

Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, February 12, 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 12, 2023 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever."

(Psalm 136:1-3)

*SONG OF PRAISE

"Come People of the Risen King"

Come people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise. Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night. Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Chorus

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith. Come, those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call – the Truth that cries through ev'ry age: "Our God is all in all!"

Chorus x2

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit."

(1 Peter 3:18)

READING OF SCRIPTUREColossians 2:6-23

*Hymn #445

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me! Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design? In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine. 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace! Humbled Himself so great his love, and bled for all his chosen race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, thru Christ my own. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

*Confession of Faith Nicene Creed

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 under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, 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

"Reformation Song"

Your Word alone is solid ground; the mighty rock on which we build. In ev'ry line the truth is found, and ev'ry page with glory filled.

Through faith alone we come to You. We have no merit we can claim. Sure that Your promises are true, we place our hope in Jesus' name.

Gloria, gloria, Glory to God alone! Gloria, Gloria, Glory to God alone!

In Christ alone we're justified. His righteousness is all our plea, Your law's demands are satisfied. His perfect work has set us free.

By grace alone we have been saved. All that we are has come from You. Hearts that were once by sin enslaved, now by Your pow'r have been made new.

Gloria, Gloria, Glory to God alone! Gloria, Gloria, Glory to God alone! (repeat)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE	
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOI)

EXODUS 18:1-27 REV. CHAD WATKINS

"Family Reunion"

God's Grace to a Gentile

God's Wisdom Through a Gentile

*Hymn of Preparation #257 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he! 'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord; by his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his? Friends thro' fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress; many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save; but the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate. Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load; 'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

THE LORD'S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*

*Hymn of Thanksgiving #731

"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

(Romans 16:20)

*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 and click on livestream.

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.

Ladies After Holidays Party | Feb 16th | 5:30pm

Ladies, come join us at Jenny Seay's house for a Ladies night out this next Thursday, February 16th at 5:30. Bring a goodie to share with friends and join us for a great time of fellowship! If you're interested in coming, contact Jenny for her address and more information.

For Your Calendar:

Sunday, February 12, 4:00 p.m. NextGen Book Study	Wednesday, February 15, 9:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
Sunday, February 12, 5:30 p.m. Evening Service	Wednesday, February 15, 4:45 p.m. NextGen & Missionary Book Club
Monday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting	Thursday, February 16, 6:00 a.m. Carpenter's Apprentice
Tuesday, February 14, 4:30 p.m. Catechism Club	Thursday, February 16, 9:30 a.m. Food Ministry
Wednesday, February 15, 9:15 a.m. Bible Babes Bible Study	Sunday, February 19, 4:00 p.m. Missionary Luncheon with the Harts