



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, August 24, 2025 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 24, 2025 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

*PSALM OF PRAISE

“Who with God Most High Finds Shelter”

Psalm 91B

Who with God Most High finds shelter, lives in God Almighty's shade.
I will say to God, “My God, my fortress where my trust is stayed.”
From the fowler's snare he'll save you, from the deadly pestilence;
cover you with outspread pinions, make his wings your confidence.

God's truth is your shield and buckler; you will fear no ill by night,
nor the shafts in daylight flying, nor disease that shuns the light,
nor the plague that wastes at noonday. At your side ten thousand fall;
you will only see the judgment which the wicked will befall.

You have made the LORD your refuge, God Most High your dwelling place.
Nothing evil shall befall you; near your tent no scourge you'll face.
He will angels charge to keep you, guard you well in all your ways,
bear you up with hands that hold you, lest your foot a stone should graze.

You shall trample serpents, lions, tread on all your deadly foes.
“Since he loves me, I will save him, keep him, for my name he knows;
I will honor, I will save him; when he calls, I will reply.
I will show him my salvation, with long life will satisfy.”

READING OF SCRIPTURE
Psalm 18:25-50

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)

***HYMN #646**

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where're our changeful lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

***CONFESSION OF FAITH
APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won.
Deeper still, then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief.
Hopeless somehow, O my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance—see His love forever proved.
All my hope is in the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,
when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind, and life secured.
And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**LUKE 6:27-36
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“The Radical Demands of Following Jesus”

The Love Jesus Demands

The Standards Jesus Sets

The Grace Jesus Gives

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #455** *“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”*

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God shouldst die for me?
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'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

***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.

Officer Nominations

The session has opened up nominations for the offices of ruling elder and deacon. Nominations will remain open until Sunday, September 21st. Please be in prayer about nominating men to serve in these important roles in our church.

Ladies' Tuesday AM Bible Study | 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. | Newton Conference Room

Our 10-week study begins September 16th! We will be using the study *Colossians and Philemon: Continue to Live in Him* by Kathleen B. Nielson. Copies are available (for \$10 if able). This study is for everyone! Contact Melissa Giddens if you are interested in joining the study. **Childcare is LIMITED** due to volunteer availability. Please contact Krystina Lyon about signing your children up for childcare!

Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. | Newton Conference Room

The Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study will **begin on September 3**. The group will be studying *Titus, Philemon, and Jude* by Rafiki Foundation. If you are interested in the study and would like additional information, contact Judy Smith or Jenny Seay. **Childcare is not provided.**

Cry Room and Choir Room

If your child gets restless during the service, a cry room (located in the back of the sanctuary) is available to use. Priority for the cry room is given to nursing mothers. The choir room in the hall behind the sanctuary is also available to use. The choir room has the services available to watch via livestream.

Church Directory App

Did you know that our church directory is available to view through an app on your phone?! Go to the app store on your phone, and search for **Instant Church Directory**. Once the app is downloaded, you will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in the directory. You will then have a code sent to your email. You will enter this code as instructed in the Instant Church Directory app. **If your email isn't in the directory, you cannot access the directory.** Please contact the church office to have your email address added.

For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Monday, August 25, 5:30 p.m.
Mission's Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 26, 6:00 p.m.
Ladies' Evening Bible Study

Wednesday, August 27, 5:30 p.m.
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Thursday, August 28, 6:00 a.m.
Carpenter's Apprentice

Friday, August 29, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry