



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, August 6, 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 6, 2023 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

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”

How can it be the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing “Hallelujah!”
For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King: Christ, Christ He is risen!

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh sing “Hallelujah!”
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!*

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed;
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing “Hallelujah!”
Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting.

Chorus

The power that raised Him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save;
He frees our hearts to live His grace – Go, tell of His goodness.

Chorus x2

He is risen! He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are opened wide.
He's alive, He's alive, Now in heaven glorified
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He's alive, He's alive, Now in heaven glorified.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-26

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 #332**

“Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with all your quick'ning pow'rs;
Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

And shall we then forever live at this poor dying rate?
Our love, so faint, so cold to you, And yours to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with all your quickening pow'rs;
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH
WLC Q. 195

Pastor: *What do we pray for in the sixth petition?*

All: In the sixth petition, (which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*) acknowledging that the most wise, righteous, and gracious God, for divers holy and just ends, may so order things that we may be assaulted, foiled, and for a time led captive by temptations; that Satan, the world, and the flesh, are ready powerfully to draw us aside and ensnare us; and that we, even after the pardon of our sins, by reason of our corruption, weakness, and want of watchfulness, are not only subject to be tempted, and forward to expose ourselves unto temptations; but also of ourselves unable and unwilling to resist them, to recover out of them, and to improve them; and worthy to be left under the power of them: we pray, that God would so overrule the world and all in it, subdue the flesh, and restrain Satan, order all things, bestow and bless all means of grace, and quicken us to watchfulness in the use of them, that we and all His people may by His providence be kept from being tempted to sin; or, if tempted, that by His Spirit we may be powerfully supported and enabled to stand in the hour of temptation; or when fallen, raised again and recovered out of it, and have a sanctified use and improvement thereof: that our sanctification and salvation may be perfected, Satan trodden under our feet, and we fully freed from sin, temptation, and all evil forever.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

“O Great God”

O great God of highest heav’n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow’r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav’n, glorify Your Name through me.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

**PSALM 84
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“Heaven on Earth”

Desiring God

Pursuing God

Delighting in God

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #371**

“O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely”

O Lord of Hosts, how lovely the place where thou dost dwell!
Thy tabernacles holy in pleasantness excel.
My soul is longing, fainting, Jehovah's courts to see;
My heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for thee.

Blest who thy house inhabit, they ever give thee praise;
Blest all whom thou dost strengthen, who love the sacred ways.
So they from strength unwearied go forward unto strength,
Till they appear in Zion before the Lord at length.

O hear, Lord God of Jacob, to me an answer yield;
The face of thine anointed, behold, O God, our shield.
One day excels a thousand if spent thy courts within;
I'll choose thy threshold, rather than dwell in tents of sin.

Our sun and shield, Jehovah, will grace and glory give;
No good will he deny them that uprightly do live.
O God of hosts, Jehovah, how blest is ev'ryone
Who confidence reposes on thee, O Lord, alone.

***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

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 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

Tuesday, August 8, 5:30 p.m.
Session and Diaconate Meeting

Thursday, August 10, 6:00 a.m.
Carpenter's Apprentice

Friday, August 11, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry