WEBSTER GROVES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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7th Sunday after Pentecost • July 7, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.

Our Mission:

We seek to live Christ's love, welcome all people, and joyfully serve God.



As the music begins, let us use this time for quiet reflection and prayer, so that we, individually and as a great crowd of witnesses, may prepare ourselves to reaffirm our faith as the people of God.

♦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE "Adagio and Trio" Jeff Perks Shawn Portell, organ

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE Rev. Ed Zumwinkel

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP Janice Seele

(Please rise in body or spirit.)

L: God is mighty in word and deed.

P: God's mercy is everlasting.

L: Blessed be the one holy and living God.

P: Glory to God forever.

POPENING HYMN #263"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"CORONATION(see music in back of bulletin)

♦ CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sins to God, whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray:

P: Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call.

By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Sisters and brothers,

God's grace and mercy are never ending.

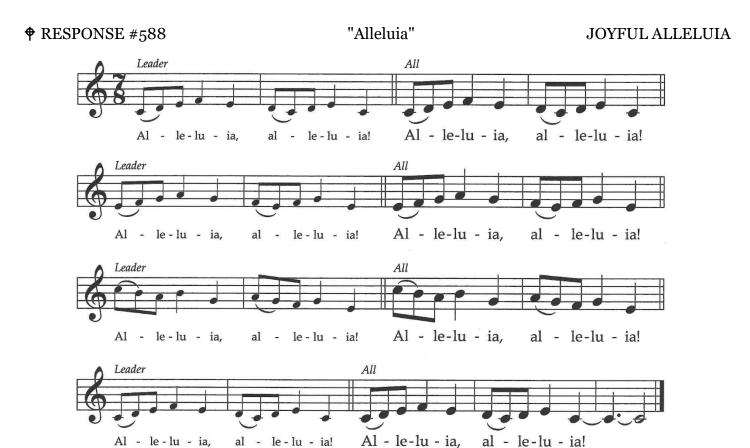
Your sins are forgiven, therefore be at peace.

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.



Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Janice Seele

L: Let us pray:

Come, Holy Spirit;

when we become stubborn and unbelieving,

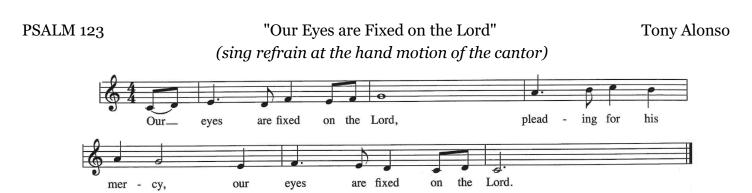
open our hearts to receive your Word,

then set us free to follow in the power of Christ's love. Amen.

¹He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.



SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:1-13

Pew Bible, pg. 40

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Ed Zumwinkel

Responding to God's Word

PRAYER FOR INTERCESSION

L: Almighty God, who transforms our weakness into strength, receive the prayers we lovingly offer on behalf of the church and the world.Our world is an anxious place divided by ideologies, and we grow more stubborn and impertinent each day.

Break down the barriers that exist among peoples and nations; restore and strengthen our common life.

P: Loving God, have mercy on us.

L: Give to your church a bold vision and a daring love to speak and act on behalf of your mission to restore all people and creation in peace.

P: Loving God, have mercy on us.

L: Teach us to trust simplicity and travel light together. Comfort all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

(JOYS AND CONCERNS)

Expand our compassion, increase our faith, and make us whole as we work together for the healing of those in need.

P: Loving God, have mercy on us.

L: Eternal God, we remember those who are dying and those who have died.Draw them in to your heavenly realm with you, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, that they may dwell with you in paradise. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

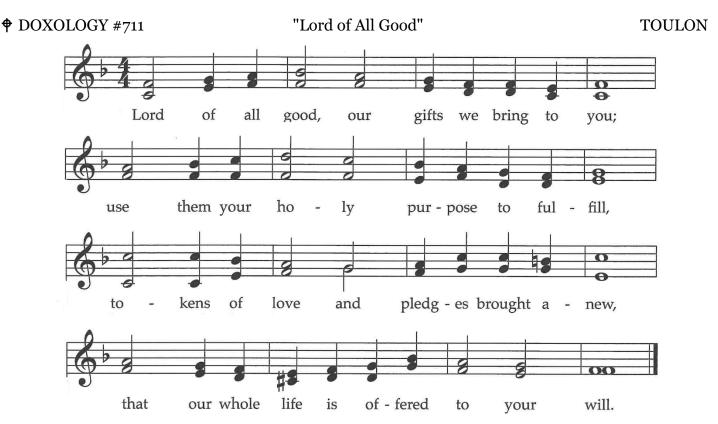
L: Jesus calls us to travel light as we serve the world, for God is our strength and provision.

