

Order of Worship

Sunday, November 22, 2026

"Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God."

—2 Corinthians 4:15

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Worship Notes: Worshipers are asked to join in the sections marked in **bold**. The *asterisk invites all who are able to stand. And, as always, please silence your cell phones.

Prelude — **Voluntary on KREMSER**
Laurel Sanders, organ — Robert Lind (b. 1940)

Gathering Around the Word

Concerns of the Church
Rev. Dr. Mike Morgan and Rev. Paula Mann

Introit — **Come, Everyone**
WPC Chancel Choir — Laurel Sanders (b. 1984)

*Call to Worship
Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care

Come! Make a joyful noise to the LORD.
Serve the LORD with gladness.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
and his courts with praise.
For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God!

***Hymn 35** — **Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**
Verses 1 & 3 — [LOBE DEN HERREN]

*Confessions of the Body of Christ

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us Lord. When we see Your grace moving in the lives of others—especially those different from us—let our hearts rejoice rather than judge. Grant us a spirit like Barnabas, full of faith and the Holy Spirit, ready to encourage others to remain true and resolute in their devotion to You.

*Silent Individual Confession

*Declaration of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Let us extend God's peace to one another with these ancient words:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Message

Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Children and Youth are dismissed to Sunday School

Anthem

Splendor
Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

First Lesson

Heather Leatherwood

Psalm 100; O.T., page 522

*Hymn 451

Verses 1 & 2

Open My Eyes, That I May See
[OPEN MY EYES]

Choral Call to Prayer

Verse 1: Choir
Verse 2: Congregation may join

Hear Our Prayer
Music: Dan Redfeld (b. 1970)
Lyrics: Christina Harding & John Gabriel Koladziej

Lord above us hear our plea:
from our sorrows set us free.
This we humbly ask of thee –
grant us peace, oh Lord.

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from our sorrows set us free.
This we humbly ask of thee –
grant us peace, Lord, hear our prayer.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

Anthem — **For The Beauty Of The Earth**
John Rutter (b. 1945)

Second Lesson — **Acts 11:19–26;** **N.T., page 122**

Meditation — **When Love Becomes Visible**

Bearing the Word Into the World

Minute for Missions
Ellen Caldwell, Chair of Mission & Outreach

Tithes & Offerings
For opportunities to contribute to the mission of WPC please scan the QR code located in the insert of your bulletin

***Hymn 766** — **The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound**
Verses 1, 4, & 5
[MC KEE]

***Benediction**

Response — **Amen**
Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

Postlude — **Grateful**
Emerson Boatwright, tenor
Dan Redfeld, piano
Music & Lyrics: John Bucchino (b. 1952)

The congregation gratefully acknowledges the contributions of:

Chancel Flowers	The gift of Frances Norris in loving memory of her parents, Jim & Jane Norris.
Coffee Fellowship	Please join us for Thankfulness Sunday festivities in Hoffman Hall
Greeter	Katie Mahler
Ushers	Breen Frazier and Jonathan Stewart
Elder Host	Heather Leatherwood
Deacon Host	M.C. Haslett
AV Team	Vincent Purcell and Dakota Hodge



Coffee Fellowship

Following worship, please join us for fellowship on the Side Porch for refreshments. We invite you to take a turn sponsoring the fellowship hour! You can select your sponsorship date on the Bulletin Board after worship or on our website at westwoodpres.org.



Parking

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