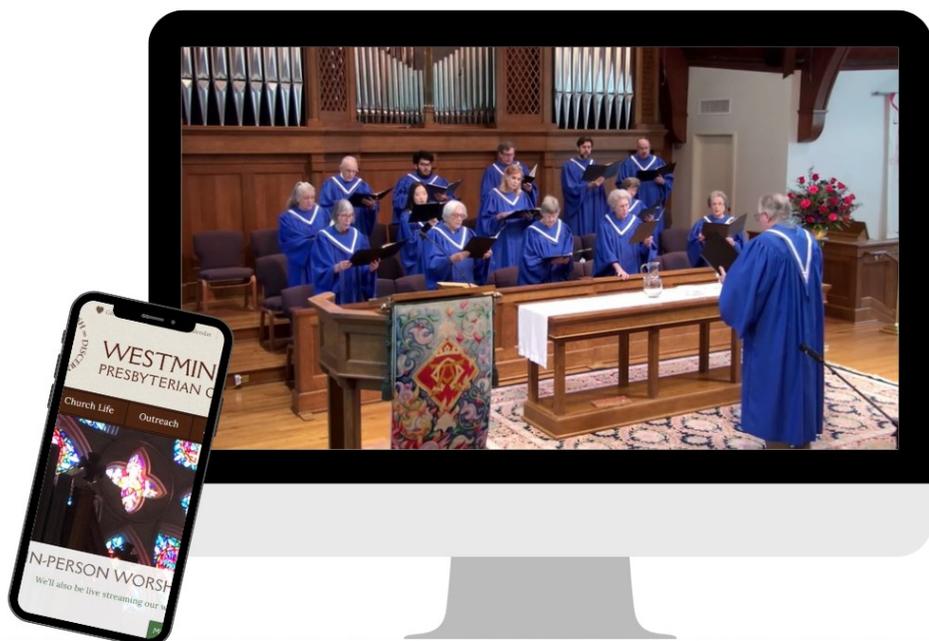


# ~Welcome~

**Thank you** for joining our virtual worship service. We're glad you're here! We meet each Sunday at 11 a.m., both in-person and online. You can access our livestream each week on **Facebook** and **YouTube**.

Feel free to send us a **chat** during the service. And **scan the QR code** to sign our Friendship Register — we want to know you're here with us today! Please note, prayer requests are not published online for privacy reasons.

We use the **Glory to God** and **Sing the Faith** worship hymnals. Look for the copies of each song at the end of this bulletin.





# Service for the Lord's Day 4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

11 a.m.



*Blessed God, we yearn to see your vision of justice, love and peace made real for us this day. Open our eyes to the ways of love, that we may see your brilliant light shining into the hidden places of our hearts and the darkened corners of our world. Amen.*

## Gathered by the Spirit in Christ's Name

Prelude

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Temple/Larson

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome in Christ's Name

The Rev. Bill Clark

Introit

*Rain Down*

GTG #48

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger for justice,

**People: for they will be filled.**

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart,

**People: for they will see God.**

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers,

**People: for they will be called children of God.**

Leader: Blessed are we when we gather to hear God's Word,

**People: for we will be nurtured and sustained.**

**All: Let us worship God together.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

GTG #415

Confession of Sin

The Rev. Charlotte Trafton

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Surprising God, you have made foolish the wisdom of the world, teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth and heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice. But we cling to the values of this world, things that enhance our status but cheat our souls. We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs. We disregard the marginalized and mock weakness, forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly and made a home among the vulnerable. God of blessing, reorient our hearts, and renew our minds, so that we might act with justice, practice kindness, and—in all things—walk humbly with you. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Response

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

GTG #70

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Act of Praise

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

GTG #70

(Part 1–lower voices; Part 2–middle voices; Part 3–higher voices)

\*The Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **Proclaim God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Grover Campbell

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Blessed Are You*

Bill Clark

\*Hymn

*Blest Are They*

GTG #172

\*Affirmation of Faith, from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Pastoral Concerns

Prayers of the People

## Give Thanks to God

Invitation to Share

Offering of Ourselves and of God's Gifts to Us

*A portion of the tithes and offerings we return to God this morning* supports our Presbyterian Mission co-worker Melissa Johnson, who partners with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian to provide medical care and health education in Lundazi, Zambia.

Offertory *Blessed* Paul Weber

\*Response *Doxology* GTG #606

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Westminster Children

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

\*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.**

### Sent to Live Out a God-Sized Vision of Love

\*Hymn *We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom* GTG #378

\*Benediction

Response *Blest Are They* (Refrain) GTG #172

***Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!***

***Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!***

\*Postlude and Going Forth *Mosso moderato in C* Christian H. Rinck

# Rain Down

48

Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)  
 F A7 Dm F7 Bb

Rain down; rain down; rain down your

(D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)  
 F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm

love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain

(D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)  
 F7 Bb Gm C7 Bb F

down; rain down your love, God of life.

