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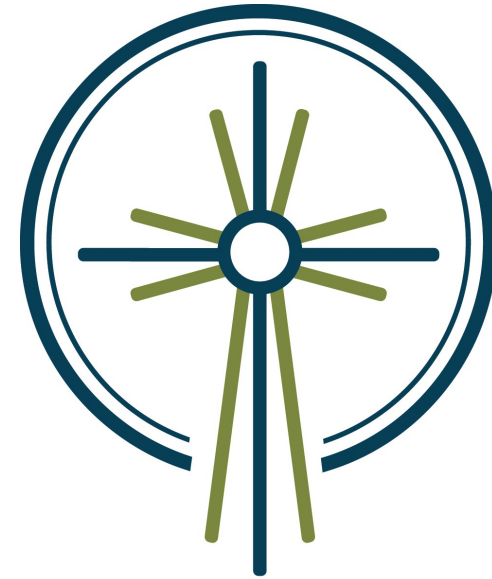
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Know • Grow • Show



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

October 29, 2023

We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Announcements • Rev. Chad Reynolds

Prelude

Praise Him, Praise Him
Joyful Noisemakers

*Call to Worship

From 1 Timothy 1:15-17 • Dennis Campbell

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom we are among the foremost. And we have received mercy so that in us Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to others who have believed and will come to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn of Adoration

Rejoice the Lord is King • Hymn 310

Announcements

- Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing and Supper • Tonight 5:00 • Fellowship Hall
- Thanksgiving Dinner • November 19 • 12:15pm
- Christmas Carol Sing and Supper • December 10 • 5:00pm

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

See your weekend newsletter for additional details.

October Financial Report	
Current Week's Income	\$8,061.86
Income MTD	\$33,463.10
Income YTD	\$368,632.28
Budgeted income YTD	\$353,785.05
Expenses MTD	\$22,532.30
Expenses YTD	\$351,236.87
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$354,664.36
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	\$17,395.41

Prayer Concerns

The Church at Large

Presbytery • Second PC • Greenville • Rev. Richard Phillips
Denomination • Reformed University Fellowship • Will Huss
Missionaries • Chinese at VA Tech • Stan and Jen Pawlowski
National and Regional Leadership

Church Member Requests

Prodigal children
Monthly diaper drive-thru
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • relief from pain
Christina Cadmus • wisdom for decisions
Hope Natiello • pain management
Al LiCalzi Family • comfort and peace

Those Expecting
Hannah Davidson Smith • due in January

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Confession of Sin

Prayer of Confession • based upon Psalm 51

**Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
and cleanse us from our sin.
For we know our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you alone have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.
Hide your face from our sins,
and blot out all our iniquities.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
and do not take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and uphold us with willing spirits.**

Assurance of Pardon • Romans 8:9-11

***Confession of Faith**

On Christ's Humiliation and Exaltation • *Based on Philippians 2:5-11*

We believe that Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

We believe that Jesus, being found in human form, humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

We believe God, therefore, has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We believe that we should have this same humility among ourselves, which is ours in Christ Jesus, and that we should demonstrate it toward all people, to the glory of God.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Joyful Noise • Ellie Holcomb and Nathan Duggar

Sing a song to the Lord, go on and lift your voice.

Sing a song to the Lord, and make a joyful noise.

Sing a song to the Lord, go on and clap your hands.

Sing a song to the Lord, go stomp your feet and dance.

Clap your hands and stomp your feet.

God made the whole world to sing.

He fills our hearts with all His love

So we can lift our voices up.

Sing a song to the Lord, go shake your tambourine.

Sing a song to the Lord, and let your voices ring.

Congregational Prayer

We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others

***Hymn of Response**

Come, Ye Thankful People Come • Hymn 715

***Benediction**

Postlude

Tuba Tune • C.S. Lang

Catie M. Hane

III. The Kingdom's Outcome

IV. Application and Discussion

- What new insights about the kingdom of God do you have after hearing this Scripture and sermon?
- Do you ever grow discouraged that the kingdom is not growing big enough or fast enough? Why?
- What encouragement can we take from these parables regarding the kingdom outcome that they promise?
- How can you grow in appreciating and participating in the subtle, ordinary ways that Christ is presently working in and through his people?
- In what ways are you seeing the outworking of Christ's kingdom at work in your home? Your workplace? Your community?

*Songs of Preparation

Lift High the Name of Jesus • Getty and Getty, Cash, and DeBarra

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace.
Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him.
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Oh sing my soul,
And tell all He's done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.
His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace,
That all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise.

Oh sing my soul,
And tell all He's done
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown.
We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home.

Oh sing my soul,
And tell all He's done
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

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Your Will Be Done • Rich Thompson and Jonny Robinson

Your will be done, my God and Father, as in heaven so on earth.
My heart is drawn to self-exalting; help me seek Your kingdom first.
As Jesus walked, so shall I walk, held by Your same unchanging love.
Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray:
'Father, not my will but Yours be done.'

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know.
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone.
What wondrous faith to bear that cross! To bear my sin, what wondrous love!
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed:
'Father, not my will but Yours be done.'

When I am lost, when I am broken in the night of fear and doubt,
Still, I will trust in my good Father; yes, to one great King I bow!
As Jesus rose, so I shall rise in ransomed glory at the throne.
My heart restored; with all Your saints I sing:
'Father not my will but Yours be done.'

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight.
That all the world might see Your glory, and Your Name be lifted high.
And in this Name, we overcome; for You shall see us safely home.
Now as Your church, we lift our voice and pray:
'Father, not my will but Yours be done.'

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We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:31-33

Sermon

The Surprising Outcome of God's Kingdom

I. The Kingdom's (Apparent) Origin

II. The Kingdom's Outworking