



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, April 23, 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 23, 2023 5:30 p.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
(Matthew 11:28-30)

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Our Great God”

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown.
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne.
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the Living God, who rules them by His word.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (repeat)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

(Isaiah 44:22)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 9:1-18

***HYMN #307**

“Nothing But the Blood”

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes my white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

PASTORAL PRAYER

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“The Practice of True Holiness”

Pleasing God

The Will of God

Honoring God

***HYMN OF PREPARATION #521 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

THE LORD’S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER*

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #735**

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

***THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

**the communion bread is gluten free*

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for the Associate Pastoral Search Committee | April 16th—April 30th.

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.

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 30th, 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 25, 4:30 p.m.
Catechism Club

Wednesday, April 26, 9:15 a.m.
Bible Babes Bible Study

Wednesday, April 26, 4:45 p.m.
NextGen & Missionary Book Club

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

Thursday, April 27, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry

Thursday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.
Missions Meeting

Sunday, April 30, 12:00 p.m.
Missions Luncheon