



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, February 5, 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

February 5, 2023 10:15 a.m.

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”  
*(John 4:23-24)*

### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #92

#### *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**  
Colossians 1:15-2:5

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off  
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”  
*(Ephesians 2:13)*

**\*SONG**

***“O How the Grace of God Amazes Me”***

O how the grace of God Amazes me! It loosed me from my bonds and set me free!  
What made it happen so? His own will, this much I know, set me, as now I show, at liberty  
My God has chosen me, though one of naught, To sit beside my King in heaven's court.  
Hear what my Lord has done: O, the love that made him run,  
To meet his erring son! This has God wrought.

*Come now, the whole of me, eyes, ears, and voice. Join me, creation all, with joyful noise;  
Praise him who broke the chain holding me in sin's domain,  
And set me free again! Sing and rejoice!*

Not for my righteousness, for I have none, but for his mercy's sake, Jesus, God's Son,  
Suffered on Calvary's tree, crucified with thieves was he. great was his grace to me, His wayward one.  
And when I think of how, at Calvary, He bore sin's penalty instead of me,  
Amazed, I wonder why He, the sinless One, should die for one so vile as I; My Savior he!

*Chorus*

Now all my heart's desire is to abide in him, my Savior dear, in him to hide.  
My shield and buckler He, covering and protecting me; from Satan's darts I'll be safe at His side.  
Lord Jesus, hear my prayer, your grace impart; when evil thoughts arise through Satan's art,  
O, drive them all away and you do, from day to day, keep me beneath Your sway, King of my heart.

*Chorus*

Praise him who broke the chain holding me in sin's domain and set me free again! Sing and rejoice.

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH  
WLC Q. 167

Pastor: How is our baptism to be improved by us?

**All:** The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others, by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of the baptism and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.

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**

**Exodus 17:8-16  
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“The LORD is My Banner”**

The Church in Battle

The Church in Need

The Church’s Banner

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE #347**

***“The Church’s One Foundation”***

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav’n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With his own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’re all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

’Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”  
*(Romans 15:13)*

# 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.

## **Church Picnic TODAY!**

Please join us after the service for a picnic and fellowship. Beverages provided.

## **Inquirers Class Sign Up (Date TBD)**

If you are new, or have been attending Westminster for some time and would like to become a member, Pastor Chad and our Ruling Elders will be teaching an Inquirers class this Winter! If you would like to attend, please fill out the sign up sheet that is located in the Narthex.

**Please check your spam and promotion email folders for church communications.**

## **For Your Calendar:**

**Sunday, February 5, 5:30 p.m.**  
Evening Service

**Tuesday, February 7, 4:30 p.m.**  
Catechism Club

**Wednesday, February 8, 9:15 a.m.**  
Bible Babes Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 8, 9:15 a.m.**  
Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 8, 4:45 p.m.**  
NextGen & Missionary Book Club

**Thursday, February 9, 6:00 a.m.**  
Carpenter's Apprentice

**Thursday, February 9, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry

**Saturday, February 11, 9:30a.m.**  
Galentines Youth Girls Event

**Sunday, February 12**  
Communion a.m.

**Sunday, February 12, 4:00p.m.**  
NextGen Book Club