This refrain comes from a longer song based on Psalm 33, but the striking image of God's love falling like rain is not actually present in that psalm. That image may be based on Ezekiel 34:26, where God promises to send showers of blessing upon the people of the covenant.

TEXT: Jaime Cortez, 1991  
 MUSIC: Jaime Cortez, 1991; arr. John Carter, 2001  
 Text and Music © 1992 Jaime Cortez (Published by OCP)

RAIN DOWN  
 Irregular

CONFESSION

# 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*All or Leader*

The musical score is written for a single voice part, likely a leader, in a 4/4 time signature. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear refrain. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with the first line of the refrain underlined. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed, 2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty 3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined 4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

The differing voices of this text indicate that its parts were not created together. The stanzas are cast in the voice of a preacher or exhorter, but the refrain (added later) takes the voice of a penitent heeding that call in language like that of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:18).

TEXT: Stanzas, Joseph Hart, 1759, alt.; refrain, anon.  
MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

RESTORATION  
8.7.8.7 with refrain

CONFESSION

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

*Refrain*  
*All*

full of pit - y, love, and power.  
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and  
 you will nev - er come at all.  
 is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em - brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

# What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F Gm Dm

\*1.  
 What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.  
 Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.  
 To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) (G) (Am) (D) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm F B<sup>b</sup>  
 Repeat as desired

What does the Lord re - quire of you?  
 walk hum - bly with your God.  
 and walk hum - bly with your God.

*\*The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.*

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.

# Blest Are They

172

Gsus Leader or All G D C

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

SERVICE MUSIC

# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

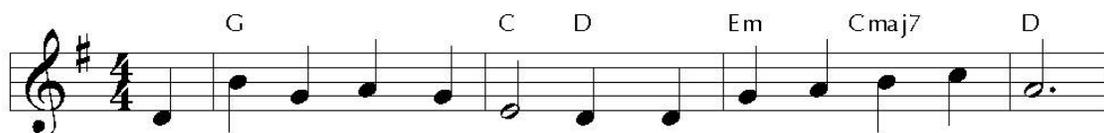
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise \*him, all creatures  
here below; praise \*him above, ye heavenly host; praise  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Or "God"

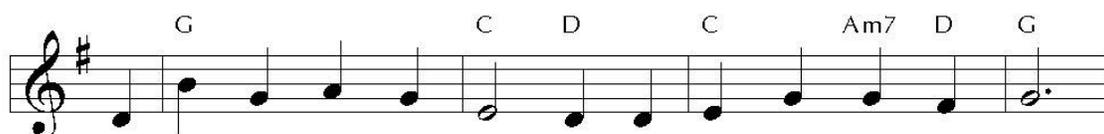
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MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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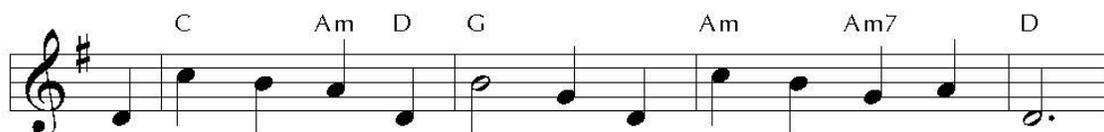
# We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



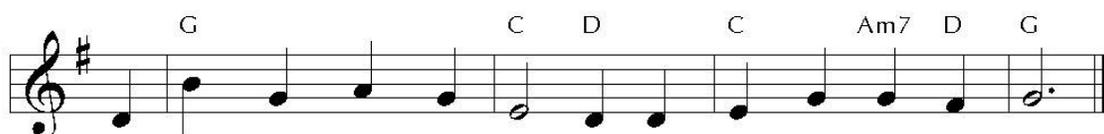
1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie  
 2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?  
 3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,  
 4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a fear or sigh,  
 We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.  
 when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"  
 to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.



when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;  
 Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:  
 still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:  
 The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.  
 we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.  
*sha-lom* for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.  
 to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6–9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its "little child" with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer's sister, his first piano teacher.

TEXT: Kathleen R. Moore, 2010  
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983  
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# GTG #172—Refrain Only

*Refrain* *All* C D7 G D Em G C G

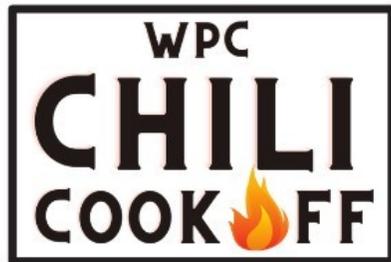
Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king-dom of God!



**Date:** Sun., Feb. 5

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Location:**

Fellowship Hall

**Who:**

Contestants  
of ALL ages!

Prizes will be given to: the best chili, the best alternative chili, and the best "name" for your chili. *Celebrity judges will decide the winners.* 😊

Set up starts at 5:00 pm - tables and electrical cords provided.



