

Westworth Church of Christ

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Worshiping
Serving
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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's Message

“THE VIRGIN BIRTH—PART II”

Speaker – Max Pratt



Scripture: Matthew 2:7-18

- **Shepherds**
- **King of the Jews**
- **Herod**
- **Bethlehem**

WAITING, AND MORE WAITING

I remember how much waiting there was before we gathered around the Christmas Tree and opened our presents. School days were held longer than they are now. I could not wait for the bell to ring on the last day of school beginning our break. I also remember how long we had to wait before the day arrived and we celebrated the annual gift of Jesus coming to earth, born of the virgin Mary.

I must admit that as a kid, the meaning of Christ coming to earth to save us from our sins was not the highest priority I had. My mind was primarily upon the presents; you know the ones I would receive. They were piled under the tree and kept showing up almost daily. And I just could not handle the waiting for the day to come.

What I experienced in those days of my youth vanished. It seems suddenly as an adult. The waiting turned into one of the busiest times of the year. The days flashed by and soon the rush was on to gather all that we needed for the children and grandchildren.

Time does not exist outside of our earthly lifetime. But I have wondered if the angels and other heavenly hosts felt as I did, as they waited for the birth of Jesus. Isaiah made the prophet declaration that the virgin would be with child over seven hundred years before his birth. It had been much longer since Moses told God's people that one like him would come and they should listen to him. An even longer wait since God cursed Satan for tempting Eve with his lies. Following the sin of eating the forbidden fruit the Lord said that strife or war would come between the devil and the seed of woman.

I doubt the angelic chorus had to practice their song for that Christmas song that night when they appeared before the shepherds. They sang, praising God: ***“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”***
(Luke 2:14)

Waiting... (continued)

The thrill of opening the presents as a child no longer exists for me. I have enjoyed the thrill of my children, grandchildren and a great-grandchild. But more important is celebrating the true reason for the season: **“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:11)**

Max

In the Month Ahead...

TODAY Fellowship Lunch— Hope everyone is planning to join our “Soup” Lunch today. When we’ve done this in the past, we have always been surprised and delighted with the varieties of delicious soups.

LEADERSHIP MEETING—

Elders & Deacons will meet in the conference room after lunch.

December 25—Hope everyone can be with family and friends to enjoy what we celebrate — “the Reason for The Season” — and to acknowledge and appreciate the abundance we all enjoy. Most especially the abundant love of Christ.

**December 31, 6pm til ??—**

New Year’s Eve and White Elephant Gift Exchange—this is always such a fun event.—so let’s get-together for one last 2025 “hoorah”. We’ll have black-eyed peas and ham sandwiches -(provided by the church) along with any snacks you want to bring. Maybe some games, and for those who wish to participate—

The White Elephant Gift Exchange.

So, scour the house and find something “suitable” for this fun Gift Exchange.



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:

Janice Stanfield—received a good report from the recent biopsy. There was no cancer! Praise to God for this wonderful news.

Kreger & Flaherty families — Please continue to pray for the families of Wayne Kreger, for comfort and peace following his death.

Betty Lane—had a skin cancer removed from her face recently. She appears to be healing nicely and is as lovely as ever. Please keep her in your prayers.

Lily Keller Lily continues to experience digestion issues and the food restrictions are a real challenge. No answers yet as to the cause. Please keep Lily, as well as Nathan and Andrea, in your prayers.

Donna Simco—Donna continues her healing, and it was nice to see her “upright” as a greeter last week. Please continue prayers for her complete healing.

Julie Ferris— Julie’s progress and recovery continue going well. She is making strides in her increased stability and energy. Please continue prayers for Julie’s recovery and thanks for Sharold’s strength as an excellent care giver.

Lee Hall—Lee had a visit with Kidney doctor recently. They learned his kidney function has improved somewhat—good news. Please keep Lee and Jane in your prayers.

Ronnie Cope’s wife, Mary - Ronnie reports that monitoring continues and so far—“No News is Good News” - there has been no change and she seems to be ok. Doctors plan to keep watching for any changes. Please continue to pray for Mary.

Missy Sherrill (Wanda Reynolds’ daughter) - recovery from health issues and a successful job search.

Please continue your prayers for these individuals and groups:

Melva Campbell—as she adjusts to the major changes in her life, including her relocation to assisted living. (The Westmore, Room 307; 25 Leonard Trail, 76114.ph: 682-267-0831 (behind Panera Bread and Canes Chicken)

Christi Kreger’s 6 year-old nephew, Jack—He is showing some improvement recently. Please continue your prayers for Jack and the family.

David Burris — Please keep David in your prayers for his many health issues.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us regularly:

♦ Pat Straw

♦ Jane Whitley

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

Please also pray for:

- † Rain—prayers of thanks for the recent rains.
- † Children and school teachers
- † Victims of the conflicts in the Ukraine and those involved in humanitarian efforts; and Middle East —that the recent peace agreement will be successful
- † Westworth Church Leadership
- † The President and all government leadership
- † Young adults/couples who are beginning their adult walk
- † Malawi Mission Work—especially for hiring new teachers

Please make known your prayer needs.

