

# *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

*The Lord's Day, September 6, 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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September 6, 2020 5:30 p.m.

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## 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.”

*(Psalm 84:1-2)*

### \*PSALM OF PRAISE #76

#### *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends, and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angles, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

**\* PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.”  
*(1 Timothy 1:15)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Acts 23:23-35

**\*SONG**

***“What Grace is Mine”***

What grace is mine, that He who dwells in endless light  
Called through the night to find my distant soul.  
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me  
That I might live and in His Name be known.

*So I will go where ever He is calling me;  
I lose my life to find my life in Him.  
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies;  
I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him.*

What grace is mine, to know His breath alive in me;  
Beneath His wings my weary soul may soar.  
All fear can flee for death’s dark night is overcome;  
My Savior lives and reigns for evermore.

*Chorus*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**ESTHER 1**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**REV. KNOX WHITE**

*“The Emperor’s New Queen”*

Big Idea: God is still sovereign in exile, so learn to laugh at the empire.

Where is God in exile?

He's in the laughter.

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE #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.

\* **THE BENEDICTION**

“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now forever. Amen.”

*(Jude 24-25)*

# WPC Announcements

**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.

**Congregational Meeting:** The session is calling a congregational meeting for **Sunday, September 13th** after both the morning and evening services for the purpose of voting to extend a call to Rev. Knox White to the position of Associate Pastor. A letter has been mailed to all members and regular attenders with information regarding the session's recommendation.

## For Your Calendar:

**Thursday, September 10, 6:00 a.m.**  
Carpenter's Apprentices