Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, October 17, 2021



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.

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October 17, 2021 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever."

(Psalm 111:1-3)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise #302

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend; His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 6:24-7:2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Assurance of Pardon

"And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD.

For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

(Jeremiah 31:34)

*Hymn #248 "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended"

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered: the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered: for man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation: thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

*Confession of Faith WLC Q.82-83

Pastor: What is the communion in glory which the members of the invisible church have with Christ?

<u>All</u>: The communion in glory which the members of the invisible church have with Christ, is in this life, immediately after death, and at last perfected at the resurrection and day of judgment.

<u>Pastor:</u> What is the communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy in this life?

<u>All:</u> The members of the invisible church have communicated to them in this life the firstfruits of glory with Christ, as they are members of him their head, and so in him are interested in that glory which he is fully possessed of; and, as an earnest pledge thereof, enjoy the sense of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, and hope of glory; as, on the contrary, sense of God's revenging wrath, horror of conscience, and a fearful expectation of judgment, are to the wicked the beginning of their torments which they shall endure after death.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

*Song

"Our Great God"

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown. Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown. Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne. They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm. Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms. Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm. Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird; Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth; Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe Sing praises to the Living God, who rules them by His word.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (repeat)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:18-25

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. CHAD WATKINS

"Following in His Steps"

1. A Perspective to Maintain

2. A Pattern to Follow

3. A Person to Adore

*Hymn of Response #610

"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

"Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak soul with vain alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross; nor heed the shame, and let your foolish pride be still; your Lord refused not e'en to die upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly sin's wild deluge brave; 'twill guide you to a better home, it points to glory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow on, nor think till death to lay it down; for only he who bears the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

* THE BENEDICTION

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."

(Philippians 4:23)