



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, September 14, 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

September 14, 2025 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)*

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

#### *“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

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

*(Mark 10:45)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 21

**\*PSALM**

***“O LORD, in Your Great Strength”***

**Psalm 21B**

O LORD, in your great strength the king has joy abundantly;  
and he exults exceedingly in your great victory.  
What he desired within his heart you fully have supplied;  
what he requested with his lips, you never have denied.

What gifts, O LORD, you welcomed him, with blessings manifold;  
and you have placed upon his head a crown of purest gold.  
When he requested life from you, you life to him did give;  
such length of days you gave to him: forever he will live.

Your victory has made him great, his glory does excel;  
with splendor and with majesty you have endowed him well.  
For you will ever set on him the blessings of your grace;  
and make him glad eternally with joy before your face.

The king upon the LORD relies; his confidence is sure;  
and through the love of God Most High, the king is kept secure.  
Your hand will search for enemies and find out all your foes,  
and all who harbor hate for you, your right hand will oppose.

In anger you will burn them up at your appointed hour;  
In wrath, the LORD will swallow them, in fiery flames devour.  
Their fruit you will remove from earth, their children from mankind.  
Their evil plots will not succeed, nor schemes they have designed.

For you will make them all retreat—your arrows are in place—  
they sit upon your bowstring, aimed to strike them in the face.  
In your almighty strength, O LORD, exalt yourself on high;  
then we will sing with psalms of praise, your power glorify.

**\*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**

***“The Lord is My Salvation”***

The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.  
I will not fear when darkness falls, his strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord, he flow'rs each promise of his Word.  
When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation.  
In times of waiting, times of need; when I know loss, when I am weak.  
I know his grace will renew these days: The Lord is my salvation.

*Chorus*

And when I reach the final day, he will not leave me in the grave.  
But I will rise, he will call me home: The Lord is my salvation.

*Chorus*

Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son,  
Glory be to God, the Spirit; The Lord is our salvation.  
Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son,  
Glory be to God, the Spirit; The Lord is our salvation.  
The Lord is our salvation. The Lord is our salvation.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**LUKE 7:1-10  
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“Faith in Unexpected Places”**

A Centurion’s Crisis Management

Jewish Counterfeit Theology

Cultivating Humility

A Centurion’s Confidence in the Word

Jesus Commends a Gentile’s Faith

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #257**

***“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”***

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord;  
by his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?  
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress;  
many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;  
but the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great  
here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;  
'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;  
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

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

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

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #731**

***“Doxology”***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”  
*(Romans 16:20)*

*\*the communion bread is gluten free*

# 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](http://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.

## Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting | 9:00 a.m. | Josteses' Home

As we survey the book of Acts, there is one thing the church did every time they met together: pray. Day by day the church devoted themselves to prayer, and day by day the Lord added to their numbers (Acts 2:42-47). Please join us in prayer Saturday mornings at 9:00am at the Jostes home.

## September Newsletter

Hard copies of the newsletter are available in the Narthex. **Please take 1 per family**. Digital copies are available on our church's website.

## Missions Lunch | September 28

Want to heart from one of our supported missionaries? Join us for a congregational lunch after church on September 28 to hear a ministry update from David and Jill Martin who have been serving in Ukraine and Romania since 1998. Lunch is provided by the Mission's Ministry Team.

### For Your Calendar:

**TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.**  
Evening Service

**Wed., Sept. 17, 5:30 p.m.**  
NextGen

**Fri., Sept. 19, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry

**Tues., Sept. 16, 9:30 a.m.**  
Ladies' Morning Bible Study

**Thurs., Sept. 18, 6:00 a.m.**  
Carpenter's Apprentice

**Sat., Sept. 20, 9:00 a.m.**  
Prayer Meeting at the  
Josteses' Home

**Wed., Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m.**  
Morning Ladies' Bible Study