



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, August 25, 2024 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 25, 2024 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 all of 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

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Come People of the Risen King”

Come people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Chorus

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call –
the Truth that cries through ev'ry age: “Our God is all in all!”

Chorus x2

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Micah 3:1-12

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 #51**

“O Jehovah, Hear My Words”

O Jehovah, hear my words, to my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to thee.
With the morning light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise,
And expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou, Jehovah, art a God who delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy favor win.
Evil-doers thou dost hate, lying tongues thou wilt defeat;
God abhors the man who loves violence and base deceit.

In the fulness of thy grace to thy house I will repair;
Bowing toward thy holy place, in thy fear to worship there.
Lead me in thy righteousness, let my foes assail in vain;
Lest my feet be turned aside, make thy way before me plain.

False and faithless are my foes, in their mouth no truth is found;
Deadly are the words they speak, all their thoughts with sin abound.
Bring, O God, their plans to naught, hold them guilty in thy sight,
For against thee and thy law they have set themselves to fight.

O let all that trust thy care ever glad and joyful be;
Let them joy who love thy name, safely guarded, Lord, by thee.
For a blessing from thy store to the righteous thou wilt yield;
Thou wilt compass him about with thy favor as a shield.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH
WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM Q. 51-52

Pastor: What is forbidden in the second commandment?

All: The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in His word.

Pastor: What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

All: The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, His propriety in us, and the zeal He hath to His own worship.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

“I Will Wait For You”

I wait, my soul waits for the Lord. My hope is in His word.
More than the watchmen wait for light, my soul waits for the Lord

Out of the depths I cry to You, from darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone

*I will wait for You I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely
I will wait for You surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied*

So put Your hope in God alone, take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won, by Christ emerging from the grave

Chorus

Now He has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today, find healing in his sacrifice

Chorus

I will wait for You I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**EPHESIANS 3:1-13
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“The Unsearchable Riches of Christ”

The Mystery

The Ministry

The Mission

***Hymn of Response #383**

“Almighty God, Your Word is Cast”

Almighty God, your word is cast like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n descend, and righteous fruits abound.

Let not the foe of Christ and man this holy seed remove,
but give it root in ev'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundred fold the fruits of peace and joy.

Oft as the precious seed is sown, your quick'ning grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive, its saving pow'r may know.

***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 5:30pm. 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.

Congregational Meeting | Sunday, September 8

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 8, 2024 immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on a recommendation by the Session to dissolve the associate pastor search committee.

Monthly Discipleship Study Group | September 3 | 4:30pm-5:30 p.m.

This group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in classroom 2. This group exists to encourage students who are enrolled in courses from the LowCountry Biblical Counseling Center. Call Diane Poff if interested at 850-685-1307.

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:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Friday, August 30, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry

Thursday, August 29, 6:30 p.m.
Summer Ladies' Bible Study