

Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, July 28, 2024 P.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 5:30 p.m.*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and truth." (John 4:23-24)

*Hymn of Praise #499

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*Assurance of Pardon

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who ae in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:1-2)

> **Reading of Scripture** Jonah 3:1-10

*Song

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie. All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day; There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound), I am bound for the promised land I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound), I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore; Sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.

Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blest? When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

Chorus

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REVELATION 14:14-15:4 REV. CHAD WATKINS

"A Time to Reap"

The Harvest of the Earth

The Celebration of the Lamb

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #429 "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"

Let thy blood in mercy poured, let thy gracious body broken, be to me, O gracious Lord, of thy boundless love the token: Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

Thou didst die that I might live; blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give Jesus by his sorrows gave me. Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear wound and the nailing, by the pain and death, I now claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing. Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my penitence I give thee; thou art my exalted King, of thy matchless love forgive me. Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

THE LORD'S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*

*Hymn of Thanksgiving #731

"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***The Benediction**

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

*the communion bread is gluten free

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For Your Calendar:

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

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

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