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Administrative Assistant • Penny Greer  
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Pete Partee  
Jim Potts  
Bruce Senn  
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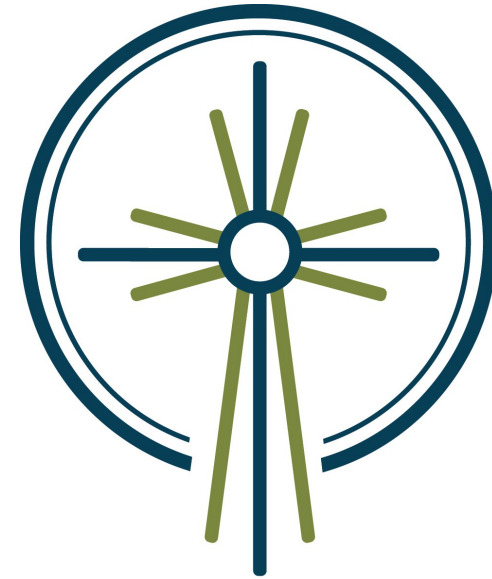
Jim Davidson  
Randy Davis  
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*The vision of Westminster Presbyterian is to know God in his glory, grow in grace together, and show the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and beyond.*



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Know • Grow • Show

# A Service for the Worship of God

January 28, 2024

## We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Announcements • Rev. Chad Reynolds

### Prelude

*Then Sings My Soul, Blessed Assurance* • James Koerts  
Nancy Bruyere Sperling

### \*Call to Worship

Based on Revelation 5 • Wayne Smith

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

**“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”**

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**We will join the heavenly congregation in worshiping Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!**

## Prayer Concerns

### The Church at Large

Presbytery • Covenant PC • Easley • Rev. David Preston  
Denomination • Covenant Theological Seminary • Dr. Thomas C. Gibbs  
Missionaries • Cherokee • Scott and Ruth Hill  
National and Regional Leadership

### Church Member Requests

Prodigal children  
Monthly diaper drive-thru  
Dennis Campbell • continued healing and good health  
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt’s mom • relief from pain  
Hope Natiello • pain management

### Those Expecting

Sarah (Calvin) Mitchell • boy, due in May  
Eliza (Wheeler) Smith • girl, due in July  
Susan (Ben) Orr • girl, due in April

| January Financial Report         |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Current Week’s Income            | \$8,566.53   |
| Income MTD                       | \$21,232.24  |
| Income YTD                       | \$21,232.24  |
| Budgeted income YTD              | \$33,193.88  |
| Expenses MTD                     | \$30,838.65  |
| Expenses YTD                     | \$30,838.65  |
| Budgeted Expenses YTD            | \$33,175.53  |
| YTD Income over/(under) expenses | (\$9,606.41) |

## Application and Discussion

- What can we learn from Joel's call for Israel to gather publicly and to worship God through lament?
- Though he was chastising them, the people of God were called to come to his house for a solemn assembly. What encouragement does this give us about God's love and mercy when we feel estranged from him?
- Joel called upon the name of the LORD, interceding for his fellow Israelites. In what sense is Christ the better Joel, interceding for his people before God?
- How can you join with Christ in the ministry of intercession and reconciliation?

## We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others

### \*Hymn of Response

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!* • Hymn 498

### \*Benediction

## Postlude

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### Announcements

*Congratulations to Sandy and Julie Sprinkles on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Palmer (girl) and Owen (boy)*

Missions Conference • Saturday, February 10 • Sunday, February 11

Congregational meeting • February 18

**See your weekend newsletter for additional details.**

### \*Hymn of Adoration

*Holy, Holy, Holy* • Hymn 100

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

## Confession of Sin

**Call to Confession** • Exodus 20:7

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”

### Prayer of Confession

Please consider the following prayer of confession in the quiet of your mind and heart.

