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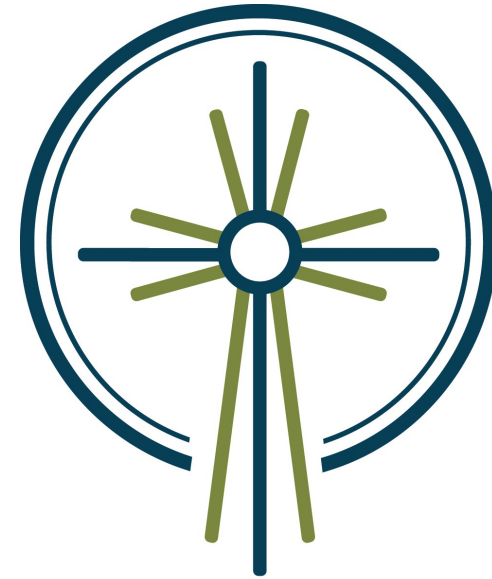
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

November 19, 2023

We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Announcements

Prelude

Cantabile from Variations on ASH GROVE • setting by Christine Schulz
Catie M. Hane

*Call to Worship

Based upon Psalm 71 • Trevor Downie

In you, O LORD, do we take refuge;
let us never be put to shame!
In your righteousness deliver us and rescue us;
incline your ear to us, and save us!
Be to us a rock of refuge,
to which we may continually come;
you have given the command to save us,
for your Son is our rock and our fortress.

**Therefore, we will praise you
for your faithfulness, O our God;
we will sing praises to you,
O Holy One of Israel.
Our lips will shout for joy,
when we sing praises to you;
our souls also, which you have redeemed.
And our tongues will talk of your righteous help all the day long!**

Announcements

- Thanksgiving dinner and testimonies • Today after the worship service
- Missions Team meeting in fellowship hall • November 26 • Bring your lunch
 - Christmas tree decorating • December 2 • 2:00 pm
 - Christmas carol sing and supper • December 10 • 5:00 pm

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

See your weekend newsletter for additional details.

November Financial Report	
Current Week's Income	\$12,617.53
Income MTD	\$18,023.53
Income YTD	\$393,678.42
Budgeted income YTD	\$378,849.68
Expenses MTD	\$10,801.13
Expenses YTD	\$371,200.61
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$379,176.34
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	\$22,477.81

We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others

***Hymn of Response**

Let All Things Now Living • Hymn 125

***Benediction**

Postlude

Gigue from Variations on ASH GROVE • setting by Christine Schulz
Catie M. Hane

Prayer Concerns

The Church at Large

Presbytery • Greenwood PC • Rev. Paul Patrick
Denomination • Covenant Theological Seminary • Dr. Thomas C. Gibbs
Missionaries • CO Columbia • Daniel and Lindsay Hill
National and Regional Leadership

Church Member Requests

Jen Partee • recovery from shoulder surgery
Brenda Stewart • recovery from surgery for aneurism
Mack Nabors • heart ablation on Wednesday
Beth Miller • low blood counts • COVID
Strength and compassion for those caring for elderly parents
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • strength and stamina
Hope Natiello • pain management
Al LiCalzi family • comfort

Those Expecting

Hannah Davidson Smith • due in January
Sarah Downie Mitchell • due in May
Eliza (Wheeler) Smith • due in July

***Hymn of Adoration**

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator • Hymn 97

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession • Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!
Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.
Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.
Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • John 15:8-10

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult • Deborah Holden-Holloway
Choir

The Sacrament of Baptism

Covenant Child • James Calhoun Verdin (Cal)

Parents • Daniel and Madi Verdin

Statement of the Nature and Purpose of Baptism

Questions for the Parents

Do you acknowledge Cal's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Cal to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question for the Congregation

Do you as a congregation, the members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, undertake the responsibility of assisting Daniel and Madi in the Christian nurture of their son Cal?

The Sacrament Given

Prayer of Blessing

B. Pay attention

C. Ponder

D. Practice

IV. Application and Discussion

- Have you understood the good news of the kingdom in these parables of Matthew 13?
- In what ways can you grow in grace by preparing for, paying attention to, pondering, and practicing the curriculum of the kingdom?
- In what ways is the kingdom of heaven a new treasure?
- In what ways has Jesus made you new? In what ways has he made the people of God as a whole new?
- We have completed this sermon series on Matthew 11-13. What teachings from it can and should you revisit in order to deepen your understanding and apply the new treasure of Christ to your present life?

I. Kingdom Understanding Is Received by Faith

*Songs of Preparation

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness • Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart.

II. Kingdom Understanding Leads to New Life

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough
For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

III. Kingdom Understanding Calls for a Lifelong Study

A. Prepare

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow him.

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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

Matthew 13:51-58

Sermon

The Curriculum in God's Kingdom