

Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, May 12, 2024 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 12, 2024 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 #342

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts today: with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray; and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain, what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

***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

Matthew 24:1-28

*Hymn #9

"All You That Fear Jehovah's Name"

All you that fear Jehovah's name, his glory tell, his praise proclaim; you children of his chosen race, stand in awe before his face, stand in awe before his face.

The suffring One he has not spurned, who unto him for help has turned; from him he has not hid his face, but answered his request in grace, but answered his request in grace.

O Lord, your goodness makes me raise amid your people songs of praise; before all them that fear you, now I worship you and pay my vow, I worship you and pay my vow.

For all the meek you will provide; they shall be fed and satisfied; all they that seek the Lord shall live and never-ending praises give, and never-ending praises give.

The Lord's unfailing righteousness all generations shall confess; from age to age shall men be taught what wondrous works the Lord has wrought, what wondrous works the Lord has wrought.

***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 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

ACTS 20:17-38 Rev. Chad Watkins

"Paul's Farewell to Ephesus"

A Portrait of Faithful Ministry

A Charge to Keep Watch

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #461 "Not What My Hands Have Done"

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul; Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin; Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within. Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee, Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone O God, to me can pardon speak; Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break. No other work, save thine, no other blood will do; No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine; And with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine. His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb Each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might; He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light 'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives; I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

THE LORD'S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*

*Hymn of Thanksgiving #735

"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 5:30pm. 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.

Adult Sunday School | Sundays 9:00am | Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School is going through PCA Pastor Mark Jones' book, "Knowing Sin". Jones, a Puritan scholar and also author of "Knowing Christ", examines and applies for our sanctification many aspects of the nature of sin in order to help believers better know themselves and to overcome their greatest enemy despite all its subtlety and deceptiveness. Grace is most grasped and appreciated when sin is best understood.

Joel Beeke writes, "What doctor would receive our respect if he offered a cure without a careful diagnosis? Yet we shy away from a thorough diagnosis of the deadly illness of our souls - the inward evil of sin. Mark Jones takes God's holy Word, which penetrates and reveals with far more accuracy than any medical scan, and shows us the heinousness of sin so that we may find healing from the Great Physician."

Short-term Missions - Bahamas

Please continue to pray for our team of 16 that WPC is sending to the Bahamas this summer. If you are not able to go but still want to help out, please consider financially supporting our team. Giving dead-line is May 14 (2 days from now!). If you have any questions, please reach out to Landon Jostes.

For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m. Evening Service

Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Ladies Bible Study

Thursday, May 16, 6:00 a.m. Carpenters Apprentices

Friday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. Food Ministry