

Westworth Church of Christ

*Worshiping
Serving
Fellowshipping*

WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Lord.

If you are looking for a supportive, Bible-based church family, we believe you have found it at Westworth. You are always welcome to be a part of the warmth and loving nature that is shown here. We have a place for you!

If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card found on the back of each pew. Any prayer requests may also be made on the flip side of the card. You may hand it to any member, place it in the contribution plate when passed, or simply leave it in the pew for us.

During the service we will celebrate communion. Communion is not only about Jesus' death, but his resurrection and triumph over death and sin. His resurrection is our source of hope that God will fulfill his promise of eternal life through Jesus the Christ.



Today from the Pulpit

REJOICING IN THE LORD OUR GOD

Speaker—Max Pratt

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-50

“REJOICE IN THE LORD OUR GOD”

OUR FAITH BRINGS GREAT JOY & PEACE

THE SCRIPTURES RELIVED

“REJOICE IN THE LORD”

SERVANTHOOD

"....so he (Jesus) got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.....when he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you'." John 13:4-5, 12-15

The 'Last Supper' is packed full of the Lord teaching his disciples. His words and actions remain recorded for us today. Each Lord's Day we include the eating of the bread and drinking from the cup to remember our Lord and his suffering in our place. What he shared that night before he was betrayed and arrested still leads us in our spiritual exercises. When our sharing in communion is done in reverence to the Lord's holy gift upon the cross, we bow humbly before our Creator and Redeemer.

The apostle John gives us the scene of the Lord washing the feet of his disciples. What an important moment in the life of the apostles. Oh, how important those moments are for us! Jesus has called us through an unforgettable example to be like him. We are to have a servant's heart. Being a disciple of Jesus is not about position, it is about ministry. This is what he teaches us so we can fill our calling and place in the church.

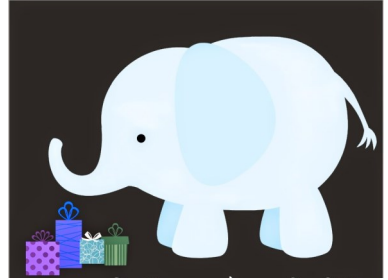
When I was growing up Dad was serving as an elder in the congregation. His spiritual guidance of the church was of great importance to him. For a while, when the congregation met at a rented building, each Sunday morning I helped him go early to sweep up, collect the trash, move the pews, set the pulpit and communion table in place and set the communion up. Long after that need of service, I still remember serving the church in this way. It still speaks of serving others.

I love the question once asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" If you are a Christian, the answer is, A Servant. ***Jesus said, "I did not come to be served, but to serve and to give my life a ransom for many."*** Matt. 20:28. Let us answer the Lord's calling for us to serve him by serving others.

Max

DECEMBER EVENTS

Saturday, December 9—White Elephant Gift Exchange 6:30 pm—If you have not joined in this fun holiday event in the past, mark your calendars now. It is loads of fun. Bring one gift for each family member who will participate. Gifts **MUST** be something you already have—Don't spend money on the gift. Bring your favorite snacks or finger foods and enjoy lots of laughs.



December 17—~~Third Sunday Lunch~~—With the holidays and knowing that everyone's schedule is packed, we will cancel the December, 3rd Sunday lunch. But we will plan to enjoy this fellowship once again on January 21, 2024.

December 31, 6pm—5th Sunday — rather than lunch immediately following worship services, let's gather again later in the day and celebrate the new year with games, food and fellowship. Menu will include traditional New Year's Eve "Blackeyed Peas" and any other foods you care to share. Obviously we won't plan to "ring in the new year", but a couple hours enjoying the company of brothers and sisters to set the tone for the new year.



Items to keep in mind...

- **Ukrainian Change Cans**—the annual campaign to help with efforts in the Ukraine. Still available in either lobby.

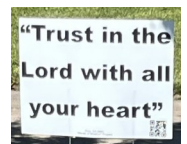


- **Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank** - especially considering the holiday season.



Next delivery will be **December 12**, so there is one more Sunday for you to bring your items.

- **WORDS-OF-WISDOM**—is it time to change your WOW sign for a different bit of Wisdom? There are plenty of signs available in the activity bldg. so you can keep the message fresh for those who may be driving in your neighborhood. Bring back the one you have so others can use it.



Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. John 5:14



Known Prayer needs and requests:

Brian Flaherty and his extended family—As reported earlier this week, Tom Flaherty passed away. He passed peacefully in his sleep, at home, next to his wife. At the time of printing, arrangement information is unknown.

Joyce Gray—Joyce took another fall at the rehab facility on Monday, resulting in cuts and bruises to her wrist, elbow and shin. No bone fractures were revealed by the x-rays. Please continue to pray for Joyce and for all those who are caring for her.

Max, Juan and Ann—As they adjust to Joyce's changing circumstances.

David Burris—David made a trip back to the hospital this week as a result of unexplained swelling. A scan and tests revealed no cause for the swelling and he was sent home with additional antibiotics. Please continue prayers for David and Tracy that these issues will be resolved and healing can occur.

