



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, October 8, 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 8, 2023 10:15 a.m.*

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.  
For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.”  
*(Psalm 108:3-4)*

### **\*PSALM OF PRAISE**

### ***“Lord, Our Lord, in All the Earth”*** *Psalm 8*

Lord, our lord, in all the earth how excellent your name!  
You above the heav'ns have set the glory of your fame.  
From the mouths of infants young you the power of praise compose  
In the face of enemies to stop avenging foes.

When I view the skies above, the works your fingers made,  
When I see the moon and stars, which you in order laid,  
What is man so frail and weak, that you should remember him?  
What can be the son of man that you should care for him?

You have made him next to God, with honor, glory crowned.  
Him you placed above your works; beneath him all is found:  
Oxen, sheep, and beasts that graze, birds, and fish the oceans claim.  
Lord, our Lord, in all the earth how excellent your name!

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

*(Romans 10:9-10)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 9:18-38

**\*Hymn #461**

***“Not What My Hands Have Done”***

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,  
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone O God, to me can pardon speak;  
Thy pow’r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;  
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
And with unfalt’ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb  
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling’ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;  
He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light  
‘Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH  
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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 un-  
der Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scrip-  
tures, 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

*“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”*

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm  
When the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn  
In the suffering in the sorrow when my sinking hopes are few  
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on  
When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won  
Deeper still then goes the anchor though I justly stand accused  
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief  
Hopeless somehow, O my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary  
This my ballast of assurance: see His love forever proved  
All my hope is in the anchor, it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death  
When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath  
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secured  
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful ever true  
We will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**EXODUS 22:16-23:9  
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“Justice & Mercy”**

The Holiness God Demands

The Compassion God Requires

The Honor God Deserves

The Justice God Promises

**\*SONG OF PREPARATION**

***“Behold the Lamb” vv.1-3***

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

*So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you – eat and remember;  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

*So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.*

The blood that cleanses ev’ry stain of sin, shed for you – drink and remember  
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

*So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.*

**THE LORD’S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER\***

**\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

***“Behold the Lamb” v. 4***

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond - and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.

*As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n around the table of the King.*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

“May the Lord give you increase, you and your children!  
May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth!”  
*(Psalm 115:14-15)*

*\*the communion bread is gluten free*

# 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](http://www.wpc-pca.com) and click on livestream.

## Reformation Day 2023 | Saturday, October 28th | 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us as we celebrate our reformed church heritage and enjoy all things fall! Renaissance period costumes are encouraged and we will have a special appearance by Martin Luther! Missionary Brenda Carter will also be joining us to talk about her mission work in Taiwan!

## Lunch with Brenda Carter | Sunday, October 29th

Please join us immediately after morning worship in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday Oct 29th, for a congregation-wide luncheon with Brenda Carter.

*Please bring one large family-sized side dish such as a vegetable or a starch. The main entree, dessert and beverages will be provided by the Missions Committee.*

## Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays | 9:30am-10:45am | Newton Conference Room

## Wednesday Ladies Bible Study

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

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

### For Your Calendar:

**TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.**  
Evening Service

**Monday, October 9, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Office Closed**

**Monday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.**  
Diaconate Meeting

**Tuesday, October 10, 9:30 a.m.**  
Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

**Wednesday, October 11, 9:30 a.m.**  
Ladies Wednesday Bible Study

**Wednesday, October 11, 4:45 p.m.**  
Catechism Club

**Thursday, October 12, 6:00 a.m.**  
Carpenter's Apprentice

**Friday, October 13, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry