

# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, January 21, 2024 A.M.

WPC exists to develop in ourselves and others a passion for the glory of God and the preeminence of Christ in all of life and in all the world, as revealed in the infallible, inerrant Word of God alone.

# The Lord's Day

January 21, 2024 10:15 a.m.

#### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand."

(Psalm 95:6-7)

#### \*Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise #57

#### "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul" Psalm 146

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days. Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend; He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid; He is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain; He delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free, Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eye to see. Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends, Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days. Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King; Unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

#### READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:13-28

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

(Acts 10:43)

#### \*Song

#### "O Great God"

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

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#### \*Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism #3-4

Pastor: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

All: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Pastor: What is God?

All: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

#### SONG

#### "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.

Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Saviour, he will stay I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever is my plea. Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus for he has said that he will bring me home.

And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold my: hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Exodus 29:1-46 Rev. Chad Watkins

"The Priesthood, Part II"

Steps of Ordination

Signposts of the Savior

#### \*Hymn of Response #242

### "Not all the Blood of Beasts"

Not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain, could give the guilty conscience peace, or wash away the stain:

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, takes all our sins away, a sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of thine, while like a penitent I stand, and there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see the burdens thou didst bear, when hanging on the cursed tree, and knows her guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove; we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice, and sing his bleeding love.

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

# **WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Evening Service Tonight**

We encourage you to join us for evening worship at 5:30pm. If you cannot attend in person please join us via our livestream. To access the livestream go to our website www.wpc-pca.com and click on livestream.

# Stewardship Lunch Feb 4, 2024

The Session and Diaconate invites all WPC members to stay for a "stewardship" lunch following the morning service on February 4th. WPC traditionally has a stewardship themed gathering annually. At these meetings the Officers present the budget for the current year and discuss the finances of the church. It has been some time since we last updated the congregation on these matters. So we would appreciate the congregation gathering on the 4th for this important update. More details on the lunch coming soon.

# Bahamas Short Term Mission Trip - Deadline January 31st

Westminster is hoping to organize another short-term missions' trip to Nassau Bahamas in July 2024 but we need to hear from you first!

If we go to the Bahamas in 2024, we need a team of at least **14** people to support a grade-school literacy and bible camp during the week of July 13-20. We need to hear from you by <u>January 31st</u> if you are interested in joining the team.

If you would like to know more about what is involved in going on the trip, please talk to one of last year's participants and communicate your interest with Landon Jostes. <a href="mailto:landonjostes@gmail.com">landonjostes@gmail.com</a>

#### For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.

Evening Service

Wednesday, January 24, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Ladies Bible Study

Thursday, January 25, 6:00 a.m. Carpenters Apprentices

Thursday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.

Missions Meeting

Friday, January 26, 9:00 a.m.

Food Ministry

Friday, January 26 Office Closed