



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, April 9, 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 9, 2023 10:15 a.m.*

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Responsive Reading of Psalm 100**

*Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

**All: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

*Pastor: Know that the LORD is God.*

**All: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

*Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;*

**All: give thanks to him and praise his name.**

*Pastor: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;*

**All: his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE #277**

### ***“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”***

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

(Titus 3:4-7)

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

1 Timothy 5:17-6:2

**\*HYMN #274**

***“Thine Be the Glory”***

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; end-less is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, thro' thy deathless love; bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**  
**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING**

SONG

***“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”***

How can it be the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,  
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing “Hallelujah!”  
For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King: Christ, Christ He is risen!

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh sing “Hallelujah!”*  
*Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!*

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed;  
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing “Hallelujah!”  
Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace  
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting.

*Chorus*

The power that raised Him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save;  
He frees our hearts to live His grace – Go, tell of His goodness.

*Chorus x2*

He is risen! He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are opened wide.  
He's alive, He's alive, Now in heaven glorified  
He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are opened wide.  
He's alive, He's alive, Now in heaven glorified.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**ACTS 2:14-41  
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“God Raised Him Up!”**

**The Plan of God**

**The Promise of God**

**\*SONG OF PREPARATION**

***“Behold the Lamb” vv.1-3***

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

*So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you – eat and remember;  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

*So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.*

The blood that cleanses ev’ry stain of sin, shed for you – drink and remember  
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

*So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.*

**THE LORD’S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER\***

**\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

***“Behold the Lamb” v. 4***

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond - and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.

*As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n around the table of the King.*

**THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace  
at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.”  
*(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

*\*the communion bread is gluten free*

# 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](http://www.wpc-pca.com) and click on livestream.

## **Inquirers Class | Beginning Sunday, April 16 | 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. This class will be co-taught by all of our elders and will cover the basics of our church's theology and philosophy of ministry.

Class is also open to those considering membership, current members who may have missed portions of earlier Inquirer's classes or who simply want to brush up on these basics.

## **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

## **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.

### **For Your Calendar:**

**TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.**

Evening Service

**Tuesday, April 4, 4:30 p.m.**

Catechism Club

**Wednesday, April 5, 9:15 a.m.**

Bible Babes Bible Study

**Wednesday, April 5, 4:45 p.m.**

NextGen & Missionary Book Club

**Thursday, April 6, 6:00 a.m.**

Carpenter's Apprentice

**Thursday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.**

Food Ministry

**Sunday, April 16, 9:00 a.m.**

Inquirers Class

**Sunday, April 16, 4:00 p.m.**

NextGen Book Study