



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, July 7, 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 7, 2024 5:30 p.m.

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.”  
*(Psalm 95:6-7)*

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE #170**

### ***“Fairest Lord Jesus”***

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“...knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

*(1 Peter 1:18-19)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Obadiah 1:1-21

**\*SONG**

***“Speak, O Lord”***

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow’r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises; and by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**REVELATION 14:1-5  
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“Following the Lamb”**

The Safety & Security of the Saints



**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #358**

***“For All the Saints”***

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might,  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light; Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold: Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array  
The King of Glory passes on His way Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

“May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!”  
*(Psalm 134:3)*

# WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **STM Bahamas Update**

We are 6 days out from leaving for Nassau, Bahamas! We leave this Saturday, July 13 and will be flying home July 20. Please be praying for our team's safety, health, teamwork, and spiritual growth. Pray also for the children we will be teaching for spiritual awakening, encouragement, and growth in Christ. As we abound in the work of the Lord, may our labor not be in vain (1 Cor 15:58)!

## **Vacation Bible School | July 29 - August 2 | 4:30pm - 7:00pm**

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.

## **Reinstitution of a Lord's Supper Offering**

A few weeks ago the Session made the 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, in fact, 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 collect-ed.. [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:**

**Thursday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.**  
Summer Ladies' Bible Study

**Friday, July 12, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry