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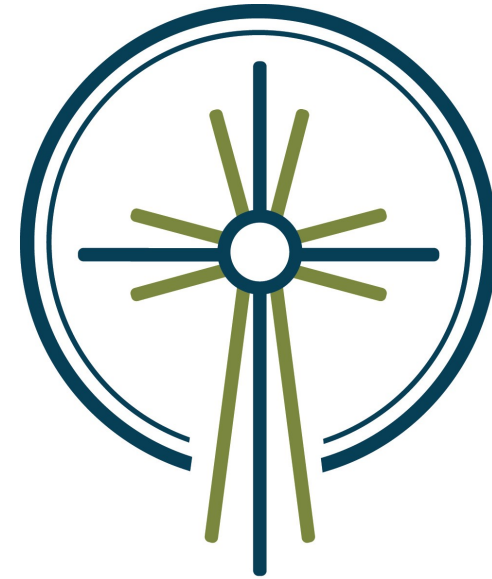
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Know • Grow • Show

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 7, 2024

We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

O God Beyond All Praising • arr. W. L. Fleury
Catie M. Hane, Marshall Davidson, Caleb Tatebe

*Call to Worship

Based on Isaiah 25:6-9 • Rev. Trevor Downie

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

**And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.**

He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

Prayer Concerns

The Church at Large

Presbytery • Norris Hill PC • Abbeville
Denomination • Mission to North America • Dr. Irwyn Ince
Missionaries • Japan • Debbie Richards
National and Regional Leadership

Church Member Requests

Diaper drive-thru this Tuesday
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • relief from pain
Hope Natiello • pain management
Al LiCalzi • comfort and peace

Those Expecting

Hannah (Corey) Davidson Smith • due in January
Kelley (Chandler) Sprinkles • twins, due in January
Susan (Ben) Orr • girl, due in April
Sarah (Calvin) Mitchell • boy, due in May
Eliza (Wheeler) Smith • girl, due in July

December Financial Report	
Current Week's Income	\$2,975.44
Income MTD	\$40,677.06
Income YTD	\$452,387.64
Budgeted income YTD	\$434,350.00
Expenses MTD	\$37,576.55
Expenses YTD	\$427,230.20
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$430,452.51
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	\$25,157.44

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-28

Now as [Christ and his disciples] were eating [the Passover meal], Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

The Prayer of Consecration

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others

*Hymn of Praise

Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness • Hymn 727

*Benediction

Postlude

Amazing Grace – Highland Cathedral

Catie M. Hane, Marshall Davidson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Farewell Dinner for Catie M. Hane • January 14 • Covered Dish Dinner
- Missions Conference • February 10, 11

See your weekend newsletter for additional details.

It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God;

we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

*Hymn of Adoration

O God Beyond All Praising • Hymn 660

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession • John 2:13-17

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • John 2:18-19

***Confession of Faith**

"The Apostles' Creed" • Trinity Hymnal, rev. ed.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
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.**

***Hymn of Response**

Turn Your Eyes • Lemmel, Romanacce, Trout, Winebarger, and Stiff

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced.
There the Son of God gave His life for us,
And our measureless debt was erased.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize,
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

Turn your eyes to the morning,
And see Christ the lion awake.
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone,
For we carry His life in our veins.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize,
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

Turn your eyes to the heavens.
Our King will return for His own.
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,
'All glory to Jesus alone!'

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize,
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

II. Waiting on God's Promises in Christ

A. Expecting consolation

B. Expecting liberty

C. Being holy in devotion

III. Application and Discussion

- What promises have the people of God already received in Jesus?
- In what ways can you grow in testifying to those fulfilled promises?
- For what promises do we still wait?
- In what ways can you grow in the grace of expectant waiting for the fulfillment of God's eternal promises in Jesus?

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

It Is Well With My Soul • arr. James Koerts
Catie M. Hane, Nancy Bruyere Sperling

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control;
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin – oh the bliss of this glorious thought! –
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend.
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Congregational Prayer

with "The Lord's Prayer"

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

*Song of Preparation

In Christ Alone • Getty and Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all. Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-38

Sermon

Two Patient Witnesses

I. Testifying to God's Fulfilled Promise

A. Proclaiming the Gospel

B. Marveling at Jesus

C. Giving thanks to the Lord