



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, January 14, 2024 P.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.

The Lord's Day

January 14, 2024 5:30 p.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 9:7-11

Pastor: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

All: He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.

Pastor: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion;

All: Proclaim among the nations what he has done.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #75

“O Father You are Sovereign”

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempests' roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign the Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil over-ruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose — our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,
But soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD,
that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”
(Isaiah 55:6-7)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Hosea 2:1-23

***SONG**

“Our Great God”

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown.
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne.
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the Living God, who rules them by His word.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (repeat)

PASTORAL PRAYER

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**REVELATION 2:8-11
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“To the Church in Smyrna”

Who is Jesus?

What Does Jesus Know?

What Does Jesus Say?

What Does Jesus Promise?

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #108**

“Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right”

Whate’er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate’er he doth, and follow where he guideth
He is my God; though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to him I leave it all.

Whate’er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me.
I take, content, what he hath sent; His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait his day.

Whate’er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate’er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father’s care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to him I leave it all.

***THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the
coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Lunch Feb 4, 2024

The Session and Diaconate invites all WPC members to stay for a "stewardship" lunch following the morning service on February 4th. WPC traditionally has a stewardship themed gathering annually. At these meetings the Officers present the budget for the current year and discuss the finances of the church. It has been some time since we last updated the congregation on these matters. So we would appreciate the congregation gathering on the 4th for this important update. More details on the lunch coming soon.

Carpenters Apprentices

Carpenters Apprentices will resume their book study on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at the usual time of 6:00 a.m. at The Breakfast Place. CA will be starting a new book, "Biblical Teaching on the Doctrines of Heaven and Hell" by Edward Donnelly. This would be an excellent time to participate in a new book study/discussion. The group dismisses promptly at 7:00 for those who need to make it to work. Breakfast is optional and is served in the private room as we meet. For further info see Earl Smith or Scotty Robertson.

Bahamas Short Term Mission Trip - Deadline January 31st

Westminster is hoping to organize another short-term missions' trip to Nassau Bahamas in July 2024 but we need to hear from you first!

If we go to the Bahamas in 2024, we need a team of at least **14** people to support a grade-school literacy and bible camp during the week of July 13-20. We need to hear from you by **January 31st** if you are interested in joining the team.

If you would like to know more about what is involved in going on the trip, please talk to one of last year's participants and communicate your interest with Landon Jostes. landonjostes@gmail.com

For Your Calendar:

Wednesday, January 17, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study

Friday, January 19, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry

Thursday, January 18, 6:00 a.m.
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