



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, April 30, 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

April 30th, 2023 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!”

(Psalm 112:1)

*HYMN OF PRAISE #12

“Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”

Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name,
Who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command.
The Lord is good, his praise proclaim; since it is pleasant, praise his name;
His people for his own he takes and his peculiar treasure makes.

I know the Lord is high in state, above all gods our Lord is great;
The Lord performs what he decrees, in heav'n and earth, in depths and seas.
He makes the vapors to ascend in clouds from earth's remotest end;
The lightnings flash at his command; He holds the tempest in his hand.

Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name,
Who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command.
Forever praise and bless his name, and in the church his praise proclaim;
In Zion is his dwelling place; praise ye the Lord, show forth his grace.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

COVENANT BAPTISMS

Lillian Marie Nicodemus
Saphira Hope Nicodemus
Violet Eve Nicodemus
Lincoln Pierce Nicodemus
Ivy Haven Nicodemus
Covenant Children of Nate & Belle Nicodemus

READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 2:1-13

***SONG**

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!
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***CONFESSION OF FAITH
WLC Q. 180-181**

Pastor: What is it to pray in the name of Christ?

All: To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to His command, and in confidence on His promises, to ask mercy for His sake; not by bare mentioning of His name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and His mediation.

Pastor: Why are we to pray in the name of Christ?

All: The sinfulness of man, and His distance from God by reason thereof, being so great, as that we can have no access into His presence without a mediator; and there being none in heaven or earth appointed to, or fit for, that glorious work but Christ alone, we are to pray in no other name but His only.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

“O Church Arise”

O Church arise, and put your armor on, hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war to love the captive soul, but to rage against the Captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**Exodus 20:14
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“Let the Marriage Bed be Undefined”

Protecting Marriage

Promoting Purity

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #535**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward to thy glorious rest above

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How He watches o’er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:
’Tis an ocean vast of blessing, ’tis a haven sweet of rest,
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, ’tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

***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)

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

Congregational Meeting | Today

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, in order to facilitate his transition to his new call.

Covered Dish Luncheon with our Missionaries to Japan | Today

There will be a church-wide covered dish luncheon immediately following the congregational meeting today. 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. All are welcome!

Nominations for the Associate Pastoral Search Committee | Ends Tonight

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.

For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Tuesday, May 2, 4:30 p.m.
Catechism Club

Wednesday, May 3, 9:15 a.m.
Bible Babes Bible Study

Wednesday, May 3, 4:45 p.m.
NextGen & Missionary Book Club

Thursday, May 4, 6:00 a.m.
Carpenter's Apprentice

Thursday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry

Friday, May 5, 5:30 p.m.
Women's Prayer Retreat

Saturday, May 6, 8:30 a.m.
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