



West Main Baptist Church
October 1, 2023
World Communion Sunday

To all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are friendless and need friendship, to all who are homeless and need sheltering love, to all who pray and to all who do not, but should, to all who sin and need a Savior, this church opens wide its doors and makes free a place, and in the name of Jesus the Lord, says “Welcome!”
- from the West Main bulletin, 1949

*congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison

PRE SERVICE MUSIC Mark Gourley

WELCOME Drew Herring

CHORAL PRELUDE O God Our Help In Ages Past Sanctuary Choir
(Text and Tune, Celebrating Grace 566); Dave and Jean Perry, arr. Jon Lawton, recorder

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ephesians 2:19-21) Sean Timmons
We all belong here!
God is building a home using each of us.
We are being fitted together, like bricks upon the foundation of saints, apostles, and prophets
with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone
God is building a temple here.
Let us worship the Lord, for he is making his home among us!

*HYMN 246 The Church’s One Foundation The Church

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From West Main’s Mission & Vision Statement) Sean Timmons
Our love of God and our love for one another binds us together. We acknowledge that life in Christian community is sometimes difficult, often joyful, always a journey in which we walk together in mutual care, whatever comes.

*RESPONSE 705 Glory Be to the Father The Church
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.
(As we sing, the children are invited to come forward for the children’s lesson)

CHILDREN’S LESSON Jennifer Clatterbuck

(After the children’s lesson, preschool children through kindergarten are encouraged to follow their leader to our Extended Session in the preschool area. Grades one and above remain in worship.)

*HYMN 274 As Grain on Scattered Hillsides The Church

SERMON “A Family Walking Together” Drew Herring
Mark 2: 1-12

THE LORD’S SUPPER Anthem Jesus At Your Holy Table Sanctuary Choir
(BEACH SPRING); Benjamin Briggs, arr.

*HYMN 534 Bricks and Mortar, Hands and Labor The Church

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Bobby Harris

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Leaning Sanctuary Choir
(Text and Tune, Celebrating Grace 640) David M. Hines, arr. Sandie Parker, piano

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN) The Church
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
O Praise Him! Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*BENEDICTION Ethan Stephens

POSTLUDE Festive Trumpet Tune Mark Gourley
David German

Thank you to Sandie Parker, Jon Lawton and Avery Holshouser for assisting in worship this morning.

Join Us for the Church Picnic

Today, 5-7 P.M. @ the Mills’ farm
1127 Loomfixer Lake Rd.

Hot Dogs, Hay Rides, Yard Games, Farm
Animals S’mores & Popcorn over the fire

Bring chairs and a potluck side
to share!

• Emmaus Café, Wed., Oct. 4 @ 5:30

Menu: BBQ, Baked Beans, Potato Salad,
Cole Slaw and Dessert

Please sign up by Tues.@ noon

• Blessing of the Animals 10/15, 3-4 P.M.

• Trunk or Treat, 10/25 @ 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Trunk hosts needed! See Jennifer