



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, September 24, 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 24, 2023 10:15 a.m.

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*The Call to Worship**

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

*(Psalm 118:24)*

### **\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE #274**

### ***“Thine Be the Glory”***

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
end-less is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love;  
bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 8:18-34

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”  
*(Romans 5:20-21)*

**\*SONG**

***“The Power of the Cross”***

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then nailed to a cross of wood

*This the pow'r of the cross, Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed, crowning Your bloodstained brow

*Chorus*

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, “Finished!” the vict'ry cry

*Chorus*

Oh to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffring I am free  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love

*This the pow'r of the cross, Son of God slain for us  
What a life, what a cost, we stand forgiven at the cross*

**\*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**

**SONG**

***“O Church Of Christ Invincible”***

O Church of Christ invincible the people of the Lord  
Empowered by the Spirit's breath and nourished by His word  
His covenant of grace will be our portion evermore  
For He who called us will not change our help and our reward

O chosen people called by grace the sons of Abraham  
Who walk by faith in things unseen and on His promise stand  
That ev'ry nation of the earth will hear of boundless love  
That causes broken hearts to heal and pays our debts with blood

O Church of Christ in sorrow now where evil lies in wait  
When trials and persecutions come this light will never fade  
For though the hordes of hell may rage their pow'r will not endure  
Our times are in the Father's hand our anchor is secure

O Church of Christ upon that day when all are gathered in  
When ev'ry tear is wiped away with ev'ry trace of sin  
Where justice truth and beauty shine and death has passed away  
Where God and man will dwell as one for all eternity

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**EXODUS 21:12-36  
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“Lex Talionis”**

Capital Offenses

Personal Injuries

Criminal Negligence

**\*Hymn of Response #646**

***“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”***

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;  
We drink of thee the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where're our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,  
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ,  
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

*(Hebrews 13:20-21)*

# 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.

## 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.

## Carpenter's Apprentice | Thursdays at 6:00 a.m.

Carpenter's Apprentice is a weekly men's discipleship group that meets every Thursday morning at 6:00AM at the Breakfast Place on Beal Parkway. A new study has recently been started using the book, "Bringing the Gospel Home: Witnessing to Family Members, Close Friends, and Others Who Know You Well," by Randy Newman. Contact Earl Smith if you would like a weekly email reminder of what to study for the week ahead.

### For Your Calendar:

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

**Tuesday, September 26, 9:30 a.m.**  
Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 27, 9:30 a.m.**  
Ladies Wednesday Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 27, 4:45 p.m.**  
Catechism Club

**Thursday, September 28, 6:00 a.m.**  
Carpenter's Apprentice

**Friday, September 29, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry