



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, October 8, 2023 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

October 8, 2023 5:30 p.m.

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 #303

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you,
by your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; you must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of light, from God proceeding;
open now our ears and heart, help us by your Spirit's pleading;
hear the cry your people raises, hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust and obtain true consolation,
while we here below must wander, till we sing your praises yonder.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
(Romans 5:8)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

***Hymn #507**

“Approach My Soul the Mercy Seat”

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat where Jesus answers prayer;
there humbly fall before his feet, for none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea; with this I venture nigh:
thou callest burdened souls to thee, and such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin, by Satan sorely pressed,
by war without, and fears within, I come to thee for rest.

Be thou my shield and hiding place, that, sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face, and tell him thou hast died.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die, to bear the cross and shame,
that guilty sinners, such as I, might plead thy gracious name!

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Thessalonians 2:3-12

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. CHAD WATKINS

“God is in Control”

The Son of Destruction

The Restrainer

The End of the Wicked

The Joy of the Righteous

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #128**

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

***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

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:

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