



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, August 13, 2023 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

*August 13, 2023 10:15 a.m.*

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

*(Romans 12:1-2)*

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE #164**

### ***“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”***

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of thy name.

Jesus, The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful  
and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.”  
*(2 Chronicles 30:9b)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 5:27-48

**\*Hymn #521**

***“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”***

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH  
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We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the  
Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and  
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us un-  
der Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scrip-  
tures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again,  
with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we  
believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING**

SONG

***“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.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**PSALM 88  
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“Darkness is My Only Companion”**

**\*PSALM OF PREPARATION      “LORD, You Are the God Who Saves Me”**  
Stanzas 1-5 & 11

LORD, you are the God who saves me; I cry out both night and day.  
May my pleading come before you; turn your ear to me, I pray.

For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to death.  
Counted with the ones who perish, I have neither strength nor breath.

I'm as one cast off like dead men, as one lies within the grave,  
as one you no more remember, severed from your hand of grace.

Deep into a pit you cast me, deep within the darkest place;  
there your wrath lies heavy on me, I am crushed by all your waves.

You have made my friends forsake me, made me loathsome in their eyes.  
I am trapped, cut off from rescue; deep distress has dimmed my sight.

You have seized my friend and loved one, put him far away from me.  
Now my closest friend is darkness; not a ray of light I see.

**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

## 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 our website [www.wpc-pca.com](http://www.wpc-pca.com) and click on livestream

## Covered Dish Luncheon & Bahamas Short Term Mission Trip Report

On August 20th, immediately after the Sunday morning service, the Bahamas Short Term Mission's team invites you to a covered dish luncheon where we will give a report to the congregation about our recent trip to the Bahamas. We are asking each family that attends to bring one large family-sized side dish. The entree meat and dessert will be provided by the Missions Committee. Please mark your calendars.

Thank you so much to the many hands that were able to help with VBS this year!

Thank you especially to Melissa for her hard work, creativity, and dedication.

With the leadership of Melissa, and the many hands that assisted, we were able to come together to bring the word to our community and our covenant children.

Please pray for the children that attended, that the seeds that were sown will bring forth a harvest.

### For Your Calendar:

**TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.**  
Evening Service

**Friday, August 18, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry

**Thursday, August 17, 6:00 a.m.**  
Carpenter's Apprentice