

Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, July 21, 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 21, 2024 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

*Hymn of Praise #457

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God: He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love: Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

READING OF SCRIPTURE Matthew 27:45-66

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)

*Song

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

Chorus

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast Till our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last!

Chorus x2

*Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism O. 43-44

Pastor: What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

<u>All:</u> The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words, *I am the LORD thy God*, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Pastor: What doth the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

<u>All:</u> The preface to the Ten Commandments teacheth us, that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

"Your Will Be Done"

Your will be done, my God and father as in Heaven, so on earth. My heart is drawn to self exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first.

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk held by Your same unchanging love. Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray, "Father, not my will, but Yours be done."

> How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know. The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone.

What wondrous faith to bear that cross! To bear my sin, what wondrous love! My hope was sure when there my Saviour prayed: "Father not my will but Yours be done"

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt. Still I will trust in my good Father, yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise in ransomed glory at the throne. My heart restored with all your saints I sing: "Father, not my will, but Yours be done."

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight. That all the world might see Your glory and Your Name be lifted high.

And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home. Now as Your church, we lift our voice and pray: "Father, not my will, but Yours be done."

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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

EPHESIANS 2:1-3 REV. CHAD WATKINS

	"The Walking Dead"	
Dead in Sin		
Dominated by the Devil		
Doomed to Destruction		

*Hymn of Response #460

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! - how sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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

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,

Jason Belcher

For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m. Evening Service

Thursday, July 25, 6:30 p.m.

Summer Ladies' Bible Study

Thursday, July 25, 6:30 p.m.

Missions Meeting

Friday, July 26, 9:00 a.m.

Food Ministry