

Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, August 11, 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.

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GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David." *(Isaiah 55:1-3)*

*Song of Praise

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

O Light that foll'west all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me thru pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow thru the rain, and feel the promise is not vain That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be, life that shall endless be.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*Assurance of Pardon

"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life." (*Titus 3:4-7*)

READING OF SCRIPTURE Jonah 4:1-11

*Hymn #610 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" "Take up your cross," the Savior said, "if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me." Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak soul with vain alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and nerve your arm. Take up your cross; nor heed the shame, and let your foolish pride be still; your Lord refused not e'en to die upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly sin's wild deluge brave; 'twill guide you to a better home, it points to glory o'er the grave. Take up your cross, and follow on, nor think till death to lay it down; for only he who bears the cross

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REVELATION 15:5-16:21 REV. CHAD WATKINS

"The Bowls of Wrath"

The Righteousness of God's Judgments

The Recipients of God's Judgments

The Responses to God's Judgments

*PSALM OF RESPONSE

"God is Our Refuge and Our Strength" Psalm 46

God is our refuge and our strength, a helper ever near us. We will not fear though earth be moved, for God is nigh to cheer us. Although the mountains quake and earth's foundation shake, Though angry billows roar and break against the shore, our mighty God will hear us.

God's city is forever blest with living waters welling; Since God is there, she stands unmoved 'mid tumults round her swelling. God speaks and all is peace, from war the nations cease; the Lord of hosts is nigh. Our father's God Most High is our eternal dwelling.

Behold what God has done on earth; his wrath brings desolation. His grace, commanding wars to cease, brings peace to ev'ry nation. Be still, for he is Lord, by all the earth adored; the Lord of hosts is nigh. Our father's God Most High is our strong habitation.

*The Benediction

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting Sunday August 18

The Session invites everyone to join us on Sunday, August 18 for a meeting following the morning service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the WPC's current financial situation, the search committee for associate pastor, and the possible dissolution of the search committee. This will be a potluck lunch and your participation would ensure that everyone is fully informed. For clarity sake, this meeting is not a called meeting where the decision to dissolve the committee will be made at that time. The session has some recommendations based on the information we have and we want to share that with the congregation. If the observations of the officers is shared by the congregation then that means it is necessary to call a separate congregational meeting in the near future for the express purpose of dissolving the search committee. Please reach out to any of the church officers if you have any questions. Please mark calendars and make it a priority to be there. Thank you, Jason Belcher

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:

Thursday, August 15, 6:30 p.m. Summer Ladies' Bible Study Friday, August 16, 9:00 a.m. Food Ministry