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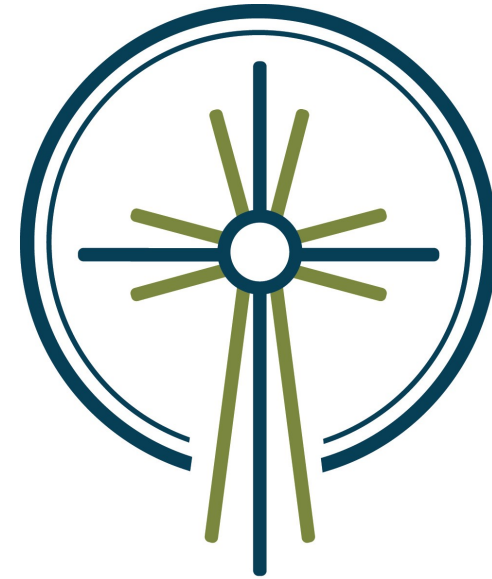
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# Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

February 12, 2023

Welcome to all who are visiting with us today! Please let us know if we can answer any questions or provide additional information. We invite you to fill out a visitor's card if you have not done so previously. You will find them in the racks on the back of each pew. Please drop the cards in the offering plate.

We would love to get to know you!

\* Please stand if you are able

## We Gather to Know God in His Glory

### Announcements

#### Prelude

*The Lord's Prayer* (Hymn 725) • Henry J. de Jong and John Dykes  
Choir

Our Father, Lord of heav'n and earth, let praise and honor clothe your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done; throughout the world complete your reign.  
Teach us, O Lord, to trust in you for bread and breath each day anew.

Forgive us, Lord, our sins and debts as we to debtors show your grace.  
Remove us from all tempting paths and guard us from the devil's ways;  
For glory, strength, and heaven's throne belong to you, and you alone.

### Announcements

• **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF THE SONGS IN THE BULLETIN ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX EACH WEEK** •

- February 14 • Diaper Drive at FBC in Laurens • 10:00 A.M.
- February 15 • Children's Sing Trip • 15:15 P.M.

**See your weekend newsletter for additional details.**

Congratulations to Dan and Margie Orr on the birth of their granddaughter, Elisabeth Eunice Orr, born on Sunday, February 5, weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces.

February Financial Report	
Current Week's Income	\$12,410.67
Income MTD	\$12,410.67
Income YTD	\$49,718.61
Budgeted income YTD	\$49,863.46
Expenses MTD	\$8,509.94
Expenses YTD	\$42,548.90
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$49,763.31
YTD Income over/ (under) expenses	\$7,169.71

# We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others

## \*Hymn of Response

*The Lord's Prayer* • Hymn 725

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

*Postlude on "NICAEA"* • David Lasky  
Catie Moyer

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## Prayer Concerns

### The Church at Large

Presbytery • Emmanuel Upstate PC • Greenville • William Castro  
Denomination • Reformed University Fellowship • Rev. Tom Cannon  
Missionaries • Daniel and Lindsay Hill • CO Columbia  
National and Regional Leadership

### Church Member Requests

#### Prodigal children

Jenifer Dixon's stepmom, Patti • recovery  
Donna Smith's family – mom, lung cancer/dad, cardiac issues  
Dennis Campbell • pain management  
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • healing after eye surgery  
Nancy Motes' sister • non-Hodgkins lymphoma  
Hope Natiello • pain management  
Al LiCalzi • on-going medical decisions  
Alyssa LiCalzi • chronic headache management

### Those Expecting

Sean and Annemarie Neal • due in March

## \*Call to Worship

From Psalm 40:1-5; 16 • Dennis Campbell

I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.**

Blessed are the people who make  
the LORD their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!

**You have multiplied, O LORD our God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you!  
We will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.**

May all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you;  
may those who love your salvation  
say continually,

**“Great is the LORD!”**

## **\*Hymn of Adoration**

*Holy, Holy, Holy* • Hymn 100

## **\*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

### **Confession of Sin**

**Call to Confession** • Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-22

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Please consider the following prayer of confession in the quiet of your mind and heart.

