



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, May 4, 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 4, 2025 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”
(Psalm 1:1-3)

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***PSALM OF PRAISE**

“O Clap Your Hands”

O clap your hands, all peoples shout!
Let joyful cries to God ring out!
The LORD Most High is greatly feared,
great King who rules the earth throughout!

He brought the nations 'neath our feet,
subdued the peoples under us.
He chose for us our heritage,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the trumpet sound.
Sing praise, sing praise to God Most High;
to God our King let praise abound.

God is the King of all the earth;
sing psalms of praise to him alone.
God rules the nations from on high;
he sits upon his holy throne.

Leaders of nations gather round
to serve as sons of Abrah'm's God.
To him belong the shields of earth;
exalted greatly is the LORD!

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.
He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot.
You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.
You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.”
(Micah 7:18-20)

*SONG

“Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Saviour, he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold my: hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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***CONFESSION OF FAITH
WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM Q. 104**

Pastor: What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

All: In the fourth petition, which is, “Give us this day our daily bread,” we pray that of God’s free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy His blessing with them.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry in the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven’s praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness now the Light of Life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry, He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e’er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv’rance, how unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

LUKE 3:1-20

REV. CHAD WATKINS

“A Voice in the Wilderness”

Preparing the Way

Proclaiming Repentance

Preaching Christ

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

***THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,
comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.”
(2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thursday, May 8, 6:00 a.m.

Carpenter's Apprentice

Wednesday, May 7, 9:30 a.m.

Ladies' Bible Study

Friday, May 9, 9:00 a.m.

Food Ministry