



# **The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church**

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



**Sunday Worship**  
**May 04, 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

8:30 Ria Du Bruyn 11:00 Nancy Hathaway

Mighty God, you welcome us into your Kingdom as honored guests.

We sing praises to you, O Holy One,

*from Ps. 30*

for you have healed us

and brought us back to life.

**God has turned our mourning into dancing.**

**Let us sing praises to the God of life!**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 257

*The Risen Christ*

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### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have not been faithful witnesses to the resurrection.

Jesus stands among us in word, sacrament, and neighbor, but we fail to recognize him.

Jesus reigns over us as the risen Lord of all, but we fail to honor him.

Jesus moves within us through the work of your Spirit, but we fail to respond.

Forgive us, God of grace. Keep us in your presence, guide us by your Word,

and fill us with your Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

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

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus gathers us in to receive the Holy Spirit

and sends us out to share in his reconciling work.

Receive this gift of new life:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD

### ANTHEM

*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

WCPC Sanctuary Choir

Jonathan Aigner, director; Bruce Xu, piano

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## A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Duncan

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION 314

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21: 1-19

### SERMON

"Meeting the Risen Christ, Again"

Rev. Laura R. Grice

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Apostles' Creed*

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## A TIME OF PROMISE

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### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

11:00 Rev. Phyllis Jones

### GREAT THANKSGIVING\*\*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Lord God, you are our shepherd... the universal church and the heavenly choirs:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus is the Lamb ... According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,**

**we proclaim his resurrection,**

**we await his coming in glory.**

Holy Spirit, prepare this table...

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray...

**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.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\*\*

Eternal, living God, you have prepared a feast for us and for all peoples—a great banquet with well-aged wine. You have destroyed the shroud of sin, swallowed up death forever, and wiped away our tears. You are the one for whom we have waited. Now send us forth to serve you with gladness, rejoicing in your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

### \*DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 265

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

## QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Do you feel you meet Jesus “again and again” in your own life? What does it mean to you to be in the presence of the risen Christ? What good news do you hear in Christ’s invitation to Peter and the other disciples?

\* The liturgy this Sunday is adapted from Westminster John Knox Press in *Connections Worship Companion, Year C*, 2021 and Andy Greenhow in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, 2025. Used with permission.

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## STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

Following worship, a Stephen Minister will be 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 both worship services if desired. 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 ON THE CHANCEL

Last week’s native plant on the chancel was a Rock Rose, *Pavonia lasiopetala*, purchased at Lindsey’s Native Plants.

## 2025 FLOWER AND PLANT CALENDAR

Sign up for your special date for 2025 Sanctuary Flowers and Plants. 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 at 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.accesssacs.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.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 MARCH 2025

	<u>March Mtd</u>	<u>Yr to Date</u>
Revenues	\$ 106,601	\$ 325,922
Expenses	<u>\$ (106,901)</u>	<u>\$(276,664)</u>
Net Total	\$ (300)	\$ 49,258
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (300)</b>	<b>\$ 49,258</b>

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, April 27, 2025 -- 184

(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

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