

# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, May 21 2023 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

May 21, 2023 10:15 a.m.

#### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." (James 4:8a)

#### \*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 #53

# "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen sound from His people again: gladly fore'er we adore Him.

#### READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 4:1-22

#### \*Prayer of Confession

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

(Isaiah 55:6-7)

#### \*Psalm 32

What blessedness for him whose guilt has all forgiven been! When his transgressions pardoned are, and covered is his sin. O blessed the man 'gainst whom the Lord counts no iniquity, And in whose spirit there is not deceit or treachery.

When I kept silent, my bones aged; my groaning filled each day. Your hand oppressed me day and night; my moisture dried away.

Then I to You admitted sin, hid not my guiltiness;
I said, "I will before the Lord transgressions now confess."

Then You did all my sin forgive and take my guilt away. For this when You are near at hand let all the godly pray. The rising floods will harm him not. You are my hiding place. And You will comfort me with songs of victory and grace.

Instruction I will give to you and teach you as you go.
My watchful eye will guide your steps; my counsel you will know.
Be not like senseless horse or mule which if you would subdue
You must with bit and bridle hold to bring him close to you.

The wicked many pangs endure, but steadfast cov'nant love Encircles ev'ry man whose trust is in the LORD above. Be glad and shout, you righteous ones, and in the LORD rejoice! And all whose hearts are just and true sing out with joyful voice.

## \*Confession of Faith WLC O. 183-184

**Pastor:** For whom are we to pray?

<u>All:</u> We are to pray for the whole church of Christ upon earth; for magistrates and ministers; for ourselves, our brethren, yea, our enemies; and for all sorts of men living, or that shall live hereafter; but not for the dead, nor for those that are known to have sinned the sin unto death.

*Pastor:* For what things are we to pray?

<u>All:</u> We are to pray for all things tending to the glory of God, the welfare of the church, our own or others' good; but not for anything that is unlawful.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

#### "Behold Our God"

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice, all creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne, come, let us adore Him Behold our King—nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

Chorus

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth) (Repeat)

Chorus x2

# PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Exodus 20:17 Rev. Chad Watkins

"The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment"

A Deadly Disease

A Double Cure

# \*Hymn of Response #529 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down; Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest: Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be: Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee; Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

(Philippians 4:23)

# **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

#### Officer Nominations Begin This Sunday

It's time again to prayerfully consider, coordinate and make your nominations for elder and deacon. The forms will be in the Narthex alongside the collection box for the completed nomination forms. Please remember to discuss your intention to nominate someone with that person in advance to ensure they are willing to accept the nomination. The nomination period begins this Sunday, May 21, 2023, and closes after the evening service on June 25, 2023.

# **Summer Sunday School**

During the months of June, July, and August we will be combining our adult Sunday School classes into one class. During the month of June, Pastor Chad will teach on the doctrine of the Lord's Supper, addressing the error of paedocommunion as well as setting forth a positive theology of the Supper and the benefits of this means of grace to the believer. The Session encourages all to attend this class (the youth will also join the adults for this study). The months of July & August will be devoted to the study of church history, with a special focus on the early church and its creeds and confessions. The combined class will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

# VBS July 31st - August 4th 4:30pm - 7pm

It's that time of year again! Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School at WPC! This year we will be going through the first part of the book of Exodus and how God delivers His people.

Volunteers are needed! Please see Melissa for more information about how to help with VBS.

Registration for VBS for 4yr through 5th grade (completed) will begin on June 4th.

# For Your Calendar:

**TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.** Evening Service

Wednesday, May 24, 9:30 a.m. Bible Babes Bible Study

Thursday, May 25, 6:00 a.m. Carpenter's Apprentice

Thursday, May 25, 9:00 a.m. Food Ministry

Thursday, May 25, 6:30 p.m. Missions Meeting