



Hebrews 4:16

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LAST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

March 30 • after Worship

Join us the last Sunday for a potluck lunch. There will be good food and great conversation. Sign up in the foyer. Last Sundays are also a great Sunday to bring a neighbor or friend to introduce them to Westover.



2025 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

May 3 in Falls Church

Join NorthStar for *Cultivating our Stories* featuring Kelly Minter with Worship Leader, Kimberly Williams. Invite your friends for a great day of Bible teaching, worship, and lots of laughter! Tickets link is on our website.



TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Eric Simmons grew up in the DMV. He met his wife Lisa in high school and they have been married for thirty years. They have four children; three are adults and one is a junior at H-B Woodlawn. He did not grow up in a Christ following home, but Christ opened his eyes when he was 18 and he's never been the same since. Eric has been a pastor for almost three decades and finds it is an incredible joy serving Christ's church and telling anyone who will listen about Jesus. He loves the Washington Commanders and most music from the 1980s.

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Westover Baptist Church
March 9, 2025
We Will Thrive!
First Sunday of Lent

Prelude "For All the Saints" – arr. Laurence
Alma O. Sanford, Minister of Music

Chimes

Welcome Ed Koch, Administrator

***Hymn 537** "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" (v. 1,2,5)

Scripture Reading Hebrews 4:14 – 5:10 NIV
Karen Smithson, Children's Ministry Coordinator

***Hymn 540** "Saved, Saved"

Announcements Administrator

Congregational Prayer Sarah Mberia Dunbar

Interlude & Silent Prayer "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" – arr. Roberson
Minister of Music

***Hymn 572** "I Love to Tell the Story"

Sermon "Christ: A Better Friend"
Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10 NIV
Rev. Eric Simmons, Guest Speaker

Invitation Rev. Simmons
*During the Invitation hymn, you are invited to come forward to make a
commitment to follow Jesus Christ as your Savior. You may also decide to
become a member of this congregation of Christ's church.*

***Invitation Hymn 185** "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners" (v. 1,5)

Benediction Rev. Simmons

Postlude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" – arr. Whitworth
Minister of Music

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome to Worship at Westover Baptist Church!

We invite our guests to complete the online guest form
to let us know you joined us for worship today.

*We are thankful you came to join with us in our worship time today,
We hope that you have felt God's love in a new refreshing way,
For you are welcome in this place, and we hope you will come again,
To join with us in fellowship, and to make some special friends.*

Prayer Requests

We want to pray with you. Please share your joys, cares and
concerns by email to **church@westoverbaptist.org** or through the
Prayer menu on our home page.

Scripture Reading

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into
heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we
profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize
with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in
every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then
approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may
receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed
to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and
sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are
ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to
weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as
well as for the sins of the people. And no one takes this honor on
himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming
a high priest. But God said to him,

"You are my Son; today I have become your Father."
And he says in another place,
"You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and
petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him
from death, and he was heard because of his reverent
submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he
suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal
salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high
priest in the order of Melchizedek.