

# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, April 16, 2023 P.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

April 16, 2023 5:30 p.m.

#### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

(Psalm 33:1-3)

\*Hymn of Praise #38

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most bless-ed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Un-resting, un-hasting and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

## \*Assurance of Pardon

"O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities."

(Psalm 130:7-8)

#### READING OF SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 8:1-36

\*SONG

#### "O Great God"

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

1 THESSALONIANS 3:11-13 REV. KNOX WHITE

# What is True Blessedness?

True Blessedness is having mature faith in Christ

True Blessedness is having abundant love in Christ

#### \*Song of Response

#### "Oh, How Good It Is"

Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity. Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love are the fruits of His presence here among us.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one heart we'll live out His Word. Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come, for He dwells in the presence of his people.

Oh, how good it is On this journey we share, to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace, when we offer the blessing of belonging.

#### Chorus

Oh, how good it is To embrace His command to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives. When we live as one, we all share in the love of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

#### Chorus

#### OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

#### Deacon:

John Linn

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

# **WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Inquirers Class | Began Today | 9:00am

Are you considering joining Westminster? New to Reformed theology or Presbyterianism? Looking to get to know the leadership of our church? Come join us for an Inquirer's Class on Sunday mornings, during the Sunday school hour (9-10am) April 16 - May 21.

#### Nominations for the Associate Pastoral Search Committee begin Today, April 16th—April 30<sup>th</sup>.

As with the search committee formed to find Pastor Chad, the Session is planning to form a committee that will consist of two active elders, two active deacons and four at-large members. The elders and the deacons will be nominated by the Session and the Diaconate, respectively. The at-large nominations will be made by the WPC congregation.

Please prayerfully consider the nomination(s) you make and discuss each nomination with your nominee and have them sign the form before you submit it. Following the nomination process, the Session plans to interview each nominee to ensure they are fully prepared and committed to serve on this committee for 12-18 months or until an appropriate candidate is found to replace Pastor Knox. Once a ballot of nominees is complete (two active elders, two active deacons and at least four at-large nominees) and all have been interviewed and approved for election by the Session, then another congregational meeting will be called to conduct the election of this search committee.

#### Knox White Family Farewell Party | Saturday, April 22 | 6:00-8:00pm

Come linger on the church lawn to visit and say farewell to the Knox White Family for their faithful and fruitful service to WPC.

#### Covered Dish Luncheon with our Missionaries to Japan | Sunday April 30th

On Sunday, April 30th, there will be a church-wide covered dish luncheon immediately following the congregational meeting. We kindly ask each family to bring a large side dish that serves 12 or more people. The Mission Committee will provide the entrée meat and beverages for the event. During the luncheon, we will have the pleasure of hosting Robert and Lisa Stewart, our MTW missionaries who serve in Japan. Come and hear about their ministry and their newly established church and christian school in Osaka.

# Congregational Meeting | Sunday, April 30th

Immediately following the morning service on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have a congregational vote to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Westminster Presbyterian Church and Rev. Knox White.

# **Women and Teen Girls Prayer Retreat**

Friday May 5th—Saturday May 6th | Contact the office to Register! For more details, ask Diane Poff or Melissa Giddens

#### For Your Calendar:

Tuesday, April 18, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 6:00 a.m.

Catechism Club Carpenter's Apprentice

Tuesday, April 18, 5:30 p.m.

Diaconate & Session Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.

Food Ministry

Wednesday, April 19, 9:15 a.m.

Bible Babes Bible Study

Saturday, April 22, 6:00 p.m.

Knox White Family Going Away Party

Wednesday, April 19, 4:45 p.m. Sunday, April 23, 5:30 p.m.

NextGen & Missionary Book Club

PM Communion