Let us faithfully bring our offerings to God.

OFFERING

(For those not using the offering plate, your offering can be made by texting ALMS to 73256 or using the QR code to the right)





† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: Let us pray:

Divine Giver, all that we have is a gift from you, and your grace is our sufficiency.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may increase your blessing to others, through the grace and mercy of Christ. **Amen.**

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

- L: Friends, let us now be bold to pray as our Savior Christ has taught us:
- P: 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.

Sending

♦ CLOSING HYMN #747

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"
(sing at the hand motion of the cantor)
(see music in back of bulletin)

ENVIADO

† CHARGE

L: Fear not, for God's power is perfected in our weakness. Go in God's strength to love and serve.

† BLESSING

L: May the love of God, the power of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit dwell richly in you forever.

POSTLUDE

"Allegro Maestoso with Come, Thou Fount" Shawn Portell, organ Jeff Perks

You are welcome to stay for the postlude, especially when we have musical guests.

If you would like to respond at the end, please do so with an "Amen."

Welcome to WGPC

- FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please sign the friendship pads located at the end of each pew.
- CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN WORSHIP: The nursery (designed for children from newborn through three) is open from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. But if you need to step out of the Sanctuary, the new Gathering Spot (formerly the front office) will be open with a comfy place to relax with toys, books, coffee, and a live-stream of the worship service.
- COMMUNION: Everyone is invited to participate in Communion including children and the unbaptized.
- ASSISTIVE DEVICES: Hearing devices, large print hymnals, and cushions are available. One of our ushers will be happy to assist you.
- WELCOME BAGS: If you are a visitor or know someone who might be interested in WGPC, please pick up a red welcome bag at our Welcome Station in the main hallway or at the church entrances.

The Chancel Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of family, the gift of Sara Yates and children.

Those Who Serve Today

Liturgist: Janice Seele

Acolyte Team: Scarlett Haxel, Charlie Ringkamp, and

Gracie Roudebush

Greeters: Linda and Tom McNeely

Ushers: Donna Bellows, Vicki Lane, Bill Schwartz,

and Allan Scott

Tech Team: Lia Fairbanks, Tom McNeely, Rob Meyer, Spencer Roudebush, Joey Stokes, and Dennis Wacker

Nursery Caregiving Team: Anna Stokes, Jennifer Blumenkemper, Debbie Goss, Tammy Graning, Harriet Hall, and Carrie Rao

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Online Worship: Our worship services are live-streamed and video recorded for viewing on our website (wgpc.org) and YouTube pages. Children's participation in the Scripture Conversation indicates implied parental consent to be recorded.

Resources: Some prayers and liturgical texts for worship are provided by: Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2 © 2014; Westminster John Knox Press from Book of Common Worship © 2018.

WORSHIP

Join our Summer Choir

Sunday, July 21, 8:45 a.m. in the Choir Room in preparation for 9:30 a.m. Worship

Clean out those vocal pipes and join us for a once-a-summer CHOIR SING. We will meet in the Choir Room at 8:45 a.m. before Worship to rehearse easy pieces that we can all learn. NO experience is needed. NO, you do not have to wear a robe – which makes it even better! Contact Shawn Portell at spp@wgpc.org or 314-962-9210, ext. 3211, for more information.

MISSION

Nicaraguan Trip: Visit Our Mission Partners!

Tuesday, September 3, to Wednesday, September 11 Are you interested in education? Sustainable farming? Clean water? Empowerment of women? Reducing global poverty? Examining your perspectives? Coffee?! This trip offers insights and experiences to help you learn and reflect on all of these! We're planning a trip to visit our partners in Plan Grande #2 and see some of the other CEPAD projects that our church supports through our Mission Endowment Funds. Join Harriet Hall and John Hughes September 3-11 as we travel to Managua and then north to the cooler, beautiful mountains where Plan Grande #2 is located. Thanks to the generosity of previous WGPC members, financial support for your trip available through the Gibbs Adult Mission Endowment. Contact Harriet Hall at 314-707-4750 or hallhughes@aol.com for more information. Deadline to make your commitment is July 31.



Shawn (L), Harriet and John (R) joined former high school scholarship recipients in August 2023. Each is now a teacher or school administrator!

Woods Chapel Renovation Project REVEAL!

