

# *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

*The Lord's Day, September 12, 2021*



*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.*

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*September 12, 2021 10:15 a.m.*

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:  
‘I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.’  
*(Isaiah 57:15)*”

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #369

#### *“Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”*

Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns; through distant lands his triumphs spread;  
And sinners, freed from endless pains, own him their Savior and their Head.

He calls his chosen from afar, they all at Zion's gates arrive;  
Those who were dead in sin before by sovereign grace are made alive.

Gentiles and Jews his laws obey; nations remote their off' rings bring,  
And unconstrained their homage pay to their exalted God and King.

O may his holy church increase, his Word and Spirit still prevail,  
While angels celebrate his praise, and saints his growing glories hail.

Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb, from all below, and all above!  
In lofty songs exalt his name, in songs as lasting as his love.

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”  
*(Romans 5:8)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

2 Kings 4:38-44

**\*SONG**

***“For the Cause”***

For the cause of Christ the King, we give our lives, an offering  
‘Till all the earth resounds with cease-less praise to the Son

For the cause of Christ we go with joy to reap, with faith to sow  
As many see and many put their trust in the Son.

*Christ we proclaim, The Name above every name;  
For all creation, Every nation, God’s salvation Through the Son!*

For the King once lifted high to cries of rage, of ‘Crucify!’  
Endured the cross as every sin was laid on the Son

To the King who conquered death, to free the poor and the oppressed,  
For lasting peace, for life and liberty in the Son

*Chorus*

Let it be my life’s refrain; to live is Christ, to die is gain;  
Deny myself, take up my cross and follow the Son (repeat)

*Chorus x2*

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH  
HEIDELBERG CATECHISM #1**

**Pastor:** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All:** That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING**

**\*HYMN #141**

***“God in the Gospel of His Son”***

God, in the gospel of his Son, makes his eternal counsels known;  
where love in all its glory shines, and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame may taste his grace, and learn his name;  
may read, in characters of blood, the wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.

The pris'ner here may break his chains; the weary rest from all his pains;  
the captive feel his bondage cease; the mourner find the way of peace.

Here faith reveals to mortal eyes a brighter world beyond the skies;  
here shines the light which guides our way from earth to realms of endless day.

O grant us grace, almighty Lord, to read and mark your holy Word;  
its truths with meekness to receive, and by its holy precepts live.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**1 PETER 1:22-2:3**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**REV. CHAD WATKINS**

*“The Living & Abiding Word of God”*

1. The Word Creates Life

2. The Word Nourishes Life

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #469 “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” vv. 1-4**

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,  
While everlasting love displays the choices of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, “Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there’s room,  
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;  
Else we had still refused to taste and perished in our sin.

**THE LORD’S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER\***

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #469 “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” vv. 5-6**

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;  
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

**\* THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.  
The Lord be with you all.”  
*(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

*\*the communion bread is gluten free*