



Order for the Worship of God

163rd Meeting of Palo Duro Presbytery
Hosted virtually via Zoom by
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Abilene

February 6, 2026

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Prayerfully offer your plate offering electronically or by mail.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND CONTEMPLATION

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND POEM

Grandpa Putting Salt on His Ice Cream

by Jay Leeming

He would hold the saltshaker
in his right hand, and tap the end
over the dark chocolate.
"It enhances the flavor," he would say.
He had more ice cream in his life
than his ancestors ever did, and more butter,
and more milk, and more eggs.
And when these things filled his veins
and pulled him down,
when the barn of his heart caught fire,
it was those ancestors that his eyes
rolled back to see;
strong Norwegian brothers
driving their cows out of the fields
towards the market and the city,
towards railroads and electric lights,
towards world wars and cameras,
towards his body, his thoughts
and his life.

from *Dynamite on a China Plate: Poems*.
The Backwaters Press, 2006

Pastor Dr. Sara Core

Rev. Dr. Scott Campbell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruling Elder Dr. Jennifer Plantier

Leader: Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you, Lord, shall save both man and beast. How precious is your loving mercy, O God! All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings. [PSALM 36:5-10]

The Body of Christ: They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; they shall drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the well of life, and in your light shall we see light. O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

CALL TO CONFESSON AND PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Ruling Elder Isaiah Core

Lord of all generations, we are in awe of your patience throughout history. You do not faint or grow weary, and your understanding is unsearchable. We confess, however, that we are so unlike you – impatient, cross, and unfaithful. Forgive us. It is by your design, and not by accident, that we live here and now with a purpose. By your gracious gift, we aim to imitate Christ. We're your disciples, and we pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Dr. Sara Core

GLORIA PATRI (Read and not sung.)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:13-20

Ruling Elder Carolyn Ainsworth

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Dr. Sara Core

MEDITATING ON AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PROCLAMATION

“Enough”

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

Rev. Dr. Norma Quinn

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor Dr. Sara Core

OFFERING

Designated giving for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

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DOXOLOGY (Read and not sung.)

Ruling Elder Dr. Jennifer Plantier

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

CHRIST'S TABLE OFFERED TO ALL

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COMMISSIONING OF PASTOR SARA CORE

to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Abilene

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Rev. Becky Fox, PDP Moderator

COMMISSION

Ruling Elder Bill Core, Ruling Elder Carolyn Ainsworth, Ruling Elder Melinda Alexander,
Rev. Dana Mayfield, Rev. Doug House, C.P. Charlie Bazan, and C.P. Stacy Clopton

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Norma Quinn

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Don Stribling

ABOUT NORMA QUINN

After several years in public accounting and in private enterprises, such as a financial advisor and accountant, Dr. Quinn entered the ministry in answer to God's call to bring wholeness to people wherever she could. She has combined her business background with a desire to help people live out their Kingdom potential. Norma has served the United Methodist Church in large and medium-sized churches and has successfully led congregations through financial campaigns and multi-million-dollar capital campaigns that were only possible through the leading and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. As Senior Pastor, her vision always was to help individuals and congregations see what joy there is in generosity and allowing God to direct the process.

After serving as the Conference Treasurer for the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church, Norma retired from the Conference and is devoting her attention full-time to her ministry at Horizons. Her heart is in helping bring about health in congregations as they live out their call. James G. Nunn, Bishop, Oklahoma Area states, "She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the ministry of stewardship, an ability to see possibilities, a background built on a culture of generosity, and an effective ministry of building disciples. Norma will be a blessing to any church or organization that she serves!" Norma earned her Master of Divinity from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University and Doctorate of Ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation. Norma is a trained coach and member of the International Coaching Federation (ICF). She is a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE).

She and her husband, Bryant, have three grown children and three adorable grandsons. They reside in Granbury, Texas. Contact Norma at nquinn@horizons.net