

Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 29, 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

December 29, 2024 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"And from the throne came a voice saying,
'Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

(Revelation 19:5)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise #571

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross; lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss: from vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead, till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey; forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day: ye that are men now serve him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own: put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with pray'r; where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song: to him that overcometh a crown of life shall be; he with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Zechariah 3:1-10

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

*SONG

"His Mercy is More"

What love could remember no wrongs we have done, Omniscient all knowing, He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more! Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam, What Father so tender is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor, Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus

What riches of kindness He lavished on us, His blood was the payment, His life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford, Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus (x2)

*Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 84- 85

Pastor: What doth every sin deserve?

All: Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Pastor: What doth God require of us, that we may escape from His wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

<u>All:</u> To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

"O Church Arise"

O Church arise, and put your armor on, hear the call of Christ our Captain. For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies; An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war to love the captive soul, but to rage against the Captor; And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor. When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure, And Christ will have the prize for which He died an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken; Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle, That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace, We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-17 REV. CHAD WATKINS

"Holy War"

Our Enemy is Strong

Our Savior is Stronger

*Hymn of Response #575

"Soldiers of Christ Arise"

Soldiers of Christ, arise and put your amor on, strong in the strength which God supplies through his eternal Son. Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his mighty pow'r, who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endued; but take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God.

Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul; take ev'ry virtue, ev'ry grace, and fortify the whole.

To keep your armor bright, attend with constant care; still walking in your Captain's sight, and watching unto prayer. From strength to strength go on; wrestle and fight and pray; tread all the pow'rs of darkness down, and win the well-fought day.

*THE BENEDICTION

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

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

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 https://destinharvest.org/ for more information about Destin Harvest.

CPR Training

If you are interested in taking a CPR training course, please sign-up through the church office via email at wpcpcaoffice@gmail.com. Once enough members have signed up for CPR training, a date for the class will be determined.

Monthly Discipleship Study Group January 7 | 4:30pm-5:30 p.m.

This group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in classroom 2. This group exists to encourage students who are enrolled in courses from the LowCountry Biblical Counseling Center. Contact Diane Poff if you are interested in the group.

The Church Office will be closed from <u>December 24-January 3</u>. Regular office hours will not be held during this time.

For Your Calendar:

| TONIGHT 5:30 p.m. Evening Service | Friday, January 3, 9:00 a.m. Food Ministry |
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