Psalm 37:23-24

- ²³ The Lord makes firm the steps
of the one who delights in him;
- ²⁴ though he may stumble, he will not fall,
for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

December Birthdays



Curtis Thompson	Dec 4	Christy Snell	Dec 26
Larry Wilhite	Dec 15	Joslyn Dunson	Dec 27
David Burris	Dec 24	Jack Lisle	Dec 29
Darla Thornton	Dec 25		

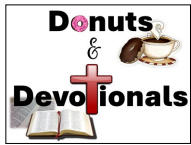
December Anniversaries

Tyler & Sarah Nichols	Dec 14
Nathan & Andrea Keller	Dec 15
Bill & Sherry Jones	Dec 30
Lee & Jane Hall	Dec 31



OUR CONTINUING WORKS

- **DONUTS AND DEVO’S (D&D)**

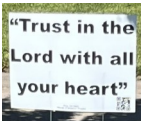


Sundays at 9:00 am in the activity building. Max presents informal studies every week at 9 am. Everyone is welcomed/encouraged to participate in this extra study. Donuts and breakfast beverages are included.

- **Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank**

Please keep this good work in your plans to share the bounty we receive from the Lord. Your gifts are delivered monthly.

- **WORDS-OF-WISDOM**—Signs to “Plant” in your yard are available in the activity building conference room.



- **Weekly Sermon always available**— The lessons/sermons from previous weeks are always available on the church website at:
<https://www.westworthcoc.org/sermons-3/>

Communion Service for Residents at Eagle Crest Villa



2:30 PM

Every Sunday

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**113 Denver Tr.
Azle, TX**

This service for the residents at Eagle Crest continues weekly. The group of residents who participate are always glad to see us and to have the opportunity to sing a couple of hymns, hear some words of encouragement and take communion.

If you would like to join the group just arrive at the site a few minutes before 2:30 or contact Max Pratt, Mike Lisle, or Brian Flaherty if you need more information.

PLEASE NOTE...

Directory update—The plan is to have a new directory ready for distribution soon—probably in early January. A good way to start the new year, with updated information.

Pictorial Directory—

Thanks to those of you who have sent your “selfies”. There are MANY more to go, so... Put on your best “glamor shots” smile, take your best selfie—one for each family member—and send it to the church:



westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net

We will print the photos —thinking ‘wallet size’—and display them on the tree with each person’s name. If there is anyone you don’t know, we believe this will be helpful in putting names and faces together.



If you prefer NOT to have your picture displayed please let us know, we will still include your name as a family member.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Kids Pages

FOLLOWING THE STAR

Help the Wise Men Find Jesus



Memory verse:

Psalm 100:1-2

- ¹ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.



Crayons available in south foyer



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SCHEDULED STUDIES

♦ Monday—Women’s Virtual Bible Study Weekly — 7:00 pm via Google meet

The ladies group will begin a new study in January 2026. A perfect time to join.

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN when the group resumes in January —The fellowship and “sisterhood” found in this group is a treasure chest of support and encouragement. Please contact Tracy Robertson for website information and to be added to the text group.

Tracy Robertson 817-308-0554
or tracyrobertson1966@gmail.com



♦ Tuesday—Westworth Men’s Group (virtual)

Weekly—7:00 pm via ZOOM meeting.

Current Study:

Expect the Light by Gene Shelburne

All men—young and “mature” alike—are encouraged to join this fellowship and study.

If you would like to participate, please make sure Bill Jones has your email address so he can send a link to the meeting.



♦ Wednesday Night Bible Study— 7pm —

Current Study: The Book of Romans

Led by David Keller



If the New Testament were a Christian’s Constitution then Romans is our Bill Of Rights for Paul explains in no uncertain terms that we are FREE from sin. Come join us on Wednesday nights as we examine Romans to better understand these freedoms.

(Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve are both on Wednesday—no regular study time on those dates.)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

If unable to serve please call Max Pratt—325-718-9987

Date	Today—December 14
Open	David Keller
Usher	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Sharold Ferris
Communion	Bill Jones
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones
Reading	John Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Sherry Yates

COMING WEEKS

Date	Dec 21	Dec 28	Jan 4
Open	Max Pratt	Bill Jones	
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Brian Flaherty	
Songs/Close	Mike Lisle	Max Pratt	
Prayer	Max Lisle	Marty Montgomery	
Communion	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Thompson	
Bible Story Kids Church	David Keller / David & Hettie Keller and Laurice Reeves	Curtis Dunson / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	
Reading	Cooper Thompson	Jaedon Snell	
Lesson	Max Pratt	Mike Lisle	
A/V	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger	

Communion Preparation December: Laurice Reeves



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 to arrange time with him.



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 Eric Kreger
 Marty Montgomery
 John Snell