

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, October 25, 2020



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 25, 2020 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!”
(Psalm 112:1)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE #92

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 3:16-28

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

(Titus 3:4-7)

***HYMN #55**

“To God be the Glory”

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Chorus

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Chorus

* CONFESSION OF FAITH
WLC Q. 25

Pastor: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate into which man fell?

All: The sinfulness of that estate into which man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of that righteousness wherein he was created, and the corruption of his nature, whereby he is utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite unto all that is spiritually good, and wholly inclined to all evil, and that continually; which is commonly called original sin, and from which do proceed all actual transgressions.

*SONG

“Indescribable”

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your Majesty.

From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings, all exclaiming:

*Indescribable, uncontainable; You placed the stars in the sky,
And you know them by name. You are amazing, God;
All powerful, untamable, Awestruck, we fall to our knees as
We humbly proclaim, You are amazing, God.*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom,

Chorus

Indescribable, uncontainable; You placed the stars in the sky,
And you know them by name. You are amazing, God;
Incomparable, unchangeable, You see the depths of my heart
And you love me the same, You are amazing, God! You are amazing, God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

ESTHER 8:1-9:19

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. KNOX WHITE

The Invisible Hand in the Ubiquitous Empire: “God’s Secret Signature”

God is a God of Reversals.

He humbles the proud and exalts the humble.

He defeats the strong and saves the weak.

He troubles the confident and gives joy to the despairing.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #276**

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

Low in the grave he lay– Jesus, my Savior,
waiting the coming day– Jesus, my Lord.

*Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch his bed– Jesus, my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead– Jesus, my Lord.

Chorus

Death cannot keep his prey– Jesus, my Savior;
He tore the bars away– Jesus, my Lord.

Chorus

*** THE BENEDICTION**

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.”

(1 Thessalonians 3:12-13)

WPC Announcements

Evening Service Tonight: We encourage you to join us for evening worship at 5:30pm via our livestream. To access the livestream go to our website www.wpc-pca.com and click on livestream.

Nursery Volunteers: As we look to opening our nursery we are in need of more volunteers. WPC nursery serves ages newborn to children 3 years of age. If you are willing to serve or want more information about our nursery ministry please call, email or text Robin Dickey at 571-420-2544 or rdickey3901@gmail.com. Please consider joining this ministry of the church. The only requirement for working in the nursery is to be a member of the WPC in good standing for at least 6 months and be willing to lovingly care for our church children. May we ask that you keep this important ministry in your prayers. We want to provide what is needed for the youngest among us and this is only possible when we have loving volunteers. Thank you.

Sunday School: Sunday school classes as well as the Sunday prayer meeting will start 30 minutes earlier than normal in order to give people time to travel for church. So please mark these changes to your schedule.

Seating Request: Each week you will get a new email from the church office with a link to request seating for Sunday worship services. The email will go out each Monday morning and you will have until Wednesday at 4pm to request seating. If for some reason you cannot access the seating request system, please contact the office at 882-8825 between 9am-3pm on Mon-Wed to request seating.

Installation Service: Pastor Knox will be installed as our Associate Pastor tonight during the evening service.

Congregational Meeting November 1st: The congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers will be held after the morning and evening worship service on November 1st..

Nominees for Elder:
Kelly Jones

Nominees for Deacon:
Vann Linn
Bryan Raridon
Randy Seay
Bo Thornton

For Your Calendar:

Sunday, October 25, 3:00 p.m.
Children's Bible Class

Wednesday, October 28, 9:30 a.m.
Ladies' Weekly Bible Study

Sunday, October 25, 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Thursday, October 29, 6:00 a.m.
Carpenter's Apprentices