



WEBSTER GROVES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

45 West Lockwood Ave. ♦ Webster Groves, MO 63119

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3rd Sunday after Epiphany ♦ January 21, 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

Prelude on "Pescador de Hombres"
Shawn Portell, organ

arr. Michael Emmerich

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Rev. Ed Zumwinkel

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric Morff

L: From God comes my salvation.

P: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

L: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

P: God is my fortress, I shall never be shaken.

✦ OPENING HYMN

"Come, Let Us Sing Out Our Praise"

Paul Tate

(Please sing at the hand motion of the cantor.)



✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Trusting in the promise of grace,
let us pour out our hearts before God.

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray:

P: Forgiving God,
we repent of all the ways we turn from you. Continued >>

**P: You call, but we do not listen;
 you show us your path,
 but we prefer our own way.
 Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you,
 that we might show mercy to others.
 In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Hear the good news!
 Hope does not disappoint us,
 for God's love has been poured into our hearts
 through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.
 Believe this good news and give thanks:
 In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
P: Thanks be to God.

✦ 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.

✦ RESPONSE

"Gloria"

Christopher Grundy



Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eric Morff

L: Let us pray:
 Speak to us your word, O God,
 that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. **Amen.**

(Please sing at the hand motion of the cantor.)

L: Our Scripture Reading will be sung this morning.

Eric Morff

Please sing at the hand motion of the cantor.



5 For God alone my soul in silence waits;
truly, my hope is in God.

**People 6 God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**

7 In God is my safety and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge. *Refrain*

8 Put your trust in God always, O people;
pour out your hearts before God, who is our refuge.

**People 9 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.**

On the scales they are lighter than a breath,
all of them together.

**People 10 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it. *Refrain***

11 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

**People 12 Steadfast love is yours, O LORD,
for you repay all people according to their deeds. *Refrain***

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-20

Pew Bible, pg. 35

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. *Continued >>*

¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Ed Zumwinkel

Responding to God's Word

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Spencer Roudebush, Rise Against Hunger

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: God of new visions,
we pray for people highly placed in power,
that they may focus their eyes on you.
And we pray for the lowly victims of power,
that they may also focus their eyes on you.

We pray for those who bless with their lips
but curse with their mouths,
including ourselves.

We pray for those who are ill
and those facing the end of life.
Give them the gift of prayer,
that they may pour out their hearts to you.

(JOYS AND CONCERNS)

We pray for the church and its leaders,
that we may hear and respond to your call
to be fishers of people.

Rock of our salvation,
through Christ and your Holy Spirit
bring us into the new world that you are shaping
even as this world is passing away. **Amen.**

OFFERING INVITATION

Eric Morff

L: God is our rock and our fortress.
Let us celebrate our salvation
by fearlessly giving a portion
of what has already been given to us.

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)



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Walking with God"
Chancel Choir
Lia Fairbanks, violin

Paul Basler

✠ DOXOLOGY

"With Grateful Joy"

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

With grate - ful joy for you the source of all life,
we raise one voice to you from whom all bles - sings flow.
You are the Giv - er of life, you are the Lov - er of life,
the Good Sus - tain - er of Life. We live in you.

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: Let us pray:

Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose.

We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you,
that you will make us fishers of people.

✠ 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 #721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
(see music in back of bulletin)

✠ CHARGE

L: Repent and believe the good news that
God is with us and calls us for a purpose!

✠ BLESSING

L: May the God of glory,
the Lord of life,
and the Spirit of truth
be with you all. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE "Gigue" from Delaware Suite David Schelat
Shawn Portell, organ

*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 8:45 to 11:45 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.

Those Who Serve Today

Liturgist: Dennis Wacker

Greeters: Greta Buck and Ruth Meyer

Ushers: Dan Egly, Deni Fuller, and Deb Grossman

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

Nursery Caregiving Team: Anna Stokes, Debbie Goss, Tammy Graning, Sophia Kenow, and Carrie Rao

Flower Deliverers: Nicole and Ruth Clynes and Jane Fairbanks

Office Assistance: Leigh Porter

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David Hammond, the gift of his family.



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 Year B, Volume 1 © 2012; Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2 © 2014; Westminster John Knox Press from Book of Common Worship © 2018.

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January 21, 2024 Announcements

WORSHIP

Annual Meeting Rescheduled

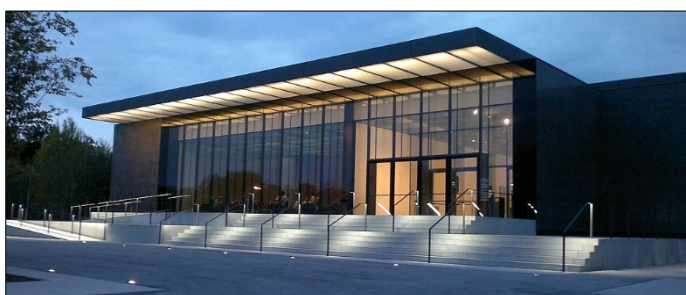
The Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been moved to **Sunday, February 25**, with the approval of Session. The meeting had previously been scheduled for Sunday, January 29. Please plan to attend.

FELLOWSHIP

Join WGPC's SLAM Group for "Artful Architecture"

Wednesday, January 24, 10:00 a.m.

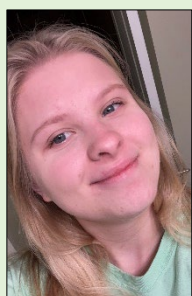
Meet at the Art Museum's main entrance



Join us for a fun co-ed opportunity – a docent-guided tour by church member Pam Murphy at the St. Louis Art Museum. In celebration of the museum's David Chipperfield-designed East Building turning 10 years old, we will look at architectural elements from the museum's building and collection. Weather permitting, the group can also step outside to discuss the building's architectural elements. All are welcome to participate! Please sign up at wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links. Questions? Contact Michelle Lepak at mml@wgpc.org.