*Heavenly Father, your commandment requires us to think, speak, and actively represent your names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works in manners that are holy and reverent. We confess that too often we have profaned, misrepresented, or even abused your name and the other means by which you have made yourself known. We have taken the name of your Son by professing faith in him and calling ourselves Christians. In doing so, every sin we commit is a sin against his name. Forgive us and lead us to repentance by your Word and Spirit. Give us a longing to bear the name of Christ in humility and to pursue righteousness to the glory of his name, proclaiming with joy, both in word and deed, that his name is above every name.*

## Assurance of Pardon • Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

## Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Immortal, Invisible* • arr. Zach Davidson

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## II. Knowing God in His Drawing Near

A. A time to depend on his love and mercy

B. A time to forewarn others of judgment

C. A time to intercede for others

D. A time to await his promises to be fulfilled

# **We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together**

## **Scripture Reading**

Joel 1:13-20

## **Sermon**

A Cry to the LORD

### **I. Knowing God in Our Distress**

A. A time for discomfort, discomposure, and denial

B. A time to pray with his gathered people

**Receiving of New Members** • James Sperling, Asher Zwan, and Sophia Zwan

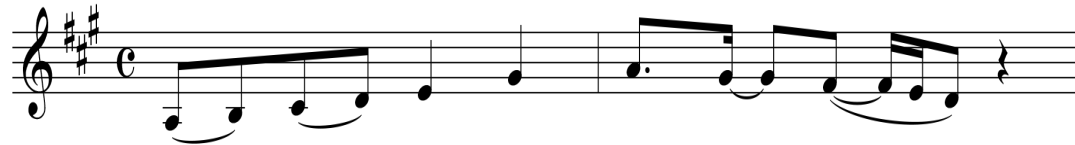
### **Questions to the New Member**

- Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
- Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

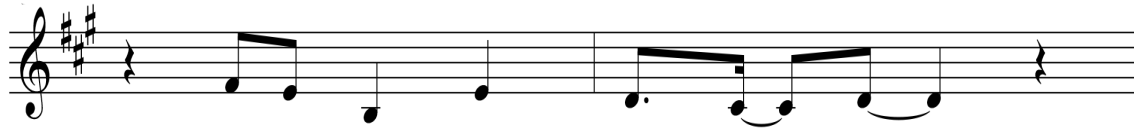
### **Prayer for the New Members**

# \*Songs of Preparation

God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51) • Redhead, Miner, and Littlepage



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust \_\_\_\_\_



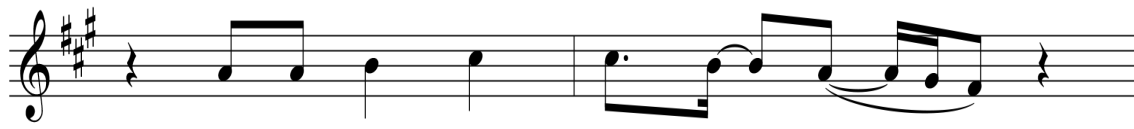
On thy grace I rest my plea;  
 Grief and guilt my soul op - press;  
 Thou de - sir - est truth with - in.  
 By thy wrath and judge - ment just,



Plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thou a - lone my Sav - iour art, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Let my con - trite heart re - joice \_\_\_\_\_



Blot out my trans - gres - sions now;  
 And pro - voked thee thy face;  
 Teach thy wis - dom to thy heart;  
 And in glad - ness hear thy voice;



Wash me - Make me pure with - in, \_\_\_\_\_  
 I con - fess thy judge - ment just, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make me pure, thy grace be - stow, \_\_\_\_\_  
 From my sins O hide thy face, \_\_\_\_\_



Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
 Speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.  
 Wash me whit - er than the snow.  
 Blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,  
 Make my spirit right and true  
 Cast me not away from thee,  
 Let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
 Thy salvation's joy impart,  
 Steadfast make my willing hear

6. Sinners then shall learn from me,  
 And return O God to Thee  
 Savior all my guilt remove,  
 And my tongue shall sing Thy love  
 Touch my silent lips O Lord,  
 And my mouth shall praise accord

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

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.

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