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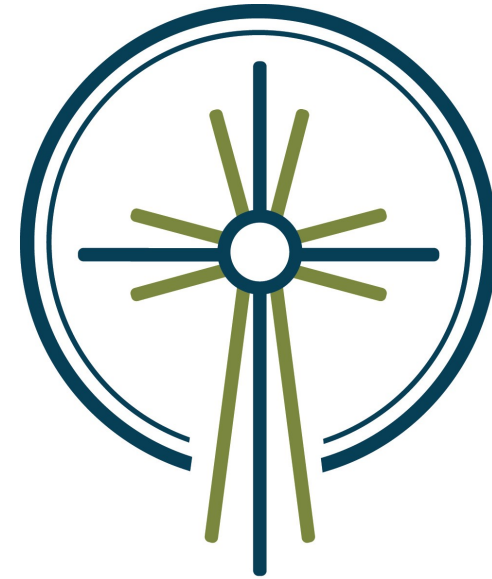
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 26, 2023

We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Announcements • Rev. Trevor Downie

Prelude

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

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 150 • Wayne Smith

Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

**Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

Announcements

- Missions Team meeting in fellowship hall • Today following the service
- Extra forms for poinsettia donations available at sanctuary exits •
 - 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	\$6,208.30
Income MTD	\$24,231.83
Income YTD	\$399,886.72
Budgeted income YTD	\$386,088.85
Expenses MTD	\$19,548.81
Expenses YTD	\$379,948.29
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$386,255.81
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	\$19,938.43

Prayer Concerns

The Church at Large

Presbytery • Antioch PC • Greer • Rev. Zachary Groff
Denomination • Ridge Haven Conference Center • Rev. Cameron Anderson
Missionaries • CO Columbia • Brian and Alyssa Trail CO
National and Regional Leadership

Church Member Requests

Jen Partee • recovery from shoulder surgery
Brenda Stewart • recovery from surgery for aneurism
Beth Miller • low blood counts
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

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates! (Based on Psalm 24) • Hymn 198

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession • Ephesians 5:1-5

Prayer of Confession • from *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against your holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we should have done,
and we have done those things which we should not have done.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare those who confess their faults,
restore those who are penitent,
according to your gospel declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may from now on live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon • Ephesians 1:11-14

*Confession of Faith

On Sanctification • *Larger Catechism Q. 75*

What is sanctification?

**Sanctification is a work of God's grace,
whereby they whom God hath,
before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy,
are in time, through the powerful operation of his Spirit applying the death
and resurrection of Christ unto them,
renewed in their whole man after the image of God;
having the seeds of repentance unto life,
and all other saving graces, put into their hearts,
and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened,
as that they more and more die unto sin,
and rise unto newness of life.**

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

All Sufficient Merit • Shane Barnard, Bethany Barnard, and Bryan Fowler
Casey and Finley Partee

Congregational Prayer

- How can a person know that Christ has laid hold of him? What are some signs of true conversion?
- Why does focusing on the past hinder us from running the race God desires for us? Why is it so difficult to keep from focusing on your past?
- What past experiences (achievements and failures) have hindered you in your walk with God? How have you overcome those experiences?

We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others

*Hymn of Response

Be Thou My Vision • Hymn 642

*Benediction

Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel • arr. David Harris
Davidson Brass

B. Be of a "single-mind".

C. Real physical, mental, and emotional energy spent every day in pressing on.

IV. Forgetting the Past

A. Bitterness of past wrongs.

B. The pleasures of sin.

C. The guilt of past sins.

V. Straining forward to what is ahead and keeping our eyes on the goal.

VI. Application and Discussion

- Are you actively pursuing an experiential knowledge of Christ? The Christian life is one of growth. Paul uses the language of a race and he highlights the importance of constantly making Christ the prize after which he runs.

*Songs of Preparation

It Is Good to Sing Your Praises (Psalm 92) • Joshua Leavitt

1. It is good to sing Your praises and to thank You,
2. You have filled our hearts with gladness at the works Your
3. But the good shall live before You, planted in Your

O Most High, showing forth Your loving-kindness
hands have wrought; You have made our lives victorious;
dwelling place, fruitful trees and ever verdant,

when the morning lights the sky. It is good when
great Your works and deep Your thoughts. You, O Lord, on
nourished by Your boundless grace. In His goodness

night is falling of Your faithfulness to tell, while, with
high exalted, reign forever more in might; all Your
to the righteous, God His righteousness displays; God, our

sweet melodious praises, songs of adoration swell.
enemies shall perish, sin be banished from Your sight.
Rock, our Strength and Refuge, just and true are all Your ways!

Verse 1

In the darkness, God will keep me. He will stay and never sleep.
In the darkness, God is brighter though the night is long and deep.

Chorus

All this day Your hand has held me, God of Heaven, by my side.
Thank you, Father, for Your goodness. You will hold me through the night.

Verse 2

In the shadows, You are with me, and You know my every fear.
In the shadows, none can harm me for the mighty King is here.

Chorus

All this day Your hand has held me, God of Heaven, by my side.
Thank you, Father, for Your goodness. You will hold me through the night.

Verse 3

So I find my rest in Jesus, He who came to rescue me.
Jesus saved me from the darkness. I will rise to life with him.

Chorus

All this day Your hand has held me, God of Heaven, by my side.
Thank you, Father, for Your goodness. You will hold me through the night.
All this day Your hand has held me, God of Heaven, by my side.
Thank you, Father, for Your goodness. You will hold me through the night.
You will hold me through the night

We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:12-14

Sermon

Pressing Toward the Goal

- I. Introduction: The Christian life is a race, and it is one God promises to enable us to run.

- II. Discipleship always starts with God's call.
 - A. Discipleship is always personal.

 - B. Discipleship is always costly.

- III. Pressing on...
 - A. Beware of apathy, complacency, and backsliding.