

# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, July 31, 2022 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

July 31, 2022 10:15 a.m.

#### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy hill."

(Psalm 3:3-4)

#### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### \*PSALM 24

#### "The Earth and the Riches"

The earth and the riches with which it is stored, the world and its dwellers belong to the LORD, for he on the seas its foundation has laid, and firm on the waters its pillars has stayed.

O who shall the mount of the LORD God ascend, or who in the place if his holiness stand?

The man of pure heart and of hands without stain, who swears not in falsehood nor loves what is vain.

A blessing he shall from the LORD God receive; the God of salvation shall righteousness give. For this is the people, yea, this is the race, who seek Jacob's God, who are seeking his face.

O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
The King of all glory to enter draws night!
Oh who is this King that in glory draws near?
The LORD, mighty LORD, of the battle, is here!

O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
The King of all glory to enter draws nigh!
This King of all glory, O who can he be?
The LORD God of hosts! King of glory is he!

#### READING OF SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:15-29

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

(Psalm 32:5)

#### \*Hymn #455

#### "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me! Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design? In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine. 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace! Humbled Himself so great his love, and bled for all his chosen race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, thru Christ my own. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

# \*Confession of Faith WLC Q. 130

**Pastor:** What are the sins of superiors?

<u>All:</u> The sins of superiors are, besides the neglect of the duties required of them, an inordinate seeking of themselves, their own glory, ease, profit, or pleasure; commanding things unlawful, or not in the power of inferiors to perform; counseling, encouraging, or favoring them in that which is evil; dissuading, discouraging, or discountenancing them in that which is good; correcting them unduly; careless exposing, or leaving them to wrong, temptation, and danger; provoking them to wrath; or in any way dishonoring themselves, or lessening their authority, by an unjust, indiscreet, rigorous, or remiss behavior.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

"Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love"

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love, too vast and astounding to tell,
Forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.
O fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son.
Sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains exultant they stand. The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness, all life is sustained by Your hand. You crown ev'ry meadow with color, You paint ev'ry shade in the sky. Each day that dawn wakes is an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure His love endures forevermore. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace, that You entered our brokenness, You came in the fullness of time. How far we had fallen from righteousness, but not from the mercies of Christ. Your cross is our door to redemption, Your death is our fullness of life. That day, how forgiveness, flowed as a flood; magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure His love endures forevermore. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

United in Your resurrection, You lift us to infinite heights. Could anything sever or take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love?

How great, how sure His love endures forevermore. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. (repeat)

PASTORAL PRAYER THE READING OF SCRIPTURE 2 Cor. 8:1-15; 9:1-15 THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD REV. CHAD WATKINS "The Cheerful Giver" Giving in the OT Giving in the NT God's Inexpressible Gift

Giving With Thanks

## \*Hymn of Response #434 "Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver"

Lord, thou lov'st the cheerful giver, who with open heart and hand blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.

Grant us then the grace of giving with a spirit large and free, that our life and all our living, we may consecrate to thee.

We are thine, thy mercy sought us, found us in death's dreadful way, to the fold in safety brought us, never more from thee to stray.

Thine own life thou freely gavest as an offring on the cross for each sinner whom thou savest from eternal shame and loss.

Blest by thee with gifts and graces, may we heed thy church's call; gladly in all times and places give to thee who givest all.

Thou hast bought us, and no longer can we claim to be our own; ever free and ever stronger, we shall serve thee, Lord, alone.

Savior, thou hast freely given all the blessings we enjoy, earthly store and bread of heaven, love and peace without alloy; humbly now we bow before thee, and our all to thee resign; for the kingdom, pow'r, and glory, are, O Lord, forever thine.

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen." (Revelation 22:21)

# 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.

**Inquirer's Class:** Are you considering joining Westminster? New to Reformed theology or Presbyterianism? Looking to get to know the leadership of our church? Come join us for an Inquirer's Class on Sunday mornings, during the Sunday school hour (9-10am) August 7 - September 11. This class will be co-taught by all of our elders and will cover the basics of our church's theology and philosophy of ministry.

Class is also open those considering membership, current members who may have missed portions of earlier Inquirer's classes or who simply want to brush up on these basics, or long-time members who want to heckle the elders during class (just kidding).

Missions: Church planting in Spain is slow. Decisions for Christ mostly come after many hours in conversation and interaction over the Scriptures, and require a steady diet of the Word and prayer. Through much patience and God's grace, the team in Madrid is seeing God add to their numbers, one by one.

One missionary couple meets Wednesday nights with two young believers for Bible study, and hosts a fellowship group on Sunday nights with song, Bible discussion, prayer, and a meal. These home gatherings have become rich times of spiritual nourishment and growth. The wife has led a book club for women for years, reading books that lend themselves to challenging conversations about life issues and how faith in Christ is relevant. When one woman teared up over losing her job, an opportunity arose to offer encouragement, prayer, and godly counsel. The husband has met with a man nearly every week since October to read the Bible, and God has created in him a hunger to know Jesus. He has recently come to faith and regularly attends the team's new church. God is building His Church!

#### For Your Calendar:

Sunday, July 31, 12:00 p.m. VBS Teacher Decorating Party **Monday-Friday August 1-5** 4:30p.m.-7:00p.m.

VBS!

Sunday, July 31, 5:30 p.m.

**Evening Service** 

Thursday, July 28, 11:00 a.m.

Food Ministry