



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, July 28, 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 28, 2024 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.”

(Psalm 2:11-12)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*PSALM OF PRAISE

“The Lord's My Light”

Psalm 27A

The LORD's my light and saving help by whom am I dismayed?
The LORD's the stronghold of my life of whom am I afraid?
When evildoers threaten me to eat my flesh away,
My adversaries and my foes will stumble in that day.

Though armies war on ev'ry side, my heart will feel no dread;
Though war against me should arise, yet I will lift my head.
One thing I plead before the LORD, and seek with heart upraised:
That I may come within God's house and dwell there all my days.

To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and see his grace,
And seek to know, within his house, instruction in his ways.
For he will hide and shelter me when comes the evil day;
He sets me high upon a rock; his tent will keep me safe.

My head is lifted high above my foes who hem me in;
I sacrifice within his tent; with shouts of joy I sing.
LORD, hear me when I call to you; be merciful and speak!
“Come, seek my face!” you told my heart; your face, LORD, will I seek.

O do not hide your face from me, and do not turn aside
Your servant in your righteous wrath, for you have been my guide,
O God, my Savior, leave me not; do not reject my plea.
My parents may forsake me, LORD, but you will welcome me.

O teach your way and lead me, LORD, against my enemies.
To false and cruel witnesses do not deliver me.
Yet I am sure that in this life God's goodness I will see.
Await the LORD; be strong, take heart, for him wait patiently.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.
But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”
(1 John 2:1-2)

***HYMN #529**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav’n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev’ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH
WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM Q. 45-46

Pastor: What is the first commandment?

All: The first commandment is, *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

Pastor: What is required in the first commandment?

All: The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

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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PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**EPHESIANS 2:4-10
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“But God...”

The Conjunction of Grace

Rich in Mercy

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

“ O How the Grace of God Amazes Me”

O how the grace of God Amazes me! It loosed me from my bonds and set me free!
What made it happen so? His own will, this much I know, set me, as now I show, at liberty
My God has chosen me, though one of naught, To sit beside my King in heaven's court.
Hear what my Lord has done: O, the love that made him run,
To meet his erring son! This has God wrought.

*Come now, the whole of me, eyes, ears, and voice. Join me, creation all, with joyful noise;
Praise him who broke the chain holding me in sin's domain,
And set me free again! Sing and rejoice!*

Not for my righteousness, for I have none, but for his mercy's sake, Jesus, God's Son,
Suffered on Calvary's tree, crucified with thieves was he. great was his grace to me, His wayward one.
And when I think of how, at Calvary, He bore sin's penalty instead of me,
Amazed, I wonder why He, the sinless One, should die for one so vile as I; My Savior he!

Chorus

Now all my heart's desire is to abide in him, my Savior dear, in him to hide.
My shield and buckler He, covering and protecting me; from Satan's darts I'll be safe at His side.
Lord Jesus, hear my prayer, your grace impart; when evil thoughts arise through Satan's art,
O, drive them all away and you do, from day to day, keep me beneath Your sway, King of my heart.

Chorus

Praise him who broke the chain holding me in sin's domain and set me free again! Sing and rejoice.

***THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.
The Lord be with you all”
(2 Thessalonians 3:16)

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.

Installation Service | First Presbyterian Church, Niceville | August 4 | 6:00 p.m.

On Sunday, August 4, First Presbyterian Church in Niceville will be installing their new pastor, Rev. Justin Beam. Pastor Chad and Rev. Brent Sadler have both been asked to participate in the installation service. The session has decided that instead of having our regular evening service on August 4th, we will join First Presbyterian Niceville for their worship service that evening. Please make plans to attend this service as it will be a wonderful way to show support and encouragement to our sister church and to give thanks to God for his faithfulness in providing them a new pastor after the retirement of longtime pastor, Rev. Joe Grider. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. and there will be a reception following the service.

STM Bahamas Update

Thanks to everyone who prayed for our team this past week and especially for Jenny and Jason who were instrumental in bringing us back home with all the flight cancellations this past weekend! We are looking forward to a congregational lunch to give a presentation on how the mission's trip went. Stay tuned for the details!

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.”

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 Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

July 29 - Aug. 2, 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
VBS

Thursday, Aug. 1, 6:30 p.m.
No Summer Ladies' Bible Study

Friday, Aug. 2, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry