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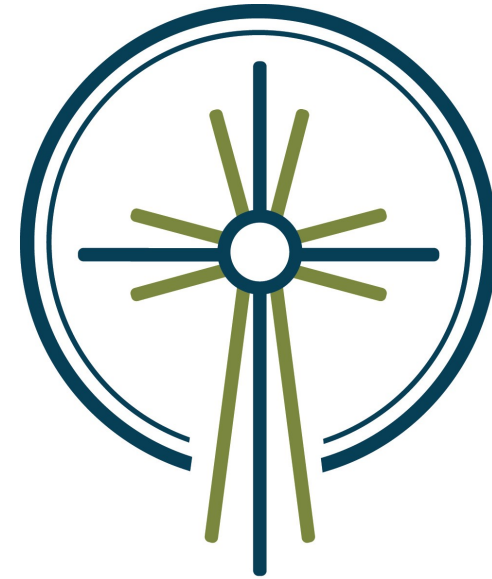
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The vision of Westminster Presbyterian is to know God in his glory, grow in grace together, and show the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and beyond.

A Service for the Worship of God

January 14, 2023

We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Announcements • Rev. Chad Reynolds

Prelude

Variations on Kum Ba Ya; Someone's Praying Lord, Someone's Crying Lord

arr. John Behnke • Catie M. Hane

Someone's praying Lord, kum ba ya (come by here),
Someone's crying Lord, kum ba ya, Oh Lord, kum ba ya.

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!
Psalm 55:1

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 148 • Pete Partee

Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!

**Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of his kingdom who are near to him in Christ Jesus.

Praise the LORD!

Prayer Concerns

The Church at Large

Presbytery • Clemson PC • Clemson • Rev. Bryan Counts
Denomination • Discipleship Ministries • Rev. Stephen Estock
Missionaries • Japan • Peter and Diane Bakelaar
National and Regional Leadership

Church Member Requests

Dennis Campbell • stent surgery Friday
Anne Edwards • recovery from kidney removal
Al LiCalzi Family • Memorial service Saturday
Diaper drive-thru Tuesday
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • relief from pain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to grandparents Jim and Kristy Davidson on the birth of their grandson, Oliver David Smith, born to Corey and Hannah on January 4.
- Memorial service for Al LiCalzi • Saturday • January 20 • 11:00 • WPC
 - Farewell Dinner for Catie M. Hane • Today after worship service
 - Missions Conference • February 10, 11

See your weekend newsletter for additional details.

January Financial Report	
Current Week's Income	\$9,961.00
Income MTD	\$9,961.00
Income YTD	\$9,961.00
Budgeted income YTD	\$14,432.11
Expenses MTD	\$8,810.40
Expenses YTD	\$8,810.40
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$14,424.16
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	\$1,150.60

III. Proclaiming the Word of the LORD

IV. Application and Discussion

- Who are some people whose word you look forward to receiving the most? What is your relationship or interest in these folks?
- Of what value and interest is God's word to you? How is his word's significance heightened because of your relationship with him through Christ?
- Joel 1:2 calls for the people of God to hear, to give ear, and to deeply ponder the word of the LORD. In what ways do these calls encourage you to similarly read the Scriptures?
- Joel 1:3 calls for his readers to tell others, future generations even, of the coming judgment of God. What can we glean from this call in proclaiming the glory of Christ Jesus in both redemption and judgment?

We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others

***Hymn of Response**

Wonderful Words of Life • Hymn 697

***Benediction**

Hope Natiello • pain management

Postlude

Variations on Kum Ba Ya: Someone's Singing Lord • arr. John Behnke
Catie M. Hane

***Hymn of Adoration**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty • Hymn 53

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession • Exodus 20:2-3

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.”

