



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, September 17, 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

September 17, 2023 10:15 a.m.

---

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*The Call to Worship

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!”  
*(Psalm 118:1)*

### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*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

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 8:1-17

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
*(Romans 5:1)*

**\*SONG**

***“His Mercy Is More”***

What love could remember no wrongs we have done,  
Omniscient all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more! Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor,  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Chorus*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us,  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford,  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Chorus (x2)*

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**  
**The 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**

**HYMN #642**

***“Be Thou My Vision”***

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, Thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**EXODUS 21:1-11  
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“Freedom”**

The Wisdom of God

The Compassion of God

The Saving Purposes of God

**\*Psalm of Response**

***“I Waited Long upon the LORD”***  
***Psalm 40***

I waited long upon the LORD; he stooped and heard my cry.  
He drew me from destruction’s pit and from the boggy mire.  
He set my feet upon a rock, and steadfast made my ways.  
He put within my mouth a new and joyful song of praise.

And many, seeing me restored, will trust the LORD and fear.  
How blest the man who makes the LORD his trust and refuge sure,  
who turns not to the arrogant, to those who follow lies,  
to those who turn away from truth, but on the LORD relies.

O LORD our God, how many are the wonders you have done!  
How many are the gracious thoughts which you to us have shown!  
LORD, no one can compare with you; I will your works proclaim  
and tell of all your wondrous deeds, whose number none can name.

In sacrifice and offering you take no great delight.  
You seek no sacrifice for sin, no off’ring is required.  
You gave to me an open ear, and then I said, “Behold,  
I come, O LORD, as in the book was written and foretold.

“To do your will, O LORD my God, is surely my delight.  
Your law is deep within my heart and precious in my sight.  
“Within your great assembly your deliv’rance I’ve proclaimed;  
you know, O LORD, in praising you my lips are not restrained.

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole  
spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”

*(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)*

# 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](http://www.wpc-pca.com) and click on livestream.

## Inmate Bible Study Graders Needed

Okaloosa County Jail has informed WPC about the growing need for inmate's Bible Study Graders. Each study will take about 1.5 hours to pray over, correct, and offer comments. Answer keys and training will be provided.

Kindly contact Arleen Blackstone text 850-586-1537 or [ablacks657@aol.com](mailto:ablacks657@aol.com).

All adults are welcome to volunteer.

## Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays | 9:30am-10:45am | Newton Conference Room | **Beginning September 12th**

Come grow and learn with us as we dig deep into God's Word through an inductive study of the Book of Philippians! We will be using "Joy: A Bible Study on Philippians for Women" by Keri Folmar. Copies are available (for \$10 if able). Come join us and get to know women in our church.

**Pick up a study from Melissa today as we plan to discuss week one this Tuesday!**

## Wednesday Ladies Bible Study

Wednesdays | 9:30am-11:00 am | Newton Conference Room

"From Garden to Glory" by Courtney Doctor is a Bible study on the Bible's story. It is a beautiful, epic and cohesive story. Through this amazing story you will marvel at the steadfast love of our God who longs to dwell with His children again as He did in the garden- and who will stop at nothing until He does. If you would like additional information, contact Jean Hart 850-830-2270.

### For Your Calendar:

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

**Tuesday, September 19, 9:30 a.m.**  
Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 20, 9:30 a.m.**  
Ladies Wednesday Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 20, 4:45 p.m.**  
Catechism Club

**Thursday, September 21, 6:00 a.m.**  
Carpenter's Apprentice

**Friday, September 22, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry