



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, July 16, 2023 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 16, 2023 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”
(Revelation 4:11)

*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 3:1-17

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

***HYMN #486**

“God Be Merciful to Me”

Psalm 51

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH
WLC Q. 192

Pastor: *What do we pray for in the third petition?*

All: In the third petition, (which is, *Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven*) acknowledging that by nature we and all men are not only utterly unable and unwilling to know and do the will of God, but prone to rebel against His Word, to repine and murmur against His providence, and wholly inclined to do the will of the flesh, and of the devil: we pray, that God would by His Spirit take away from ourselves and others all blindness, weakness, indisposedness, and perverseness of heart; and by His grace make us able and willing to know, do, and submit to His will in all things, with the like humility, cheerfulness, faithfulness, diligence, zeal, sincerity, and constancy, as the angels do in heaven.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

“Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love”

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love, too vast and astounding to tell,
Forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.
O fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son.
Sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains exultant they stand.
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness, all life is sustained by Your hand.
You crown ev’ry meadow with color, You paint ev’ry shade in the sky.
Each day that dawn wakes is an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure His love endures forevermore. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace, that You entered our brokenness, You came in the fullness of time.
How far we had fallen from righteousness, but not from the mercies of Christ.
Your cross is our door to redemption, Your death is our fullness of life.
That day, how forgiveness, flowed as a flood; magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure His love endures forevermore. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

United in Your resurrection, You lift us to infinite heights.
Could anything sever or take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love?

How great, how sure His love endures forevermore. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. (repeat)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

“The Hiding Place(s)”

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

REV. JOHN STOVALL

Getting a Hiding

Hidden Jesus

The Big Reveal

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #345 “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”**

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, Thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst t’assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver, never fails from age to age!

Round each habitation hov’ring, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion’s city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling’s pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion’s children know.

***THE BENEDICTION**

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all,
as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless
in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.”
(1 Thessalonians 3:12-13)

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

Bahamas Short Term Mission Update

Our short term missions team returned Saturday from a week of Literacy Camp in Nassau Bahamas ministering to grade-school children. Although we return with a sense of success we were not content with leaving behind these precious children, many of which continue to be in great need. Please continue to pray for the team from Park City PCA of Dallas TX who are ministering this week. Two more weeks of camp will follow this week so please continue to pray for this ministry to the children and families of the Yellow Elder neighborhood. Pray for the Russell's as they work with each of the church teams that follow us. Pray the children will continue to respond to the truth they are learning and to the witness of the love of Christ shown to them.

We are so grateful for the generous offerings that were made to send us on this mission. Your prayers of support were critical in our preparation and our service to the children of the Yellow Elder community. We count it a privilege to have served.

On August 12th, after Sunday morning service, we plan on having a covered-dish luncheon to report to the congregation on what transpired during the mission trip. Please mark your calendars.

VBS Registration is open! July 31st - August 4th, 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Please register by Wednesday, July 26th to reserve a spot.

To register, please contact the church office, or Melissa!

For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.

Evening Service

Friday, July 21, 9:00 a.m.

Food Ministry

Thursday, July 20, 6:00 a.m.

Carpenters Apprentice