

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.

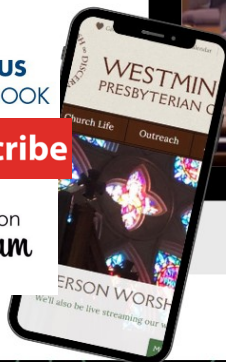
We use the **Glory to God** and **Sing the Faith** worship hymnals. If you would like a hymnal to use as you worship, email us at wpc@wpcaustin.org.



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Service for the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024
11 a.m.



This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. –John 15:12

Gathered by the Spirit in Christ's Name

Prelude

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome in Christ's Name

The Rev. Bill Clark

Introit

Live in Charity

GTG #205

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to join with all the earth in praise:

People: to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: We praise the Lord with joyful noises, joining the symphony of the earth:

People: the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.

Leader: On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,

People: we greet you with joy, our living God!

*Opening Hymn

O Day of Rest and Gladness

GTG #393

Confession of Sin

The Rev. Charlotte Trafton

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Silent Confession

Response

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (Verses 1-2)

GTG #833

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;

my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Act of Praise

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (Verse 3)

GTG #833

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee.

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

*The Peace

Shalom

Westminster Children

Shalom, my friend, God's peace, my friend, be with you now.

And stay with you, in all that you do. Shalom. Shalom.

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

People: And also with you.

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Charles Lung

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Lesson: John 15:9-17

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Friends of Jesus

Bill Clark

*Hymn

Though I May Speak

GTG #693

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

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

In life and death we belong to God. 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. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Give Thanks to God

Senior Reflection

Caroline Davis

Offering of Ourselves and of God's Gifts to Us

A portion of the tithes and offerings we return to God this morning supports Casa Marianella, which helps asylum-seekers establish new lives in the safety of the United States.

Offertory

If Ye Love Me

by Thomas Tallis

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus, all of God's children are welcome and invited to receive what is offered at this table. The Lord's Supper is served by intinction. After coming forward and receiving a piece of bread, you may dip it into the cup. Gluten-free bread is available at the table in the south transept. If you wish to remain in your pew, those serving will bring the bread and cup to you.

Great Thanksgiving

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...

Sanctus Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

GTG #559

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

Memorial Acclamation

GTG #560

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God

GTG #853

We are marching... We are dancing... We are praying... We are singing...

Prayer

Sent to Live Out a God-Sized Vision of Love

*Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

GTG #547

Recognition of Graduating Seniors

*Benediction

Response

We Will Walk with God

GTG #742

*Postlude and Going Forth

Please join us in celebrating our graduating high school seniors: Lily Davidson, Caroline Davis, Gavin Firestone, Charles Lung, Taylor Pflum, Ella Rogers, Owen Trafton; **and also our graduating college senior:** Luis Muñoz

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

For the Week of May 5, 2024

Today Is First Sunday

On First Sundays, we invite you to make a special 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.

Culture that Inspires

Growing Together | 9:45 am | Room 10

The Holy Spirit is speaking God's word of life to us all the time, not just in worship or through Scripture, but even as we watch TV or listen to podcasts in the car. When have you experienced God's love or heard God's voice through a song or a show? What can we learn about grace from the cultural moments that bring us together? Join us as we explore "Culture that Inspires" in the Growing Together class this May. **Class members are invited to share their moments of inspiration on May 12 and 19.**

Youth Shortbread Fundraiser

Back by popular demand: shortbread "Biscuits with the Boss!" WPC Youth are baking and selling shortbread as a fundraiser for our upcoming mission trip to Charleston, SC. These buttery treats make a perfect gift for the moms in your life -- or an indulgent snack for you! **Use the QR code to order now; pick up your order before or after worship on Mother's Day, May 12. Cost is \$10/dozen. Order deadline: 5 pm Thursday, May 9.**



May 19 Is Pentecost and Youth Sunday

This year, we're pairing Confirmation Sunday, Youth Sunday, and the Day of Pentecost. On May 19 we'll celebrate the birthday of the church along with our confirmation students, who have been studying hard all year as they prepare to become adult members of our congregation. Youth will also lead our worship on May 19.

What's Happening...at Westminster Presbyterian Church

Helping Refugees in Austin



Are you interested in helping people from Afghanistan who are new to Austin? We are partnering with a team from Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church that is helping seven families who fled Afghanistan. The families already have apartments, and the fathers have jobs. They are slowly adjusting to life in Austin, but need a lot of help with language skills, shopping skills, navigating the medical system, school issues, and other practical needs. If you would like to learn more about this ministry and how you can get involved, please contact Cynthia Hanes or Peggy Hilliard.



We're Having a Diaper Drive!

We are collecting diapers for refugee families as we get involved with the Westlake Hills Pres. Afghan Refugee Ministry team! They provide 600 diapers a month, or 50% of the diapers needed for 16 children across 7 refugee families. **Current needs are for sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7 - any brand, any quantity.** Bring diapers to the Narthex between now and Mother's Day, May 12. Use the QR code to purchase on Amazon and send your order straight to the ARM team diaper bank (choose "Becky Dickson" as recipient).



for our new neighbors
for Mom

REFUGEE MOTHER'S DAY ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR

Saturday, May 11 | 10am to 2pm
TownLake YMCA | 1100 W. Cesar Chavez

- Gift Items
- Handbags
- Jewelry
- Clothing
- Paintings
- Home Decor
- Traditional Foods
- Sweet Treats

LEARN MORE

One hundred percent of sales benefits refugee artisans.

Flower Donation List in Narthex

We put the flower donations list out on a table in the Narthex for today—sign up to donate flowers if you have a special person/date to honor or remember. If you have questions, email the church office: wpc@wpcastin.org. Thanks!

Don't Wait to Register for VBS!

We now have limited availability for preschool aged children. All ages, join our waitlist, and we'll notify you to be sure your child has a spot.



VBS includes art, recreation, and science activities in addition to Bible storytelling! Register your 3-year-olds through current 5th graders (plus, rising 6th–12th graders are encouraged to register as volunteers). VBS runs from 9 am – 12 pm. Need aftercare? No problem! Westminster has partnered with Austin Youth Fitness to provide an aftercare option from 12-4 pm right here on campus. For more information on aftercare, visit: www.austinyouthfitness.com/camps



Save the Date: Upcoming Events at WPC

MAY:

5/5: Confirmands meet with Session: 12 pm

5/19: Confirmation Sunday /Youth Sunday/
Day of Pentecost

JUNE:

6/2-7: Youth Mission Trip to Charleston, SC

JULY:

7/22-26: Vacation Bible School



Gift a Book to the WPC Library

We have an Amazon Wish List of books for the WPC Library. If you'd like to donate, use the QR code to access Amazon, then choose the church's address and your book will come right to us. We would also love recommendations for other book titles. Thanks!



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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@wpcastin.org



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Thursday Mid-Day Prayers

Would you like to join our virtual mid-day prayers? We meet each Thursday at noon via Zoom to pray for each person on the WPC Prayer List. Contact the church office at wpc@wpcastin.org for info on joining the group.

Sign our Friendship Register electronically by scanning this QR code.



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