

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, July 4th, 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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July 4, 2021 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“How lovely is your dwelling place. O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God... For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!”
(Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12)

*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.

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Hear the Call of the Kingdom”

Hear the call of the Kingdom, lift your eyes to the King.
Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in Mercy, came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;
Walking justly before Him, loving all that is right;
That the light of Christ may shine through us.

*King of heaven, we will answer the call;
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.*

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost;
With the Father's compassion, in the wonder of the cross.
Bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come,
Let the nations put their trust in Him.

Chorus 2x

READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 21:1-16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”

(Ezekiel 36:25-27)

***HYMN #647**

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treasure, filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim with ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.

***CONFESSION OF FAITH
WLC Q. 68-69**

Pastor: Are the elect only effectually called?

All: All the elect, and they only, are effectually called; although others may be, and often are, outwardly called by the ministry of the Word, and have some common operations of the Spirit; who, for their wilful neglect and contempt of the grace offered to them, being justly left in their unbelief, do never truly come to Jesus Christ.

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

All: The communion in grace which the members of the invisible church have with Christ, is their partaking of the virtue of his mediation, in their justification, adoption, sanctification, and whatever else, in this life, manifests their union with him.

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
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

ROMANS 3:21-26
REV. CHAD WATKINS

“Faith in Jesus Christ”

WLC Q. 85-86

Pastor: What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

All: To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Pastor: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

All: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

1. The Nature of Saving Faith

2. The Source of Saving Faith

3. The Nurture of Saving Faith

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #499

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

* 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.

Nursery Open: The church nursery is now open for Sunday School at 9:00a.m. and the morning worship service at 10:15 a.m.

VBS 2021: We encourage you to take some VBS flyers home with you to share with family and any friends you would like to invite. They will be in the Narthex and being handed out by Pastor Knox and Melissa.

Communion Setup: We are looking for some volunteers to help with communion setup on Sunday mornings. If you are interested please contact Kendall in the church office for information.

For Your Calendar:

Sunday, July 4th, 4:00 p.m.
No NextGen

Thursday, July 8, 6:00 a.m.
Carpenter's Apprentices

Sunday, July 4th 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service