Prayer of Confession

Please consider the following prayer of confession in the quiet of your heart. *Father, your first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge you to be the only true God, that you are truly and covenantally our God by grace, and that therefore we are to worship and glorify you with our all. It also forbids us from giving worship and glory to any other but you. This commandment requires nothing short of our total fidelity. Oh, how far have we fallen short of your glory, Lord. We acknowledge that we have too often neglected you. We have withheld worship from you out of ignorance, apathy, and willful disobedience. We have put other things in a seat of supremacy in our lives: self-righteousness, career achievement, physical beauty, financial prosperity, and so on. Show us those ways in which we have fallen short of joyfully keeping this commandment. Convict us of our sins of thought, word, and deed, that we might repent and turn to you anew. Forgive us these particular sins by the atoning blood of Jesus. Give us a longing and a hunger for you and your ways. Renew within us a spirit of delight to sing your praises and to be living sacrifices to your glory in every aspect of our lives. In the name of Christ Jesus, Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon • Romans 3:23-25

... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

***Confession of Faith**

On the Word of God • *The Westminster Larger Catechism (Modern English) Q. 3-5*

What is the Word of God?

The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

How do we know that the Scriptures are of the Word of God?

The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God by their majesty and purity, by the coherence of all their parts and the consistent message of the whole, which is to give all glory to God, and by their light and power to convince and convert sinners and to comfort and build up believers to salvation. But only the Spirit of God, bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of a person, is able to fully persuade a heart that the Scriptures are the true Word of God.

What do the Scriptures primarily teach?

The Scriptures primarily teach what we are to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of us.

Scripture Reading

Joel 1:1-3

Sermon

A Word for All Times

I. Whose word is it?

A. The LORD's

B. The elders, all inhabitants, and the children of Israel

C. All God's people in all times

II. Receiving the Word of the LORD

Psalm 34 (Taste and See) • Barnard, Needham, and Rigney

I sought the Lord, and He answered me,
And delivered me from every fear.
Those who look on Him are radiant.
They'll never be ashamed.
They'll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies.
The Son of God surrounds His saints.
He will deliver them.
He will deliver them.

Magnify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name together.
Glorify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Oh, blessed is he who hides in Him.
Oh, fear the Lord oh, all you saints.
He'll give you everything.
He'll give you everything.

Magnify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name together.
Glorify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name forever.

Let us bless the Lord every day and night.
Never-ending praise, may our incense rise.
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Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Psalm 73 (Our God is Good) • Seth Jernigan
Choir

Our God is good to Israel to every one whose heart is pure.
But as for me, I nearly fell; my footsteps were no longer sure.
For I was envious of the proud, the wicked with their wealth endowed.
The wicked with their wealth endowed.

But though the truth I tried to see, the problem deeply troubled me.
I entered then God's dwelling place and there I understood their fate.
Yet I am constantly with You; You've taken hold of my right hand.
You've taken hold of my right hand.

Your counsel shows me what to do and guides me in the things I plan,
And afterwards, so shall it be, You will with honor welcome me.
Are you not all I have in heav'n? None else on earth do I desire.
None else on earth do I desire.

Though human strength come to an end, my flesh may fail, my heart give way.
But God himself will be my strength and portion through eternity.
How good that God is near to me, I find my refuge e'er in Thee.
I find my refuge e'er in Thee.

Congregational Prayer

*Songs of Preparation

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer • Nathan Stiff



1. O Lord, my Rock and my Re - deem - er, great - est
2. O Lord, my Rock and my Re - deem - er, strong De -
3. O Lord, my Rock and my Re - deem - er, gra - cious



treasure of my long-ing soul, my God, like You there is no
fend - er of my wea-ry heart, my sword to fight the cruel de-
Sav - ior of my ru-ined life; my guilt and cross laid on Your



oth - er; true de - light is found in You a - lone. Your
ceiv - er, and my shield a - gainst His hate - ful darts. My
shoul - ders; in my place You suf - fered, bled, and died. You



grace, a well too deep to fath - om; Your love
song when en - e - mies sur - round me, my hope
rose— the grave and death are con - quered! You broke



ex - ceeds the heav - ens' reach; Your truth, a fount of per - fect
when tides of sor - row rise, my joy when tri - als are a -
my bonds of sin and shame! O Lord, my Rock and my Re -



wis - dom, my high - est good, and my un - end - ing need.
bound - ing, Your faith - ful - ness, my ref - uge in the night.
deem - er, may all my days bring glo - ry to Your name.

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