Save the Date: Sunday, July 21! 11:15 a.m. to noon, in the Sanctuary and streaming online

The Chapel Renovation Committee appointed by Session has been hard at work coming up with a plan for using our Chapel to better support WGPC's mission to be an open and welcoming congregation in the community sharing Christ's love. After two years of planning and researching, a contractor - Interface Construction - has been selected! All are welcome to attend the Reveal on Sunday, July 21, when the architects will present the design plan for the Woods Chapel (name after early WGPC benefactors). You'll have an opportunity to ask questions of them, Pastor Ed, and the Chapel Renovation Committee. You can also view the presentation streaming online at wgpc.org/woods-chapel/. For more information about the planning process and the history of the Chapel, please see the Friday Flash. We look forward to seeing you then!

-Brian Tobin, President, Board of Trustees Chair, Chapel Renovation Committee

School Supply Deadline for Packing the Backpacks!

Next Sunday, July 14



On Sunday, July 21, after Worship, we plan to pack 25 backpacks full of supplies for teens served by Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition. Help us collect 25 sets of supplies by going to wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links (or use the QR

code) and let us know which items you can purchase. Bring your purchased items to the collection bin in the Mission Hub by next Sunday, July 14. Thank you!



Give-A-Meal-A-Month July Menu

Help those served by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries by purchasing a bag of menu items and dropping it off in the Mission Hub. July's menu is: canned chicken, brown or white rice, canned black beans, canned corn (low or no salt), and canned pineapple (lite or in fruit juice). Additional needs: toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Support Theological Education

In a recent sermon, Pastor Ed mentioned how our Agape youth met Dan, a PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer from Scotland, who was raising money to meet visa requirements, so he could attend Princeton Theological Seminary. Many of you inquired how you could help. If you are interested in helping, check out the "Seminary Scholarship Fund" set up for him by Lakeview Presbyterian Church in New Orleans at lpcno.org/give.

Elections Coming Soon!

Make sure you are ready to cast your vote next month. Here is some useful information for Missouri voters.

Important dates for the August 6 election

- July 10: Last day to register to vote and participate in the August 6 election
- July 23 through August 5: No-excuse in-person absentee voting begins
- July 24: Mail-in absentee request deadline

Visit <u>wgpc.org/ministries/advocacy-team/voting-information</u> for helpful links to . . .

- Make sure your voter registration is up to date
- Find your local election authority
- Identify your district and current state and U.S. elected officials
- Access voter resources through the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition

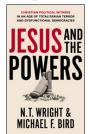
FAITH FORMATION

Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery Public Witness Team's Book Discussion

Thursdays, August 1, September 5, and October 3 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom

"Should Christians be politically withdrawn, avoiding participation in politics to maintain their prophetic voice and to keep from being used as political pawns?

Or should Christians be actively involved, seeking to utilize political systems to control the levers of power?" Join in an online discussion of the book *Jesus and the Powers* by N.T. Wright and Michael E. Bird. For more info and to register, use the link found in the Friday Flash or visit glpby.org/services/public-witness-book-study/.



Bulletin and Friday Flash Deadlines

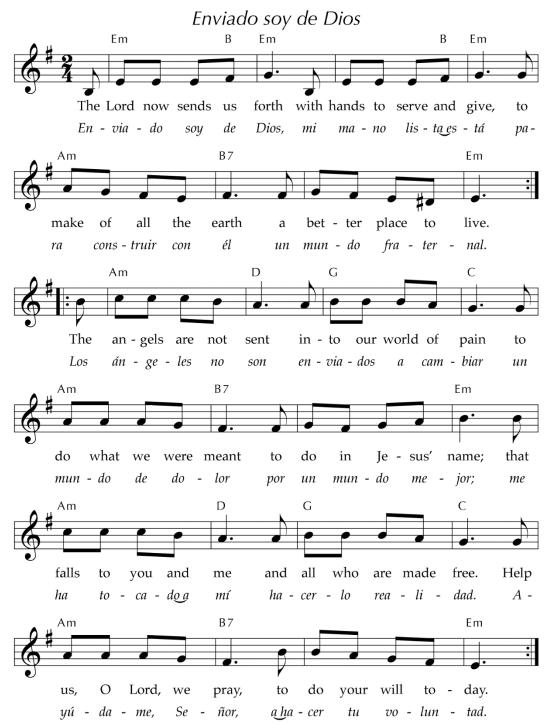
Announcements for the bulletin and Friday Flash are limited to **150 words or less.** They are due by the end of Tuesday prior to the desired Friday or Sunday. For the bulletin, email baf@wgpc.org. For the Friday Flash, email chb@wgpc.org. If you'd like the announcement to appear in both, please email to both

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth



This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.