Jessica Gunnels—Sarah Lisle's friend—Jessica remains in the hospital and for the last couple of weeks has had multiple surgeries. The doctors have discovered that behind the scar tissue, lung tissue in the left lobe is beginning to die, allowing the left lobe to collapse. They have called in one final specialist to see if anything can be done. Please keep Jessica and her family in your prayers.

Sharold Ferris—Sharold is recovering from recent surgery on his thumb. They are in Michigan for a few days to celebrate his mother's 90th birthday. Please continue prayers for Sharolds overall health and for safe travels while they are away.

Bob & Betty Lane—Bob remains at home under hospice care. His condition continues to deteriorate. Betty continues as Bob's primary care giver, even with hospice workers coming by twice each week. I know Betty would appreciate calls and words of encouragement along with your prayers.

John and Samantha Jewell et al—Pray for John and Samantha and their efforts on behalf of the young people at York University. Also please continue your prayers for the work they oversee in Malawi—Snoden and his family, as well as all the children that are part of that program.

Rain—continues to be short of what will fill the lakes. Please keep this need in your prayers.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

- ◆ Dennis McMillion
- ◆ Pat Straw
- ◆ Jane Whitley
- ◆ Joyce Bennett

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

Please include prayers for :

- **Israel and Ukraine** -Safety of Christian brothers and sisters and innocent civilians in these war-torn areas.
- **Church growth and leadership**—pray for God’s guidance and blessings on efforts to grow the Lord’s church. Pray for wisdom for our leaders.
- **Travelers**—Any who may be traveling—especially during the holidays.
- **Civil leadership** - pray for upright leaders at all levels of government.
- **Parents**—pray for God’s guidance and blessing for parents as families strive to navigate these turbulent times
- School teachers, administrators and staff as the school year progresses.

Please make known your prayer needs.

December Birthdays

Joe Campbell	Dec 1		Christy Snell	Dec 26
Curtis Thompson	Dec 3		Jack Lisle	Dec 29
David Burris	Dec 24		Abe Elizondo	Dec 31
Darla Thornton	Dec 25			

December Anniversaries

Nathan & Andrea Keller	Dec 15		Bill & Sherry Jones	Dec 30
Bob & Betty Lane	Dec 23		Jane & Lee Hall	Dec 31

Psalm 150

- ¹ Praise the LORD
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
- ² Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
- ³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
- ⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
- ⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.
- ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the Lord

STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday - Westworth Men's Group (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)



Current study:

The Apostle Peter—his life & ministry
All are invited to join us in this research. Come
share your knowledge. Help us learn from
Peter's life how we can better serve God.

Next Meeting: → JANUARY 2024 ← 7pm, Activity Bldg.

The men's group will break until after the new year.

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm



"Surprising Facts about Church History"

Did you ever say "God Bless you?" Did you ever wonder where that saying came from? Nope, not in the Bible. If you think the Early Church Fathers are irrelevant today. Think again. You owe all of your "God Bless you's" to the man who first used the word "trinity" in connection with the concept of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. His name was Tertullian and he lived around A.D. 200. Wednesday nights at Bible Study we are tracing the journey of our faith from the death of Jesus through the years till 2023. Come see what other old ideas are put in a new light.

David Keller

Thursdays Women's Virtual Bible Study

Each week — 7:00 pm via Google meet

Current Study:

Gideon—Your Weakness. God's Strength
by Priscilla Shirer

For information regarding materials and access
(web-site and passcode) contact:

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for December: Eric Kreger

Date	Today—December 3
Open	Eric Kreger
Usher	Samuel Flaherty
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Prayer	TBA
Communion	Bill Jones
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	Justin Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24
Open	Curtis Dunson	Randy Fетters	Eric Kreger
Usher	Eric Kreger	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Samuel Flaherty	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Curtis Thompson	Sharold Ferris	David Keller
Communion	Bill Jones	Johnny Box	Mike Lisle
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Curtis Dunson Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Max Lisle / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	James Kreger	John Snell	Sharold Ferris
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Randy Fетters	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger

Communion Preparation December: Stacey Fетters

What we want you to know about Westworth Church of Christ

We believe the gospel of Jesus Christ is the most important message for everyone in the world. Christ's message of salvation is packed with blessings for individuals, families, and community. Our mission is to share His gospel.

Our message comes from the inspired word of God. We teach that we are all sinners, and need saving from our sins. We are not saved by our own goodness or merit, but by the grace of God through our faith and obedience to the Gospel of Jesus. Jesus came to be our savior.

We believe...

- Jesus is the Son of God (John 11:27).
- in the Gospel Invitation (Matthew 11:28-30).
- the confession of our faith leads to our salvation (Romans 10:9-11).
- Godly sorrow turns a person away from sin to living a righteous life (Luke 5:32, 2 Corinthians 7:10).
- Baptism is one's new birth; when we bury the sinful man and rise up into a new spiritual life (Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21-22).
- by living a faithful life God is glorified (Hebrews 13:15-16).

You are always welcome here. If you have any questions, or would like to know more about our beliefs please contact any member, call Max Pratt directly, or call the church office or to arrange time with him.

Leadership and Logistics

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