

Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, August 23, 2026 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 23, 2026 10:15 a.m.

Greetings and Announcements

***The Call to Worship**

"Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!"
(*Psalm 105:1-3)*

***Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Praise** ***"Across the Lands"

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began;
ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

You're the Author of creation, You're the Lord of ev'ry man,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free.

Chorus

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home.

Chorus

Reading of Scripture
Psalm 70

Prayer of Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**
"I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you."
(Isaiah 44:22)

Psalm 70** ***"Make Haste, O God, to Save Me"

Make haste, O God, to save me;
LORD, hasten to my aid.
May those who seek to kill me
be shamed and sore dismayed.
May all who seek my hurt be
turned back in their disgrace.
May all who say "Aha!" turn
in shame, their steps retrace.

But may all those who seek you
rejoice, in you be glad;
may those who love salvation
say, "God be magnified!"
Yet I am poor and needy;
come quickly, God, I pray.
O LORD, my help and Savior,
make haste. Do not delay.

*Confession of Faith
Heidelberg Catechism #69-71

Pastor: (Q. 69) How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

All: In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins

Pastor: (Q. 70) What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

All: To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we die to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

Pastor: (Q. 71) Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

All: In the institution of baptism, where he says: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; but whoever does not believe will be condemned." This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism "the washing of regeneration" and the washing away of sins.

Offertory Prayer, Music, & Offering

Song** ***"The Goodness of Jesus"

Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears
Rest here in his wondrous peace

Oh the goodness the goodness of Jesus. Satisfied he is all that I need.
May it be come what may, that I rest all my days in the goodness of Jesus.

Come find what this world cannot offer
Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water never thirst again
Rest here in his wondrous peace

Chorus

Come and find your hope now in Jesus
He is all he said he would be
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart
Rest here in his wondrous peace

Chorus x2

May it be come what may that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE **LUKE 11:45-54**
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD **REV. CHAD WATKINS**

"Taking the Lawyers to Court"

Despising Correction

Heaping on Burdens

Killing the Prophets

Concealing the Truth

Plotting Murder

Hymn of Response #304** ***"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.

***The Benediction**

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."
(Philippians 4:23)

WPC Announcements

Evening Service Tonight

We encourage you to join us for evening worship at 5:30 p.m. 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.

August Newsletter

Hard copies of the newsletter are available in the Narthex. **Please take 1 per family**. The digital copy is available on the WPC website.

Midweek | August 26 | 5:15 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Midweek at WPC will begin on Wednesday, August 26 from 5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. There will be a **fellowship meal provided by the church** followed by a **hymn sing**. The prayer meeting, missionary book club, nursery, and youth activities will begin the following week.

Sunday School Breakfast | Sunday, August 30

In lieu of our normal Sunday School, we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. This is something our church has done a number of years ago prior to the start of the next Sunday School classes. Please join us to hear of the various Sunday School classes available and enjoy a time of fellowship around the breakfast table. Breakfast is provided.

New Members Class | August 23-September 27

Beginning Sunday, August 23 and running through September, we'll be offering a Sunday School class for those interested in becoming members of WPC. If interested, please contact Landon Jostes or the church office.

For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Wed., August 26, 5:15 p.m.
Midweek at WPC

Thurs., August 27, 6:00 a.m.
Carpenters Apprentices

Fri., August 28, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry