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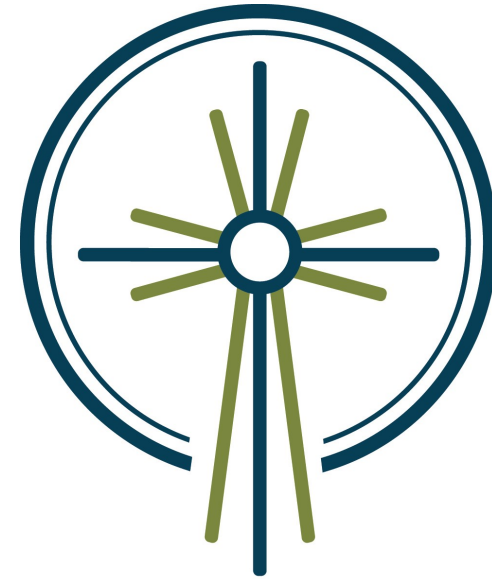
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

October 1, 2023

We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Jesus Thank You • arr. Pat Sczebel
Catie M. Hane

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 107 • Adam Bruyere

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**We give thanks to the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
For he satisfies the longing soul through Christ,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

Whoever is made wise by the Spirit,
let them attend to the Word of God;
let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Announcements

- Mims community group meets today
- Fall Bible Conference • October 7, 8
- Diaper Give Away • October 10
- Fall Festival • Fun for the whole family • October 21 • 5:00-7:00
- Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing • October 29

• **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX EACH WEEK** •

September Financial Report	
Current Week's Income	\$7,750.58
Income MTD	\$31,011.26
Income YTD	\$334,434.29
Budgeted income YTD	\$320,936.36
Expenses MTD	\$28,235.42
Expenses YTD	\$316,237.77
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$322,539.96
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	\$18,196.52

Prayer Concerns

The Church at Large

Presbytery • Grace and Peace PC • Greenville • Rev. Timothy Udouj
Denomination • Administrative Committee • Dr. Bryan Chapell
Missionaries • Debbie Richards • Japan
National and Regional Leadership

Church Member Requests

Prodigal children
Monthly diaper drive-thru
Robert Davidson, Jim and Will's father • recovery from stroke
Beth Miller • initial protocol for treatment of advanced breast cancer
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • relief from pain
Al LiCalzi • relief from pain, peace in this journey
Hope Natiello • pain management

Those Expecting

Hannah Davidson Smith • due in January

*Hymn of Adoration

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God • Hymn 92

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession • Psalm 119:1-8

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!
You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous rules.
I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • 1 John 3:1-3

***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.**

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Standing on the Promises • James Koerts

Nancy Bruyere Sperling

Congregational Prayer

with "The Lord's Prayer" • English Standard Version

**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 also have forgiven 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.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

Mark 14:22-25

And as [Christ and his disciples] were eating, [Jesus] took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

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**

Christ We Do All Adore Thee • Hymn 737

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Postlude on OLD HUNDREDTH • Fred Bock
Catie M. Hane*

*Hymn of Response

It Was Finished Upon That Cross • Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,
Nigel Hendroff

How I love the voice of Jesus! On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost,
Christ had triumphed over evil; it was finished upon that cross.

Now the curse it has been broken. Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon He has offered; great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry; it was finished upon that cross.

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me,
But the Son who died to save us, rose that we would be free indeed!
Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me,
But the Son who died to save us, rose that we would be free indeed!
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness, Free to live and free to love,
Death is dead and Christ is risen! It was finished upon that cross.
Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' victory. It was finished upon that cross,
It was finished upon that cross. It was finished upon that cross.

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Amen.

*Song of Preparation

All My Boast is In Jesus • Getty, Boswell, Papa, Fowler

What wonder of wonders, what love is this, that Christ would die for me?
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness, this sinner's only plea
O foolish pride, be crucified, the work is finished.

All my boast is in Jesus; all my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever in what the cross has done.

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled with graces undeserved.
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill, let praises now return.
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord. Who else is worthy?

All my boast is in Jesus; all my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever in what the cross has done.

O praise the One forever blessed. Him alone my heart adores.
And I will boast in nothing less than the love of Christ, my Lord.
O praise the One forever blessed. Him alone my heart adores.
Oh, and I will boast in nothing less than the love of Christ, my Lord.

I boast not in riches, in strength, or might, but in the grace of God.
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ, in plenty or in want,
That I may know, that all may see, His pow'r within me.

All my boast is in Jesus; all my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever in what the cross has done.

Now I stand in this freedom, ransomed, clean in His sight.
Oh, and I cannot be ashamed for my boast is Jesus Christ,
My boast is Jesus Christ. Forever my boast is Jesus Christ.

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We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together

Scripture Reading • Rev. Chad Reynolds
Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23

Sermon
Receiving the Word of God

I. The Word of the Kingdom of God

II. Fruitless Hearing of the Word

A. Hard heart

B. Shallow heart

C. Crowded heart

III. Fruitful Hearing of the Word

IV. Application and Discussion

- Consider your testimony of faith in Christ. In what ways is his grace evident by your heart being made more and more receptive to the Gospel?
- What fruit in your life gives you assurance that the Word of the Gospel is planted and growing within you?
- Consider people in your life who can be described by one of the three fruitless soils rather than by the fruitful soil. How should you pray for them? In what ways can you be a means by which God sows the Word in their lives?
- In what ways do you need to grow in the grace of fruitfully receiving the Word of the kingdom?
- If you have not truly received the Word of Christ for your salvation, or if you are unsure, please do not hesitate to speak with a pastor or trusted believer about receiving Jesus by faith as your Savior and Lord.