the name of our Risen Lord.  
Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of truth is present to us in the speaking of truth.

The Spirit of grace is present to us in the sharing of grace.

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

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

### ANTHEM

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" from *Messiah*

Kristen Campbell, soprano

Bruce Xu, organ

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## A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Gage

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION 240

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 20: 19 - 31

### SERMON

"Coming Late to the Party"

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

(from A Brief Statement 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

*Native Plants in Our Gardens*

Cinda Hitchcock

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

### \*DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(8:30) Mabel Dzakuma (11:00) Louise Crider

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 246

*Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

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### 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.

## CROSS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE

The Baby Cross is on display on the Communion Table in honor of the birth of baby girl Kirby June Kryder, born March 29, 2025. Parents: Matthew and Stefani Kryder and Grandparents: Denny and Nancy Kryder.

## 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.

## NATIVE PLANT

The native plant on the chancel has been donated by the Creation Care Team

## 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 <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.  
Address is: 4881 W. Panther Creek Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77381
- 4 – Mail in your Contribution [office@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:office@wcpc-tx.org)
- 5 – Give using your Paypal Account

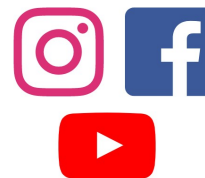
## TREASURER'S REPORT THRU MARCH 2025

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



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, April 20, 2025 -- 418  
(This does not include those who participate online)



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