



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, September 8, 2024 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 8, 2024 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 #75

### *“O Father You Are Sovereign”*

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;  
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.  
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,  
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempests' roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;  
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.  
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,  
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign the Lord of human pain,  
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.  
All evil over-ruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,  
Your love pursues its purpose — our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,  
But soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.  
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:  
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

**\*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**

Micah 5:1-15

**\*SONG**

***“Jesus I My Cross Have Taken”***

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I’ve sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still mine own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
Oh while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, ’twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, ’tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, ’twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn and pain!  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure; with Thy favor, loss is gain.  
I have called Thee, “Abba, Father”; I have stayed my heart on Thee:  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Soul then know thy full salvation; rise o’er sin, and fear, and care;  
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee; Think what Father’s smiles are thine;  
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste then on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer,  
Heaven’s eternal day’s before thee, God’s own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

**\*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**

**PSALM 95A**

***“O Come Before the Lord, Our King”***

O come before the LORD, our King, and in his presence let us sing;  
let us in glad and joyful lays the rock of our salvation praise;  
before him come with thankful song, in joyful psalms his praise prolong.

Almighty pow'r the LORD maintains, exalted over all he reigns;  
he holds the valleys in his hand, he makes the mighty mountains stand;  
to him belong both land and sea, Creator of the world is he.

O come and let us worship now, before our Maker let us bow;  
we are his sheep and he our God, he feeds our souls in pastures broad;  
he safely leads us in the way; O come and hear his voice today.

Take heed and harden not your heart as did your fathers, nor depart  
from God to follow in their ways; for with complaints instead of praise,  
with doubt instead of faith confessed, they put his mercy to the test.

Take heed that you provoke him not, as did your fathers, who forgot,  
with erring heart, God's holy ways and grieved him all their sinful days;  
to whom in wrath the LORD declared: "My promised rest they shall not share."

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**EPHESIANS 3:20-21  
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“Praising the God of Power”**

The Power of God

The Pleasure of God

Our Praise to God

**\*Hymn of Preparation #420**      ***“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”***

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;  
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

**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

## **Congregational Meeting | Sunday, September 8**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 8, 2024 immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on a recommendation by the Session to dissolve the associate pastor search committee.

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

## **Monthly Discipleship Study Group| October 1 | 4:30pm-5:30 p.m.**

This group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in classroom 2. This group exists to encourage students who are enrolled in courses from the LowCountry Biblical Counseling Center. Contact Diane Poff if you are interested in the group.

### **For Your Calendar:**

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

**Tuesday, September 10, 6:00 p.m.**  
Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 11, 9:30 a.m.**  
Ladies' Bible Study

**Thursday, September 12, 6:00 a.m.**  
Carpenter's Apprentice

**Friday, September 13, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry