

Westworth Church of Christ

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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!

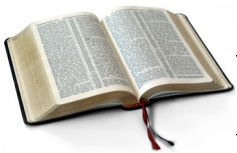
If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card found on the back of each pew. Any prayer requests may also be made on the flip side of the card. You may hand it to any member, place it in the contribution plate when passed, or simply leave it in the pew for us.

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

“KEEPING GOD’S LAW”

Speaker – Max Pratt



Scripture: Luke 2:21-40

- **Presenting Jesus**
- **Redeeming the First-Born Male**
- **Simeon**
- **Hannah**
- **Jesus Grew in Strength & Wisdom**
- **God's Grace Was Upon Him**

Honoring the Lord Jesus

There are many ways to honor and praise the Lord Jesus. Attending worship services regularly is one way many of us give him our time and devotion. As far back as I can remember, meeting with the church family was done several times a week. I know many others who were introduced to Jesus through their parents and grandparents. And today they continue to be among those who offer praise and adoration to their blessed Savior. All of us who have been so blessed are very grateful for those who led us into the assemblies of the church.

At this season of the year, we share in the celebration of the Lord's birth. So many traditions have been developed over the centuries since the Virgin Birth took place. Songs that we only sing during this special time of remembering Jesus coming to earth, the stable where he was born, the angels announcing his birth to the shepherds along with the heavenly chorus singing their songs declaring glory to God and his favor upon mankind, special worship services, family gatherings and the list just keeps growing.

The decorations that light up our property is a way of declaring that Jesus' coming has great meaning to us who live here. I love the expression, "Wisemen still seek him". Those words take us on the journey with the Magi who traveled a long distance in search for the "Newborn King of the Jews". They found him when his star appeared again that led them to the house where Jesus and his mother were staying. It also challenges us to be like them in our search for Jesus. Every day we should be longing for the Lord to be in our hearts, conversations and commitment to him.

Perhaps the best way to honor Jesus is to be like him in our daily life. I believe Jesus intends for all his disciples to be 'little Jesus's' doing what he would do in our everyday life. In our speech, our character and in our hearts, we let Jesus be Jesus in us.

Waiting... (continued)

“I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.” Eph. 3:14-17.

I borrow the apostle’s prayer and pray it for us this season of celebrating Christ’s birth.

Max

Remaining this month...

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) and your favorite snacks that you bring to share. 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:

Pat Straw—Pat has had a difficult December. She took a fall on 12/2, tested positive for COVID the next day (7 days in isolation), and had a UTI with it's difficult side-effects. Then on December 13, her brother, Lynwood Parker, passed away. Please keep Pat in your prayers for comfort in her loss, and restored health.

Kreger & Flaherty families — Please continue to pray for the families of Wayne Kreger, for comfort and peace, especially during this first holiday season without him.

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 she looks really happy to be up and even able to drive again. 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—continues to adapt to her recent change in living arrangements. Please continue your prayers for Melva's comfort in this adjustment to new surroundings and the opportunity to make new friends who will no doubt love her like we do.

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.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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

- ♦ Pat Straw ♦ Jane Whitley

Please also pray for:

- † Rain
- † 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.

Romans 12:9-11

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

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		

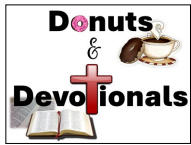
December Anniversaries

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)**

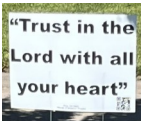


Sundays at 9:00 am in the activity building. Max presents informal studies every week at 9 am. Everyone is welcomed/encouraged to participate in this extra study. Donuts and breakfast beverages are included.

- **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 photos for the pictorial directory. There are MANY more to go (**MORE THAN HALF**), so... Put on your best “glamor shots” smile, take your best selfie—one for each family member (*or a family photo if you prefer*)—and send it to the church:



westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net

We will print the photos 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 need help or someone to take your picture, Sherry will be happy to help.

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



Philippians 3:13-14

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Kids Pages

Christmas Word Search

G Q C E L V E S Z L I G H T S
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Decorations	Candy Canes	Christmas	Mistletoe
Celebrate	Ornament	Reindeer	Cookies
Lights	Presents	Family	Elves
Giving	Dinner	Wreath	Santa



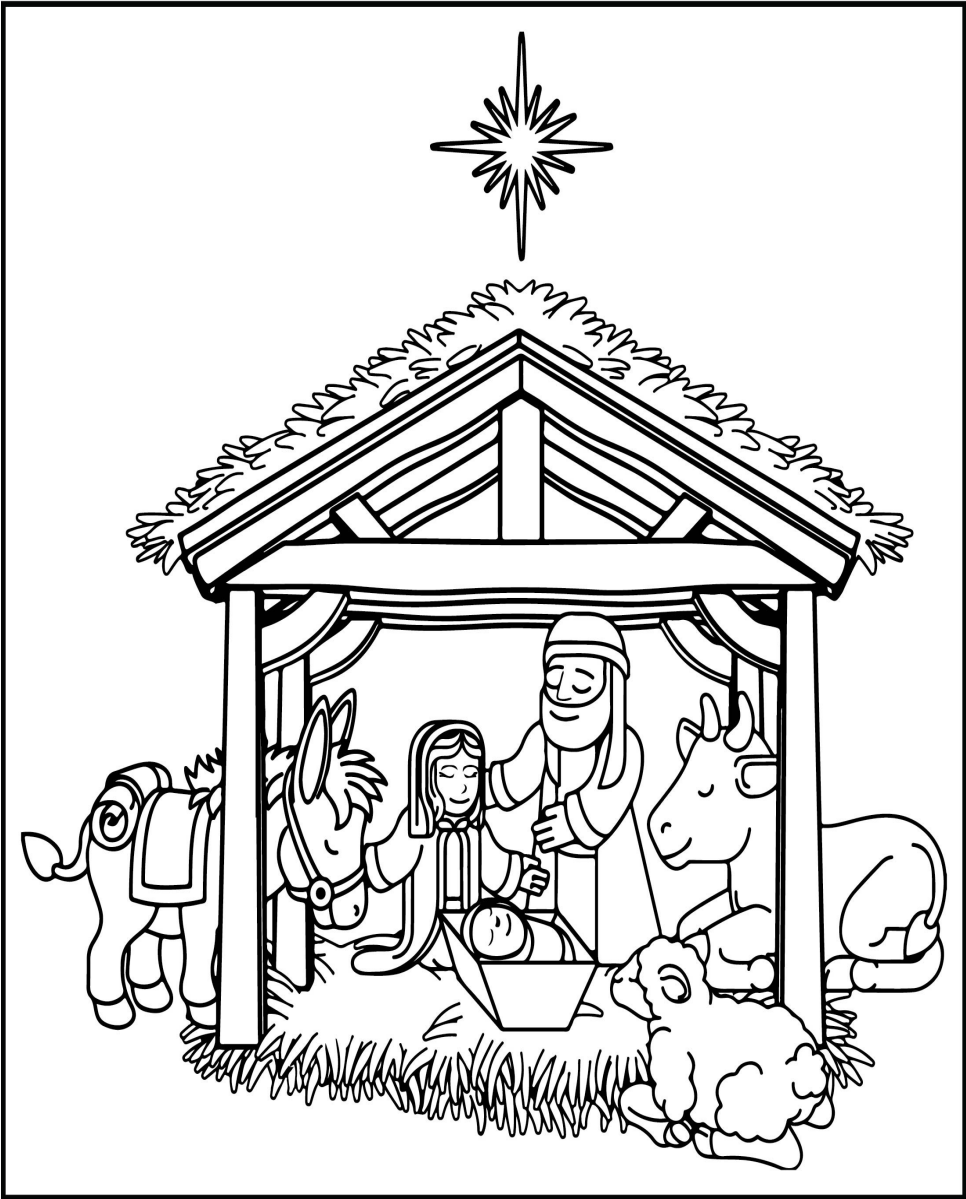
Memory verse:

Luke 1:30-31

³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God." ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.



Crayons available in south foyer



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.



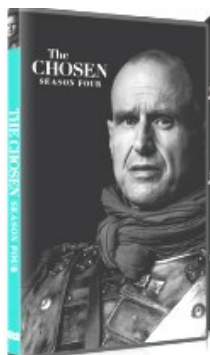
♦ **Wednesday Night Bible Study— 7pm —**

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

David will take a break from leading us through the study of Romans for a while.

Beginning in January, we will view and discuss **The Chosen**, Season 4.

Everyone is invited to join these Wednesday night study sessions.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Date	Today—December 21
Open	Max Pratt
Usher	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Mike Lisle
Prayer	Max Lisle
Communion	Brian Flaherty
Bible Story Kids Church	David Keller Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones
Reading	Cooper Thompson
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11
Open	Bill Jones		
Usher	Brian Flaherty		
Songs/Close	Max Pratt		
Prayer	Marty Montgomery		
Communion	Curtis Thompson		
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson		
Reading	Jaedon Snell		
Lesson	Mike Lisle		
A/V	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