



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, July 14, 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

July 14, 2024 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** **Responsive Reading of Psalm 9:7-11**

Pastor: But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

People: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Pastor: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

People: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #598**

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
(Romans 6:23)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:24-44

HYMN #521

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

***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

“Holy Spirit”

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart & make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

**The word “catholic” refers to the church universal, not the Roman Catholic Church.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**1 JOHN 3:1-2
REV. DOUG HUDSON**

“The Amazing Story of Adoption into God’s Family!”

The Doctrine of Adoption

Assurance of Our Adoption: Ways to know for sure!

***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**

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you
to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,
that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
(Romans 15:5-6)

**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 www.wpc-pca.com and click on livestream.

STM Bahamas Update

As our Mission Trip Team is headed to the Bahamas this week, please be in prayer for everyone going and for all of the people and children they will interact with while they are there. Above all, pray that the people they talk with will come to a saving faith in Christ. To God be the glory!

Vacation Bible School | July 29-August 2 | 4:30pm - 7:00 p.m.

It's that time of year again! VBS is almost here! Invite your neighbors and come join us the week of July 29th for a fun filled week of learning about our great God through the story of Joshua. VBS is for elementary aged children. VBS registration cards are in the narthex. For questions, please see Melissa.

Monthly Discipleship Study Group| August 6 | 4:30pm-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. Call Diane Poff if interested.

Reinstitution of a Lord's Supper Offering

A few weeks ago the Session made an announcement that we would restart our tradition of collecting a donation for the poor following each Lord's Supper service. This has been a long-standing tradition in reformed churches and the church for most of its history. Justin Martyr wrote the following in his First Apology, which serves as instructions for the offering for the poor collected at each Lord's Supper:

“For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Saviour... And they who are well to do, and willing, give what each thinks fit; and what is collected.. [for those] who succours the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need.”

Starting Sunday July 7, and continuing for a few months, we will be collecting for Hope for the Hungry, a Christian organization whose mission is to aid the poor and hungry of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. For additional information, visit <https://hopeforthehungryec.com/#aboutus> Later this fall and periodically thereafter, we will change to a new organization or collect for our own Mercy Ministries as the need arises.

As the Lord leads each of you, we encourage you to give to help those in need. Thank you,

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Jason Belcher

For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

July 15-July 19
Church Office Closed

Thursday, July 18, 6:30 p.m.
Summer Ladies' Bible Study

Friday, July 19, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry