

# Westminster

# Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, May 11, 2025 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 May 11, 2025 10:15 a.m.

## **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive Reading of Psalm 134

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

# People: who minister by night in the house of the LORD.

Pastor: Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD!

People: May the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.

\*Hymn of Praise #128

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform; he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill he treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace; behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain; God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain. \*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

## \*Assurance of Pardon

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:8-12)

> **Reading of Scripture** Psalm 4

\*Song

# "In the Valley (Bless the Lord)"

When the path that I feared is the way He has set and I long to give in and retreat. Still to Jesus I hold as I face every step for the Lord He will give me His peace.

Bless the Lord He will give me His peace. Bless the Lord He will give me His peace. And if I should remain in the valley today, bless the Lord He will give me His peace.

When the road that I tread fills my heart with despair and it seems that my grief has no end. Still to Jesus I hold who will walk with me there and the Lord He will give me His strength.

Bless the Lord He will give me His strength. Bless the Lord He will give me His strength. And if I should remain in the valley today, bless the Lord He will give me His strength.

> On the road that You walked with the weight of the cross all my pain and my sorrow You held. So to You I shall hold you redeem every loss for my Lord You have given Yourself.

Bless the Lord for He gives me Himself. Bless the Lord for he gives me Himself. And if I should remain in the valley today, bless the Lord for He gives me Himself.

# \*Confession of Faith 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 Our Hope in Life and Death"

What is our hope in life and death Christ alone Christ alone What is our only confidence that our souls to Him belong Who holds our days within His hand what comes apart from His command And what will keep us to the end the love of Christ in which we stand

*O* sing hallelujah our hope springs eternal o sing hallelujah Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul God is good God is good Where is His grace and goodness known in our great Redeemer's blood Who holds our faith when fears arise who stands above the stormy trial Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

Unto the grave what will we sing Christ He lives Christ He lives And what reward will heaven bring everlasting life with Him There we will rise to meet the Lord then sin and death will be destroyed And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore

## Chorus x2

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death

# PASTORAL PRAYER

# THE READING OF SCRIPTURE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

LUKE 3:21-38 Rev. Chad Watkins

# "Equipping for Ministry"

#### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION #247 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down; now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain: mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place; look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend, for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

#### 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

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

*\*the communion bread is gluten free* 

# **Evening Service Tonight**

We encourage you to join us for evening worship at 5:30 p.m. If you cannot attend in person please join us via our livestream. To access the livestream go to www.wpc-pca.com and click on livestream.

# Monthly Discipleship Study Group | June 3 | 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

This group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in classroom 2. This group exists to encourage students who are enrolled in courses from the LowCountry Biblical Counseling Center. Contact Diane Poff if you are interested in the group.

# Lord's Supper Offering

Our current recipient for the Lord's Supper Offering will be the Gideon International.

The mission of The Gideons is: *To win the lost for Christ through the distribution of His Word.* 

Their primary method of achieving this mission is by distributing free copies of the Bible (or portions of it, like the New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs) in locations such as hotels, hospitals, schools, military bases, and prisons. Founded in 1899, Gideons International operates in over 190 countries and distributes Bibles in more than 100 languages. In many cases, the Gideons provide Bibles to the least fortunate, and often in places where the Bible is banned by local ordinance or religious persecution.

# For Your Calendar:

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

Wednesday, May 14, 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study Thursday, May 15, 6:00 a.m. Carpenter's Apprentice

Friday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. Food Ministry