Please bring non-perishable food items to help out our youth with Souper Bowl of Caring the following weekend. **All items will be donated to Manos de Cristo.**

Sign up to enter your chili! Sign-up cards are available in the pews — or you can **contact Stan Shaw at 512-345-1450 / [stan0857@yahoo.com](mailto:stan0857@yahoo.com).**

## Souper Bowl of Caring

We're actively collecting canned goods and other non-perishables for the Souper Bowl of Caring! This year we're working together with youth groups in our region to collect more donations than youth in neighboring presbyteries! You can donate non-perishable food items between now and Superbowl Sunday (Feb. 12th). Any items you donate for our usual First Sunday collection will count toward our total. You can also donate cash, checks, or make an online donation via Realm.



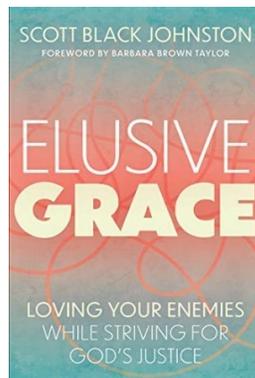
Now thank we *all* our God  
With **Heart & Hands & Voices**

Thanks to all of who have made pledges of time, talent and treasure. As of 1/23/23, we have reached **91%** of our 2023 pledge goal of \$767,000. We hope all members and friends will be involved this year!

## W.O.W. Retreat is 2/24-2/26

Women of Westminster, plan to join us for our annual women's retreat, February 24-26 at Camp Capers in Comfort, TX. All adult women are invited to this time of relaxation, refreshment and renewal in the beauty of the Hill Country. This year's theme is "I love to tell the story." Together we will explore how stories – ours, others', and Jesus's – shape our lives. For more information/to register, visit <https://wpcaustin.org/wow-retreat/>. Please contact [Pastor Ellen](#) if cost is a barrier to your attendance or if you need transportation.

## Growing Together This Spring



Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston's new book *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice* asks how we as Christians can join the critical ethical conversations of our current moment "while also holding onto one of Christ's most difficult commands:

'Love your neighbor' and 'Love your enemy.'" Join the Growing Together class as we explore these questions through study of Rev. Dr. Johnston's engaging and readable book. We will continue our book study throughout the spring. You are welcome to join anytime whether you have read the book or not!

**Class meets in the Conference Room on Sunday at 9:45 a.m.**



Sign in electronically by scanning this QR code.

# What's Happening...at Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Join us 2/4/23 for the first Creek Cleanup of 2023!

As a creek adopter through Keep Austin Beautiful, WPC will have this year's **first creek cleanup on Sat., Feb. 4 from 10 am to noon.** "Our" section of Waller Creek runs through Shipe Park. We will meet at the bridge at 45th and Avenue G. There is plenty of room to park on Avenue G. All ages are welcome! If it's a warm day, children can make seed balls to plant along the creek. Please join us for a lovely February morning outdoors caring for God's Earth. *Do you have questions? Call Cynthia Hanes at 512-288-5860.*

## Save the Date for VBS 2023!



We've set a date for Vacation Bible School this summer: **July 24-28!** We'll be going to the "Hero Hotline Headquarters," where children as young as 3 are invited to learn about Bible heroes who work

to **bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us and the world.** VBS runs from 9 am to 12 pm, with an afternoon cycling camp from 12-4 pm, provided by Austin Youth Fitness. More info. and registration details coming soon!

For more information, visit our

## Six-Week Young Adult Bible Study

**Begins:** Wednesday, February 8

**Time:** 7-8 pm

**Location:** Conference Room

Join us this spring for Westminster's six-week Young Adult Bible Study, led by Bill Clark. We'll be studying portions of the gospel of Luke that lead up to the events of Holy Week and Easter and consider what it means to be a follower of Christ in our time. To register, use the QR code here or email the church office at [wpc@wpcaustin.org](mailto:wpc@wpcaustin.org).



## Do you have Spring Break plans?

WPC is going back to the border this spring break to serve asylum-seekers who are being released from immigration detention at the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen.

**When:** March 12-15

**Lodging** is in a Best Western close to the Center.

**For more information:** Visit the website under "Outreach."

*A note from Martha Richardson, Worship Committee Chair:*

Flowers, given to the glory of God and often in honor or memory of someone, are placed in the sanctuary each week. Following the Sunday service, these flowers are delivered to WPC members who are ill, grieving, or celebrating a joy. With the start of a new year, we're hoping to fill in our donation calendar so that we do not miss a single Sunday. Flowers enhance our worship and extend our member outreach. Visit the church office on Sundays to sign up or find the Signup Genius link in your weekly newsletter email.

**Available dates:**

**February 19**

**February 26**

**March 12**

### Options to Give Online:

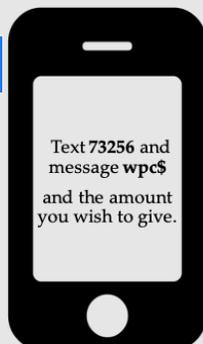
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