*Heavenly Father,*

*You have made human life to be particularly precious because you have created us, male and female, in your image. Because of this high value and worth, which you have bestowed upon all people, you have called us to cherish, preserve, and promote human life. Show us those ways in which we have failed to esteem our own lives and the lives of others. Let us see that the anger we store in our hearts and the demeaning words and names we speak toward others are an offense against you and a failure to keep this commandment. We have done this to others in person, we have done it on social media, and we have done it in countless other ways. Some of us have committed actual acts of violence against others. Still others of us have withheld good from those in need when it was within our power and position to help. Forgive us these our sins and renew within us a right spirit, that we might turn toward others with the love of Christ, showing humility, compassion, gentleness, understanding, and mercy. We pray this in Jesus Christ, Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon** • Romans 8:1-2

## III. Jesus' Messiahship Always Evokes Responses

Awe

Praise

Confusion

## IV. Application and Discussion

If you were to list your greatest needs in life, how high on the list would forgiveness for your own sins be?

Why is it good news that Christ is the judge of our hearts, not only our words and actions?

In what ways can we as brothers and sisters in Christ be a gospel means for God to both judge and forgive sins on earth?

We see the crowds responses in Matthew 9:8 to Christ being the Lord of Forgiveness. What are the responses you have experienced in your life to this good news - your own, those of others in the church, and those of unbelievers in the world?

# **We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together**

## **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 9:1-8

## **Sermon**

The Lord of Forgiveness

### **I. Jesus Is the Healer of Our Souls**

Faith leads to forgiveness

Forgiveness is spiritual healing

### **II. Jesus Is the Judge of Our Hearts**

## **Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

*TBD* • TBD

Nancy Bruyere-Sterling

## **Introduction of New Members and the Sacrament of Baptism**

New Members • Sean, Annemarie, David, and Margaret Neal  
Covenant Child • Margaret Frances Neal

## **Statement of the Nature and Purpose of Baptism**

### **Questions for the Parents**

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

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

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Margaret to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her 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 Sean and Annemarie in the Christian nurture of their daughter Margaret?

### The Sacrament Given

### Prayer of Blessing

### \*Songs of Preparation

*We Will Glorify* • Twila Paris

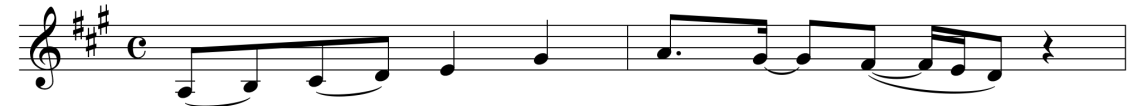


1. We will glo-ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo-ri - fy the Lamb; We will
2. Lord Je - ho-vah reigns in maj-es - ty, we will bow be-fore His throne; We will
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live; He is
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb; Hal - le -

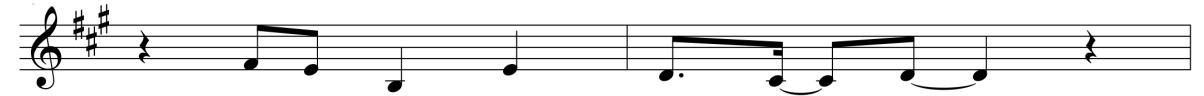


glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who \_ is the great I Am.  
 wor - ship Him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a - lone.  
 Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all \_ praise to Him we give.  
 -lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who \_ is the great I Am.

### God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51) • From *The Psalter* 1912



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, \_\_\_\_\_
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am e - vil, born in sin; \_\_\_\_\_
4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust \_\_\_\_\_



- On thy grace I rest my plea;  
 Grief and guilt sir - my soul op - press;  
 Thou de - sir - est and truth with in;  
 By thy wrath and judge - ment just,



- Plen - teous have in com - pas - sion thou, \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thou a - lone my Sav - iour art, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Let my con - trite heart re - joice \_\_\_\_\_



- Blot out my trans - gres - sions now;  
 And pro - voked thee to thy face;  
 Teach thy wis - dom to my heart;  
 And in glad - ness to hear thy voice;



- Wash me, Make me thy pure judge - with - in, \_\_\_\_\_  
 I con - fess thy thy grace ment - just, \_\_\_\_\_  
 From my sins O hide thy be - stow, \_\_\_\_\_  
 face, \_\_\_\_\_



- Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
 Speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.  
 Wash me whit - er than the snow.  
 Blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,  
 Make my spirit right and true  
 Cast me not away from thee,  
 Let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
 Thy salvation's joy impart,  
 Steadfast make my willing heart

6. Sinners then shall learn from me,  
 And return O God to Thee  
 Savior all my guilt remove,  
 And my tongue shall sing Thy love  
 Touch my silent lips O Lord,  
 And my mouth shall praise accord