Welcome Sophia Kenow,

Our Webster University Practicum Student



WGPC greets Sophia Kenow who will intern with us this spring semester in the nursery and Early Childhood Center. She is a senior at Webster University pursuing her degree in psychology with an emphasis on mental health. She is also minoring in English. Upon graduation, Sophia plans to work towards her master's degree and hopes to one day become a school counselor or school psychologist. In her free time, she enjoys coloring, exercising, and spending time with friends and family. We are glad to have her assistance!

MISSION

Agape Youth Share Warmth with Those in Need Thanks to YOU!



WGPC's Agape Youth say THANK YOU to everyone who contributed gloves, hats, and scarves to our MLK Day of Service "Warm Up St. Louis" project! **You donated over 300 items!!** We packaged them up last Sunday, and half will be delivered to the Central Library for high school students who take part in youth programs there (headed up by our own Roschan Rao). The other half will be delivered to Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. There will also be a few "gloves, hat, or scarf warming packages" in the Mission Hub that you can take and keep in your car for people you encounter who may need items to keep warm. Thanks again from all Agape youth to our generous congregation!

"Snacks for Students" Deliverers Still Needed!

Delivery postponed to Wednesday, January 31, 10:00 a.m., from WGPC

Twice a year our congregation delivers healthy snacks to each of the schools in the Webster Groves School District through our Snacks for Students program. The goal is to support students who may come to school hungry by providing a snack to help them focus on learning. If you can help us deliver items to schools in the district on January 31 (weather permitting), please contact Beth Kazlauskas at bok@wgpc.org.

Rise Against Hunger:

Join Our All-Church Mission Project!

Sunday, February 4, in Fellowship Hall following Worship



Help us Rise Against Hunger by joining in this popular mission project for all ages! With your help we will package 15,000 just-add-water, fully nutritious meals for people in need of critical aid across the globe. **To volunteer for a shift, visit wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links.**

Do You Know Someone in Webster Groves Who Could Use Meals on Wheels?

Meals on Wheels provides full meals to people who are home bound or have trouble preparing meals. They are delivered on Monday for the whole week, and the cost



is \$5.25 a meal (however, if someone cannot afford this price, the meals are free with no questions asked). Recipients of the

meals do not need to be low income or a certain age. Since its inception over 50 years ago, dedicated volunteers have delivered over 12 million nutritional noontime meals to recipients! If anyone is interested in receiving meals or volunteering, please contact Chris Welsch at c.welsch@yahoo.com or 314-966-2455.

Trivia Night to Benefit Flourish St. Louis

Saturday, February 10, 2024, Third Presbyterian Church, 9990 Lewis and Clark Rd.

Doors open: 3:00 p.m. Event begins: 4:00 p.m.

Join our mission partner Third Presbyterian Church in a trivia night supporting Flourish St. Louis, a group dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of babies and families in communities impacted most by infant mortality. You can purchase a table for six players (including soft drinks) for \$150 by visiting www.flourishstl.org.

Today's Adult Faith Formation . . .

The Historical Jesus and the Christ of Faith: A Roadmap for the Confused Believer

10:45 a.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom

(Series will continue on Sunday, January 28)

Dr. Ruben Rosario-Rodriguez returns to WGPC to lead the second part of an intriguing three-part series exploring the interplay of history and faith in our knowledge of Jesus. The class begins by introducing the "Quest for the Historical Jesus" followed by discussion of what we can and cannot know about Jesus Christ from historical study. Then, we will examine the importance of encountering the risen Christ in history – not just as a past historical figure, but as an ongoing locus of divine revelation. Dr. Rosario is the Clarence Louis and Helen Steber Professor of Theological Studies at St. Louis University. He is also an ordained minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and currently serves as moderator for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

This Evening, for Parents . . .

Making a Home for Faith

4:00 p.m., in the Parlor and by Zoom

Parents of children of any age are invited to attend our gathering on the topic of "Living Your Faith Everyday" led by Carrie Rao. All are welcome to stay for the youth dinner at 5:00 p.m., but please note that childcare is no longer available for this class.

FAITH FORMATION

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Sunday (January 21)

Coffee & Conversation with the Lectionary 8:30 a.m.

"The Historical Jesus and the Christ of Faith"
(part 2) 10:45 a.m.

"Making a Home for Faith" 4:00 p.m.

Celtics 4:00 p.m.

Agape 5:00 p.m.

Thursday (January 25)

Disciples' Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Sunday (January 28)

Coffee & Conversation with the Lectionary 8:30 a.m.

"The Historical Jesus and the Christ of Faith"
(part 3) 10:45 a.m.

Celtics 4:00 p.m.

Agape 5:00 p.m.

Detailed information about Faith Formation opportunities can be found online at wgpc.org (click on the Ministries tab, then click on Faith Formation).

Save the Date & Tell Your Friends!

WGPC Women's Retreat

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Mercy Conference and Retreat Center

Watch for more details!

ECC Open House

January 24th 6-7pm

Meet Teachers & Tour Classrooms

Registration for 24-25 school year
begins January 25th
(Current ECC & Church Families)



We hope to see you
there! Please use the
QR Code to register for
this fun event!



721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will
la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
find there my nets and la - bor.
love that keeps on lov - ing.
friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la g -



boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your
re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to g



side I will seek oth - er seas.
ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.