

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, September 20, 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 20, 2020 5:30 p.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say. Rejoice.”

(Philippians 4:4)

*SONG OF PRAISE

“By Faith”

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth.

Chorus

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses by canceling
the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.”

(Colossians 2:13-14)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 25:1-12

HYMN #111

“This Is My Father’s World”

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

ESTHER 2:19-3:15

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. KNOX WHITE

The Invisible Hand in the Ubiquitous Empire: “What Makes the World Go Round?”

Big Idea: Even though the world is wicked and powerful, God is still sovereign.

The world’s wanton wishes

The world's wicked ways.

The world's sweeping power.

The world's unwitting weakness

* PSALM OF RESPONSE #2

“Why Do Gentile Nations Rage?”

Why do Gentile nations rage, and their useless plots design?
Kings of earth in schemes engage, rulers are in league combined.
They speak out against the LORD; His Messiah they defy.
“Let us break their chains and chords, let us cast them off,” they cry.

He who sits in heaven laughs, for the Lord views them with scorn.
He will speak to the in wrath, and in anger He will warn:
“Yet according to My will, I have set My King to reign;
And on Zion’s holy hill, My Anointed will remain.”

“I the LORD’s decree make known; this is what He had to say:
He declared, ‘You are My Son; I have brought You forth this day.
Ask of Me and You I’ll make Heir to earth and nations all.
Them with iron rod You’ll break, smashing them in pieces small.’”

Therefore kings now heed this word: earthly judges, come and hear.
Rev’rent worship give the LORD; with your joy mix trembling fear.
Honor Him, His wrath to turn, lest you perish in your stride,
For His anger soon may burn. Blessed are all who in Him hide.

* **THE BENEDICTION**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

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.

Life Explored: All ladies are invited to attend the 7 week course called, Life Explored. This course will be done by ZOOM on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM, beginning September 23rd. The course is an overview of the Bible by means of short videos, Scripture reading and discussion. This is a great course to invite your friends who may be new to the Bible or curious about it's message. Contact Diane Poff via email: dianepoff2@gmail.com and she will send you the ZOOM link.

TableTalk Bible Reading Plan: Copies of TableTalk magazine by Ligonier Ministries are available as you leave after the worship service. These issues provide daily reading if you'd like to continue following along a Bible Reading Plan with WPC. Please take advantage of this great resource!

For Your Calendar:

Wednesday, September 23, 9:30 a.m.
Ladies' Weekly Bible Study

Thursday, September 24, 6:00 a.m.
Carpenter's Apprentices