

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, August 23, 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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August 23, 2020 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money
for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you
an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.”
(Isaiah 55:1-3)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE #345

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver, never fails from age to age!

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 24:10-25

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

(Galatians 1:3-5)

***SONG**

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands; My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav’n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.

For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless, Righteousness.

The great unchangeable I Am, the King of Glory and of grace.

One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

* CONFESSION OF FAITH
WLC Q. 13

Pastor: What has God especially decreed concerning angels and men?

All: God, by an eternal and immutable decree, out of his mere love, for the praise of his glorious grace, to be manifested in due time, has elected some angels to glory; and in Christ has chosen some men to eternal life, and the means thereof: and also according to his sovereign power, and the unsearchable counsel of his own will, (whereby he extends or withholds favor as he pleases,) has passed by and foreordained the rest to dishonor and wrath, to be for their sin inflicted, to the praise of the glory of his justice.

*SONG

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
All o’er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

*I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound), I am bound for the promised land
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No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.

Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father’s face, and in His bosom rest?

Chorus

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

MARK 8:1-21

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. CHAD WATKINS

The Mission of the Messiah: "Grace for the Dim-Witted"

1. Compassionate Savior

2. Hostile Pharisees

3. Dull Disciples

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #457 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

*** 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 via our livestream. To access the livestream go to our website www.wpc-pca.com and click on livestream.

Volunteers: If you would like to volunteer to help clean the sanctuary for services you will be given the opportunity to sign up when you request seating or you can contact the church office.

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.

Child Protection Policy Renewal: There will be a mandatory meeting for all members who have, and wish to continue, to serve as a regular volunteer with any of the children's ministries including youth, nursery and VBS. The meeting will be held through Zoom on Sunday August 23, at 3:30pm. If you have any questions or do not receive an email with the Zoom link prior to the 23rd please contact the church office.

For Your Calendar:

Sunday, August 23, 2:30 p.m.
Children's Bible Class

Wednesday, August 26, 10:00 a.m.
Children's Story Time

Sunday, August 23, 3:30 p.m.
Child Protection Policy Renewal

Thursday, August 27, 6:00 a.m.
Carpenter's Apprentices

Sunday, August 23, 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service