

Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, August 7, 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.

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August 7, 2022 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!"

(Psalm 117)

*Prayer of Invocation

*SONG OF PRAISE

"Come Praise and Glorify"

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord. In Christ, He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured. For pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be, And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally.

To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace; To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves.

Come praise and glorify our God, who gives His grace in Christ. In Him, our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice. In Him, God has made known to us the myst'ry of His will, That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill.

Chorus

Come praise and glorify our God, for we've believed the Word; And through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord. The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done, Until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One.

Chorus x2

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Galatians 4:1-20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

(Isaiah 53:4-6)

*Hymn #689

"Be Still, My Soul"

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in ev'ry change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the vale of tears, then shall you better know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*Confession of Faith WLC Q. 131-133

Pastor: What are the duties of equals?

<u>All:</u> The duties of equals are, to regard the dignity and worth of each other, in giving honor to go one before another; and to rejoice in each other's gifts and advancement, as their own.

Pastor: What are the sins of equals?

<u>All:</u> The sins of equals are, besides the neglect of the duties required, the undervaluing of the worth, envying the gifts, grieving at the advancement or prosperity one of another; and usurping pre-eminence one over another.

Pastor: What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment, the more to enforce it?

<u>All:</u> The reason annexed to the fifth commandment in these words, *that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee*, is an express promise of long life and prosperity, as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good, to all such as keep this commandment.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King; He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness now the Light of Life has come; Look to Christ, who condescended took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man; In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man; Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree; In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold; Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life; But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive! What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope; Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD The Promise God Keeps The Promise God Keeps The Persecution We Face

The Perspective We Need

"Then Isr'el Came to Egypt's Land"

Then Isr'el came to Egypt's land; When Jacob journeyed west, They settled in the land of Ham. The LORD His people blessed. He made them stronger than their foes, whose hearts He filled with hate That made them hunt His people out, His servants trick and bait.

He sent His servant Moses then, and Aaron whom He chose. In Ham they did His miracles; His signs among their foes. He sent deep darkness on the land, His word was not defied. He turned their waters into blood, and caused their fish to die.

He caused their land to swarm with frogs, Kings' chambers filled with them. He spoke, and swarms of flies and gnats throughout their country came. He gave them hail instead of rain, their land with lightning flashed. He struck their fig trees and their vines, by Him their trees were slashed.

He spoke, and countless locusts came, their fruits and leaves devoured. He killed each firstborn in their land, the princes of their pow'r. He brought His people out enriched with silver and with gold; and there was none among His tribes who stumbled, young or old.

*THE BENEDICTION

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word."

(2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

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).

Communicants Class: Starting in September, our church will be offering a Communicants Class. This class is designed to help prepare the children of our church to make a public profession of faith and to be examined for communicant membership. The class will be held every other Sunday afternoon for a 12 week period. Children will complete a workbook which covers the basics of the Christian faith, as well as the basics of church membership.

If you believe that your child is ready to make a profession, please talk to Pastor Knox about getting a book.

For Your Calendar:

Sunday, August 7, 5:30 p.m.

Evening Service

Thursday, August 11, 6:00 a.m.

Carpenter's Apprentice

Monday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.

Diaconate Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 11:00 a.m.

Food Ministry

Tuesday, August 9, 5:30 p.m.

Session Meeting