



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, August 4, 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 4, 2024 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the LORD! ”
(Psalm 117)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE #100

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:11-20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”
(Isaiah 53:4-6)

***HYMN #498**

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH
WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM Q. 47-48

Pastor: What is forbidden in the first commandment?

All: The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying, the true God as God and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

Pastor: What are we specially taught by these words, *before me*, in the first commandment?

All: These words, *before me*, in the first commandment teach us, that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence that our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand what comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end the love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah our hope springs eternal o sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known in our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

Unto the grave what will we sing Christ He lives
Christ He lives And what reward will heaven bring everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus x2

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**EPHESIANS 2:4-10
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“Sola Gratia”

The Marvel of Grace

The Gift of Faith

The Fruit of Faith

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, thru Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

***THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,
comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.”
(2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evening Service Tonight

There will not be an evening service at Westminster Presbyterian Church tonight. Please make plans to attend service at First Presbyterian Church in Niceville. See the following announcement for more details.

Installation Service | First Presbyterian Church, Niceville | August 4 | 6:00 p.m.

On Sunday, August 4, First Presbyterian Church in Niceville will be installing their new pastor, Rev. Justin Beam. Pastor Chad and Rev. Brent Sadler have both been asked to participate in the installation service. The session has decided that instead of having our regular evening service on August 4th, we will join First Presbyterian Niceville for their worship service that evening. Please make plans to attend this service as it will be a wonderful way to show support and encouragement to our sister church and to give thanks to God for his faithfulness in providing them a new pastor after the retirement of longtime pastor, Rev. Joe Grider. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. and there will be a reception following the service.

Monthly Discipleship Study Group | August 6 | 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.

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 Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 6:00 p.m.
Installation service at First Presbyterian
Church in Niceville

Thursday, Aug. 8, 6:30 p.m.
Summer Ladies' Bible Study

Friday, Aug. 9, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry