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test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
Point out anything in me that offends you,  
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*

Psalm 139:23-24



### **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY POTLUCK Today • after Worship**

Come, fellowship, and enjoy a potluck lunch after worship in the Bike Room. Didn't bring a dish, come anyway! Plenty to eat.

### **SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS**

A quarter of our community experiences food insecurity. Help support those who are hungry by bringing a boxed or canned food item to church on Sundays and drop in the blue boxes in the foyer. AFAC has a regular collection point inside Door 2 at Westover you can use and tell your neighbors about.

### **TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER**

Today, we welcome Minister Archie Bates-Mendoza. Archie is a minister and missionary at heart. She holds a BA from the University of Maryland and a Masters in Christian Leadership from the John Leland Center for Theological Studies. Before Uptick, she served as an Associate and later Senior Pastor of a multi-cultural church in Arlington.

She has led volunteer groups to serve locally and in different parts of the world training them to work across cultural differences while loving the people in the name of Jesus. Her greatest desire is that pastoral leaders would trust God in their calling and become experts of their communities in order to proficiently bridge the inequities that hinder them from thriving and experiencing His great love for all people. She is married to her beloved husband, Miguel; mother to a boisterous 5-year-old and another little girl on the way.

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**August 31, 2025**  
**We Will Thrive!**

**Prelude** "Blessed Assurance" – arr. Milholland  
Arielle Sukhram-Ziemer, Pianist

**Welcome** Ed Koch, Administrator

**Invocation** Administrator

**\*Hymn 446** "Take Time to Be Holy"

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 139:17-24 NLT  
Karen Smithson, Children's Ministry Coordinator

**\*Hymn 568** "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

**Congregational Prayer** Minister Erroll Moore

**Interlude  
& Silent Prayer** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" – arr. Rocherolle  
Pianist

**\*Hymn 297** "Search Me, O God" (v. 1, 2, 4)<sup>a</sup>

**Sermon** "Praying Dangerous Prayers: Search Me"  
Psalm 139:17-24 NLT  
Rev. Archie Bates-Mendoza, Guest Speaker

**Prayer** Rev. Bates-Mendoza

**Announcements** Administrator

**Postlude** "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" – arr. Milholland  
Pianist

\*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**

How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.  
They cannot be numbered!  
I can't even count them;  
they outnumber the grains of sand!  
And when I wake up,  
you are still with me!

O God, if only you would destroy the wicked!  
Get out of my life, you murderers!  
They blaspheme you;  
your enemies misuse your name.  
O Lord, shouldn't I hate those who hate you?  
Shouldn't I despise those who oppose you?  
Yes, I hate them with total hatred,  
for your enemies are my enemies.

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