



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, October 1, 2023 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.

The Lord's Day

October 1, 2023 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***The Call to Worship**

“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)

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #342**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:1-17

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

(Acts 10:43)

***SONG**

“Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love”

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love, too vast and astounding to tell,
Forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.
O fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son.
Sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains exultant they stand.
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness, all life is sustained by Your hand.
You crown ev’ry meadow with color, You paint ev’ry shade in the sky.
Each day that dawn wakes is an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure His love endures forevermore. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace, that You entered our brokenness, You came in the fullness of time.
How far we had fallen from righteousness, but not from the mercies of Christ.
Your cross is our door to redemption, Your death is our fullness of life.
That day, how forgiveness, flowed as a flood; magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure His love endures forevermore. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

United in Your resurrection, You lift us to infinite heights.
Could anything sever or take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love?

How great, how sure His love endures forevermore. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. (repeat)

***CONFESSION OF FAITH
NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

“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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**EXODUS 22:1-15
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“Personal Property Laws”

Application of the Eighth Commandment

Applications from the Eighth Commandment

***Hymn of Response #460**

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

***THE BENEDICTION**

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.”
(Ephesians 6:23-24)

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.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays | 9:30am-10:45am | Newton Conference Room | **Beginning September 12th**

Come grow and learn with us as we dig deep into God's Word through an inductive study of the Book of Philippians! We will be using "Joy: A Bible Study on Philippians for Women" by Keri Folmar. Copies are available (for \$10 if able). Come join us and get to know women in our church.

Pick up a study from Melissa today as we plan to discuss week one this Tuesday!

Wednesday Ladies Bible Study

Wednesdays | 9:30am-11:00 am | Newton Conference Room

"From Garden to Glory" by Courtney Doctor is a Bible study on the Bible's story. It is a beautiful, epic and cohesive story. Through this amazing story you will marvel at the steadfast love of our God who longs to dwell with His children again as He did in the garden- and who will stop at nothing until He does. If you would like additional information, contact Jean Hart.

Carpenter's Apprentice | Thursdays at 6:00 a.m.

Carpenter's Apprentice is a weekly men's discipleship group that meets every Thursday morning at 6:00AM at the Breakfast Place on Beal Parkway. A new study has recently been started using the book, "Bringing the Gospel Home: Witnessing to Family Members, Close Friends, and Others Who Know You Well," by Randy Newman. Contact Earl Smith if you would like a weekly email reminder of what to study for the week ahead.

For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.

Evening Service

Tuesday, October 3, 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday, October 4, 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday, October 4, 4:45 p.m.

Catechism Club

Thursday, October 5, 6:00 a.m.

Carpenter's Apprentice

Friday, October 6, 9:00 a.m.

Food Ministry

Friday, October 6, 9:00 a.m.

Office Closed