

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, October 18, 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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GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”

(Hebrews 12:28-29)

*HYMN OF PRAISE #616

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

(1 John 2:1-2)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 27:1-12

***PSALM 73**

“Yes, God is Good to Israel” (v. 1-4)

Yes, God is good to Israel, to everyone whose heart is pure.

But as for me, I nearly fell; my footsteps were no longer sure.

For I was envious of the proud and wicked ones with wealth endowed.

For in their death no pains they know; their strength is firm from day to day.

They share no part in others' woe, nor plagues as other men are they.

They make their necklace arrogance, and clothe themselves with violence.

Their eyes bulging with excess; their hearts are full of things they seek.

They scoff; they threaten to oppress. Disdainful words they proudly speak.

Their mouth the heights of heaven raids; their tongue around the world parades.

Their people therefore with them turn to drink from streams that overflow.

“For how,” they say, “can God discern?” And, “Does the Most High really know?”

Behold, ungodly men are these, who gain in wealth and live at ease.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

ESTHER 7

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. KNOX WHITE

The Invisible Hand in the Ubiquitous Empire: "The Long Arm of the Lord"

God's judgement of the wicked is:

Revealing...so examine yourself

Sudden...so don't presume on His grace

Fitting...so marvel at His poetic justice

Inevitable...so be patient and forbearing

“When I tried to understand this, it was wearisome to me,
‘Til I came into God’s temple and discerned their destiny.
For on slip’ry ground you place them, and you make their end complete.

How they’re shattered in a moment; sudden fear swept them aside.
As a dream, when one awakens, so, O Lord, when you arise.
You consider them as phantoms, and their images despise.

When spirit was embittered and my heart with grief brought low,
I was like a beast before you— dull, in understanding slow.
Yet I know I’m always with you; my right hand, O Lord, you hold.

You to glory will receive me with your counsel as my guide.
I have none but you in heaven; all on earth I lay aside.
Flesh and heart may fail, but ever God my portion will abide.

Those afar from God will perish, all the faithless ones will die.
Surely it is good for me that I should unto God draw nigh.
I, in God the LORD, take refuge; all your deeds I will recite.

* **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

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.

Installation Service: Pastor Knox will be installed as our Associate Pastor on Sunday, October 25th during the evening service.

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!

Congregational Meeting November 1st: The congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers will be held after the morning and evening worship service on November 1st..

Nominees for Elder:

Kelly Jones

Nominees for Deacon:

Vann Linn
Bryan Raridon
Randy Seay
Bo Thornton

For Your Calendar:

Tuesday, October 20, 5:30 p.m.

Session and Diaconate Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 9:30 a.m.

Ladies' Weekly Bible Study

Thursday, October 22, 6:00 a.m.

Carpenter's Apprentices