

Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, October 6, 2024 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 6, 2024 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 he 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

*SONG OF PRAISE

"Across the Lands"

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began; Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand. All creation holds together by the power of Your voice. Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

You're the Author of creation, You're the Lord of ev'ry man, and Your cry of love rings out across the lands

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross. With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea; Yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free.

Chorus

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your way. Now you stand before the Father, interceding for Your own; From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home.

Chorus

READING OF SCRIPTURE Nahum 2:1-13

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)

*Psalm

"The Lord is My Shepherd" Psalm 23C

The Lord is my shepherd; no want shall I know. He makes me lie down where the green pastures grow; He leads me to rest where the calm waters flow.

My wandering steps he brings back to his way, In straight paths of righteousness making me stay; And this he has done his great name to display.

Tho' I walk in death's valley, where darkness is near, Because you are with me, no evil I'll fear; Your rod and your staff bring me comfort and cheer.

In the sight of my en'mies a table you spread. The oil of rejoicing you pour on my head; My cup overflows and I'm graciously fed.

So surely your covenant mercy and grace Will follow me closely in all of my ways; I will dwell in the house of the Lord all my days.

*Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 61-62

Pastor: Which is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

<u>All:</u> The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning of the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

Pastor: What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

<u>All:</u> The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, His challenging a special propriety in the seventh, His own example, and His blessing the Sabbath day.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

Song

"Jesus I My Cross Have Taken"

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee. Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be. Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known. Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too. Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue. Oh while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might, Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast. Life with trials hard may press me; Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest. Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me; Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn and pain! In Thy service, pain is pleasure; with Thy favor, loss is gain. I have called Thee, "Abba, Father"; I have stayed my heart on Thee: Storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Soul then know thy full salvation; rise o'er sin, and fear, and care; Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear Think what Spirit dwells within thee; Think what Father's smiles are thine; Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there. Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Ephesians 4:25-32 Rev. Chad Watkins

"Renovation Project"

Trading Truth for Lies

Swapping Kindness for Anger

Substituting Sharing for Stealing

Exchanging Edifying Speech for Corrupt Words

*Hymn of Response #339

"For Your Gift of God the Spirit"

For your gift of God the Spirit, pow'r to make our lives anew, pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior, we would worship you. Crowning gift of resurrection sent from your ascended throne, fullness of the very Godhead, come to make your life our own.

He who in creation's dawning brooded on the lifeless deep, still across our nature's darkness moves to wake our souls from sleep, moves to stir, to draw, to quicken, thrusts us through with sense of sin; brings to birth and seals and fills us- saving Advocate within.

He, himself the living Author, wakes to life the sacred Word, reads with us its holy pages and reveals our risen Lord. He it is who works within us, teaching rebel hearts to pray, he whose holy intercessions rise for us both night and day.

He, the mighty God, indwells us; his to strengthen, help, empow'r; his to overcome the tempter, ours to call in danger's hour. In his strength we dare to battle all the raging hosts of sin, and by him alone we conquer foes without and foes within.

Father, grant your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today, grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us his sovereign way. Fill us with your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son; in us, through us, then, forever, shall your perfect will be done.

*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 www.wpc-pca.com and click on livestream.

Lord's Supper Offering

Thank you for generously giving each Communion Sunday to our current offering recipient, Hope for the Hungry. Our recipient for the 4th quarter will be Destin Harvest. Destin Harvest partners with WPC. Our weekly food distributions are provided by this organization. Destin Harvest is in need of donations to help with repairs for their Food Rescue Truck. Please visit <u>https://destinharvest.org/</u> for more information about Destin Harvest.

Sunday School Announcement

Sunday School presents a great opportunity for fellowship and teaching at WPC. We currently have two adult Sunday School classes and they meet at 9:00AM. One class is studying Jeremiah. This class meets in the Newton Conference Room. The other class is a study of covenant theology and it meets in the fellowship hall. If you are not currently benefitting from the Sunday School ministry then we encourage you to make this discipleship opportunity a priority.

New Member's Class

Are you new to WPC and interested in learning more about the church? We will be offering a New Member's Class during the Sunday School hour from October 6 through November 10. This class will focus on the WPC's vision, philosophy of ministry, and distinctives as a Reformed and Presbyterian church. If you are interested in becoming a member at WPC or just want to learn more about the church then we encourage you to attend. Please RSVP with the church office so we know how many to expect.

Officer Nominations

The session is currently receiving nominations for the offices of elder and deacon. Nominations will remain open until Sunday, October 20th. Please be in prayer about nominating men to serve in these important roles in our church. More information about how to think about and prepare to nominate a man for office will be coming out in the week ahead.

For Your Calendar:	
TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday, October 9, 9:30 a.m.
Evening Service	Ladies' Bible Study
Tuesday, October 8, 9:30 a.m.	Thursday, October 10, 6:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Carpenter's Apprentice
Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 p.m.	Friday, October 11, 9:00 a.m.
Evening Women's Bible Study	Food Ministry