

# *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

*The Lord's Day, March 29, 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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March 29, 2020      5:30 p.m.

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**\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP (READ ALOUD)**

“Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.”

*(Isaiah 42:1-4)*

**\* PSALM OF PRAISE #77**

*“My Voice to God, Aloud I Plead”*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

Who is like you O LORD among the gods? Who is majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You have triumphed gloriously, throwing horse and rider into the sea. You cast Pharaoh's chariots and his host into the sea, and his chosen officers sank into the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. You brought Israel out of the house of bondage with a mighty hand; at the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up and the floods stood in a heap. We praise and call upon your name, for you rule over all your enemies. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.

Holy Spirit, enlighten us now with the knowledge of God; breathe on us with your life-giving breath; draw near to us with your presence and raise our minds to heaven that we might worship the Lord in spirit and in truth this day, even as we are not able to gather together in person as a whole body. We thank and praise you that you do not dwell in temples made by human hands; you are not confined in time and space like the gods of the nations. Your immensity fills all of space and time; heaven is your throne and earth your footstool. And yet you have chosen us, your people, to be a living temple of Your Spirit.

Cleanse us from the sin which defiles us; wash us from the iniquities that pollute our minds; blot out our transgressions and renew us in the image of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (READ ALOUD)**

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*(Romans 5:1)*”

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Acts 12:1-25

**\* Hymn of Preparation #34**      *“The God of Abraham Praise”*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

One or more of you could pray for the following:

- that God would bring good out of the Corona Virus health crisis; that He would use it to humble proud hearts, to convince unbelievers to turn to him in faith and repentance, to remind us of our mortality, to make His promises more precious to us
- for WPC to stay connected and care for one another in the midst of this health crisis; for the Lord to give us unique opportunities in the midst of this crisis to love and encourage one another
- for our leadership to make wise decisions as we navigate this extraordinary time
- for our marriages and families to be protected from spiritual attack during a time that unusually stressful and involves more time together than usual
- that God would provide for and protect the poorest and most vulnerable of our city, especially those who are normally served by our food ministry (which will be canceled for a while)
- that we would stay connected with the children of catechism club through this crisis, and that this crisis would demonstrate to them the need to trust God
- that God would prevent any of our members from falling away during this turbulent time of not being able to meet together as usual
- that God would give extra grace, comfort, and patience to our military families who are impacted by this virus

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**HABAKKUK 1:12-2:1**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**REV. KNOX WHITE**

***“Habakkuk on the Hook”***

1. Perplexity of Faith

2. Perseverance of Faith

**\* THE BENEDICTION (READ ALOUD)**

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

*(Numbers 6:24-26)*