Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, March 14, 2021



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.

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March 14, 2021 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."

(Psalm 145:18)

*Song of Praise

"Lift High the Name of Jesus"

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.

Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace.

Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him.

He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Oh sing my soul, and tell all He's done, till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.

His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world.

To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace,

That all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise.

Chorus

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light. No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown. We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home.

Chorus x2

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him."

(2 Chronicles 30:9b)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 12:16-33

*Hymn #261

"What Wondrous Love is This"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

*CONFESSION OF FAITH HEIDELBERG CATECHISM #1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

<u>All</u>: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Song

"Jesus I My Cross Have Taken"

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee. Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be. Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known. Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too. Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue. Oh while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might, Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn and pain!
In Thy service, pain is pleasure; with Thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called Thee, "Abba, Father"; I have stayed my heart on Thee:
Storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there. Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Mission of the Messiah: "A Beautiful Thing"
Introduction
1. An Extravagant Gift
2. An Indignant Reaction
3. A Loving Commendation

*Hymn of Preparation #252 "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" (vv. 1-3)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God: All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

THE LORD'S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*

*Hymn of Thanksgiving #252 "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" (v. 4)

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small: Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

* THE BENEDICTION

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word."

(2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

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.

Nursery Reopening: The church nursery is now open for Sunday morning services at 10:15am.

Seating Request: Although seating request are not required for services at this time it is still offered to those who would like to sit in an area where masks and strict social distancing will still be required. Each week you will get a new email from the church office with a link to request seating for Sunday worship services. The email will go out each Monday morning and you will have until Wednesday at 4pm to request seating. If for some reason you cannot access the seating request system, please contact the office at 882-8825 between 9am-3pm on Mon-Wed to request seating.

Officer Nominations Open: Nominations for the office of elder and deacon are open until Sunday, April 11th. Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate for these offices using the nomination forms available in the Narthex next to the nominations box.

Resurrection Egg Hunt: Join us Palm Sunday, March 28, after Morning Worship for a Resurrection Egg Hunt! We will hunt for eggs, have a short teaching time from Pastor Knox, and play some fun lawn activities!

For Your Calendar:

Sunday, March 14, 3:00 p.m.

Children's Bible Class

Sunday, March 14, 5:30 p.m.

Evening Service

Wednesday, March 17, 9:30 a.m.

Ladies' Weekly Bible Study

Thursday, March 18, 6:00 a.m.

Carpenter's Apprentices