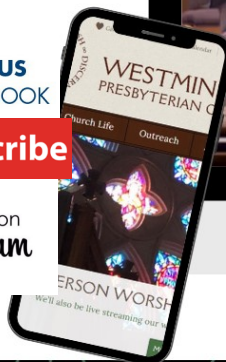


Welcome!

Thank you for joining our virtual worship service. We're glad you're here this evening! 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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024
11 a.m.



God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people, calling us back to your covenant and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus, teaching with such authority that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds, that we may understand your Word and proclaim your good news for all to hear. In Christ's name, Amen.

Gathered by the Spirit in Christ's Name

Prelude	<i>Praise His Greatness: A Medley</i>	Arr. by Hayes/Stack
Tolling of the Bell		
Welcome in Christ's Name		The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle
Introit	<i>God Is Here! (Verse 1)</i>	GTG #409
*Call to Worship		from Psalm 111

Leader: Come and praise God! In the company of God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

Leader: Our God is gracious and compassionate;

People: Our God is merciful and forgiving.

Leader: Our God is faithful and trustworthy;

People: Our God is just and good.

Leader: So come, let us worship God together.

People: We will sing to God all of our days.

*Opening Hymn	<i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i>	GTG #645
Confession of Sin		The Rev. Bill Clark

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us the way to follow you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Act of Praise

to the tune of GTG #851

Jesus, our strength and our guide (Repeat x3)
Beside us wherever we are

*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

Psalm 111

Nothing Can Trouble

GTG #820

Scripture Lesson: Mark 1:14-15, 21-28

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Ellen Williams Hensle

*Hymn

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit
(Verse 1: Choir; Verses 2-3: All)

GTG #180

Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true 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

CROP Walk

Henry DiRaddo

Offering of Ourselves and of God's Gifts to Us

A portion of the tithes and offerings we return to God this morning provides scholarships for future faith leaders studying at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Offertory

*Response

For the Life that You Have Given

GTG #717

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

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...

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.

Sent to Live Out a God-Sized Vision of Love

*Hymn

Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

GTG #657

Benediction

Postlude and Going Forth

Trumpet Voluntary

by Gordon Young

For more information, visit our website at www.wpcaustin.org

Today's Trinity Center Visit

WPC is serving our unhoused neighbors at the Trinity Center this afternoon. We will meet there around 2 pm to set up for the meal, then host a brief worship service. When worship is over, we will help change the room for the mid-afternoon meal and serve it, finishing up around 4 pm. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together. All ages are welcome!

When: This afternoon from 2-4 pm

Where: Meet at the Trinity Center at 2 pm — 304 E. 7thSt. | 78703

Souper Bowl of Caring



This winter, WPC youth are participating in Mission Presbytery's Souper Bowl of Caring challenge, competing with other youth groups to

see who can collect the most donations for local food pantries. All of WPC's donations will go to Manos de Cristo. Donate non-perishable food items or money between now and February 11th. We hope you will give generously in support of our neighbors, and encourage your friends and family members to do the same! Give at: wpcaustin.org/giving/ and click "GIVE NOW" for Manos de Cristo under "Special Offerings."

Give Flowers in 2024

The Worship Committee thanks you for your contributions in 2023! The flowers in the sanctuary help make it a beautiful, meditative space. If you have had a baby shower, wedding, or other special occasion on a Saturday, consider donating your flowers to a Worship service on Sunday! It's a nice way to repurpose, and also to honor milestones and special people in your life. These flowers, given to the glory of God, are distributed afterwards to members in our congregation who are ill, grieving, or otherwise unable to be with us in person.



Available dates:

February 4 February 18 February 25

What's
Happening...at Westminster
Presbyterian Church

For the Week of January 28, 2024

Next Week Is First Sunday

First Sunday is February 4. On First Sundays, we invite you to make a donation to Manos de Cristo's food pantry. You can support Manos through Realm ~ go to wpcaustin.org/giving/ and click "GIVE NOW" for Manos de Cristo under "Special Offerings," or give by cash or check. **Donations this month count toward Souper Bowl of Caring!**

Chili Cookoff Is February 4

Chili cooks are needed to make our chili cookoff a success! Do you want to enter your own recipe? To **sign up as a contestant, please contact Rachel Vanden Bout** at prvdbout@gmail.com or text her at **804-822-9922**. Sign-up cards are also available in the pews—drop one in the offering plate!

Location: Fellowship Hall **Time:** 5:30 pm
Bring your donations for Souper Bowl of Caring!

Register for W.O.W. Women's Retreat

Women of Westminster, now is the time to register for our annual retreat, Feb. 23-25 at beautiful Camp Capers in Comfort, TX! This year we'll be joined by award-winning Christian educator Mary Marcotte, who will lead us in exploring "The Myth of Superwoman as an Enemy of Grace." Learn more and register at <https://wpcaustin.org/wow-retreat/>.) Please contact Pastor Ellen if you need a scholarship.

Make a Pledge for 2024

Thanks to all of you who have pledged to the annual campaign for 2024! We have received 120 pledges for \$728,000 which is 93% of our \$788,000 goal. If you haven't made a pledge, please do so soon. You may return your pledge card to the church office, place it in the offering plate, go to the "Giving" page on our website, or use the QR code.



CROP Walk: Save the Date!

We're ending hunger "one step at a time!" The CROP Walk is held at Camp Mabry's "fully accessible 1.1 mile track." Chat with friends as you walk with your WPC group! You'll hear DJ music and see a dance performance by the Sonyashnyk Austin Ukranian Dance Ensemble. All this for a good cause: raising money to fund sustainable food security through Church World Service's hunger programs.

Date: Feb. 25

Time: Event opens at 2 pm

Location: Camp Mabry



CROP WALK



Save the Date: Upcoming Events at WPC

JANUARY:

1/28: Trinity Center visit: 2-4 pm

FEBRUARY:

2/4: Chili Cook-off: 5:30 pm

2/11: Souper Bowl of Caring

2/14: Ash Wednesday: morning service @ 7:15 am;
soup supper @ 5:30 pm; evening service @ 6:30 pm

2/23-2/25: Women's Retreat at Camp Capers

2/25: CROP Walk: 2 pm

MARCH:

3/24: Palm Sunday

3/31: Easter Sunday

Benevolence and Reimbursements

How to participate in our benevolence program:

The Mission Committee encourages members to find someone to personally help by reaching out into your neighborhood or network in 2024.

(Note: This year, the church office is not taking cold calls or emails for assistance, so we do not have a list of names to choose from).

Then, turn in your receipts to get your

reimbursement: You'll be able to submit a form with your receipt to be reimbursed for what you spent, up to \$350. Get full details and complete the form under "Outreach" at www.wpcaustin.org.

Mid-Day Prayers

We have resumed our virtual mid-day prayers! Would you like to join us? We meet each week at noon via Zoom. Contact the church office at wpc@wpcaustin.org for info on joining the group.

Interested in Becoming a Member of WPC?

We would love to welcome you! Our church elders are ready to receive you into membership. To request a meeting or to learn more about joining our church, call or email the church office: 512-459-5497 | wpc@wpcaustin.org

2024 Study Groups at WPC

Do you want to join a study group at WPC in the new year? Here are some regular dates:

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 am:

Men's Breakfast

2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am:

W.O.W. Group: Sacred Encounters by Olive Mahabir

2nd Thursday of the month at 1 pm:

W.O.W. Group: Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul by John Phillip Newell

2nd Saturday of the month at 9:30 am:

W.O.W. Group: Everything Happens for a Reason by Kate Bowler

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