



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, May 5, 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 5, 2024 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**

***SONG OF PRAISE**

“Come Praise and Glorify”

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord.
In Christ, He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured.
For pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be,
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally.

*To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace;
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves.*

Come praise and glorify our God, who gives His grace in Christ.
In Him, our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice.
In Him, God has made known to us the myst'ry of His will,
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill.

Chorus

Come praise and glorify our God, for we've believed the Word;
And through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord.
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done,
Until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One.

Chorus x2

READING OF SCRIPTURE
Matthew 23:23-37

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 underfoot.

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)

***HYMN #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.

***CONFESSION OF FAITH
WSC Q. 27-28**

Pastor: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

All: Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Pastor: Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

All: Christ's exaltation consisteth in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

"The Lord Is My Salvation"

The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.
I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my Salvation.
In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak.
I know His grace will renew these days: The Lord is my Salvation.

Chorus

And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus

Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son,
Glory be to God, the Spirit; The Lord is our salvation.
Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son,
Glory be to God, the Spirit; The Lord is our salvation.
The Lord is our salvation. The Lord is our salvation.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**ACTS 19:1-41
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“The Gospel Comes to Ephesus”

A Prelude to Paul’s Ministry

The Substance of Paul’s Ministry

Opposition to Paul’s Ministry

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav’n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With his own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’re all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

’Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with 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 5:30pm. 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."

Monthly Discipleship Study Group | Tuesday, May 7

For all those interested in or currently taking on-line courses with LCBCC.org, come join us for our monthly meeting every first Tuesday of the month from 4:30-5:30 PM in classroom #2. Contact Diane Poff for more information.

For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Tuesday, May 7, 4:30 p.m.
Discipleship Study Group

Wednesday, May 8, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study

Thursday, May 9, 6:00 a.m.
Carpenters Apprentices

Friday, May 10, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry