



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, February 23, 2025 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 23, 2025 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that
which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is
good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David."
(Isaiah 55:1-3)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*PSALM OF PRAISE

"The Lord's My Light" Psalm 27A

The LORD's my light and saving help by whom am I dismayed?
The LORD's the stronghold of my life of whom am I afraid?
When evildoers threaten me to eat my flesh away,
My adversaries and my foes will stumble in that day.

Though armies was on ev'ry side, my heart will feel no dread;
Though war against me should arise, yet I will lift my head.
One thing I plead before the LORD, and seek with heart upraised:
That I may come within God's house and dwell there all my days.

To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and see his grace,
And seek to know, within his house, instruction in his ways.
For he will hide and shelter me when comes the evil day;
He sets me high upon a rock; his tent will keep me safe.

My head is lifted high above my foes who hem me in;
I sacrifice within his tent; with shouts of joy I sing.
LORD, hear me when I call to you; be merciful and speak!
"Come, seek my face!" you told my heart; your face, LORD, will I seek.

O do not hide your face from me, and do not turn aside
Your servant in your righteous wrath, for you have been my guide,
O God, my Savior, leave me not; do not reject my plea.
My parents may forsake me, LORD, but you will welcome me.

O teach your way and lead me, LORD, against my enemies.
To false and cruel witnesses do not deliver me.
Yet I am sure that in this life God's goodness I will see.
Await the LORD; be strong, take heart, for him wait patiently.

READING OF SCRIPTURE
Zechariah 11:1-17

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
(*Romans 6:23*)

***SONG**

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Saviour, he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold my: hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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***CONFESSION OF FAITH
WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM Q. 94-95**

Pastor: What is baptism?

All: Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Pastor: To whom is baptism to be administered?

All: Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to Him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence that our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand what comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end the love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah our hope springs eternal o sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known in our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

Unto the grave what will we sing Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus x2

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

LUKE 1:5-25

REV. CHAD WATKINS

“Preparing for the Savior”

The Joys & Hardships of God’s Ordinary People

The Prayers of a Righteous Man

The Surprising Assurance God Gives to Weak Saints

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
all that well deserved his anger he no more will see or heed.

She hath suffered many day, now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance, sing the kingdom now is here.

O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken.

***THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

(Hebrews 13:20-21)

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 Lord's Supper Offering 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.

Monthly Discipleship Study Group | March 4 | 4:30 pm-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.

For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Thursday, February 27, 6:00 a.m.
Carpenter's Apprentice

Tuesday, February 25, 9:30 a.m.
Ladies' Bible Study

Friday, February 28, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry

Wednesday, February 26, 9:30 a.m.
Ladies' Bible Study