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Pastor • Chad Reynolds  
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Choir Director • Amy Link  
Organist • Nancy Bruyere Sperling  
Pianist • Mary Davidson  
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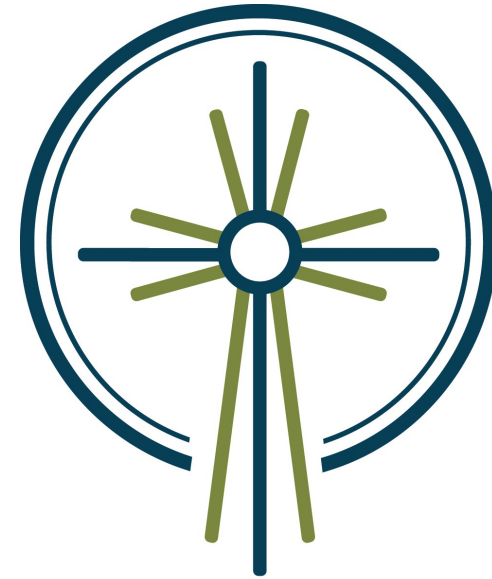
### Elders

Adam Bruyere  
Dennis Campbell  
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Paul Moore  
Pete Partee  
Jim Potts  
Bruce Senn  
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Jim Davidson  
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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 18, 2024

## We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Announcements • Rev. Chad Reynolds

### Prelude

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* • arr. Carol Tornquist  
Nancy Bruyere Sperling

### \*Call to Worship

From Ephesians 2:4-10 • Adam Bruyere

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

**even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ**

— by grace you have been saved —

**and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

Let us worship the Lord God together as those created in Christ Jesus for the good works of glorifying and enjoying him!

## Announcements

Congregational meeting after today's worship service

Maundy Thursday service • March 28 • 7:00 p.m.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt • March 30 • 10:00 a.m.

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

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

| February Financial Report        |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Current Week's Income            | \$6,353.13  |
| Income MTD                       | \$20,670.35 |
| Income YTD                       | \$53,442.16 |
| Budgeted income YTD              | \$64,795.24 |
| Expenses MTD                     | \$10,184.49 |
| Expenses YTD                     | \$50,347.72 |
| Budgeted Expenses YTD            | \$64,759.36 |
| YTD Income over/(under) expenses | \$3,094.44  |

## Prayer Concerns

### The Church at Large

Presbytery • Eastside PC • Greenville • Rev. Mark Auffarth  
Denomination • Administrative Committee • Dr. Bryan Chapell  
Missionaries • Scotland • Keith and Rachel Knowlton  
National and Regional Leadership

### Church Member Requests

Prodigal children  
Diaper drive through March 12  
Dennis Campbell • success with cardiac rehab  
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • relief from pain  
Hope Natiello • pain management

### Those Expecting

Susan (Ben) Orr • girl, due in April  
Sarah (Calvin) Mitchell • boy, due in May  
Eliza (Wheeler) Smith • girl, due in July  
Jordan (Thomas) Orr • due in September

## \*Hymn of Adoration

*O Bless Our God with One Accord* (from Psalm 134) • Hymn 400

## \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### Confession of Sin

**Call to Confession** • Exodus 20:12

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”

### Prayer of Confession

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

*Our Great God, the giver of the law that is both for your glory and our good,*

*You command in the fifth commandment that we rightly preserve the honor and perform the duties that are required of each of us in our different relationships, whether as those with authority, those called to submission, or as peers one to another. You particularly have stated that we are to honor our fathers and mothers, giving to them the right respect and obedience that the commandment demands. We confess that we have not always honored - in our thoughts, words, and deeds - our parents, teachers, employers, elders, government leaders, nor others who are in positions of authority over us. Forgive us. Give us a right sense of repentance that we might turn from our pride of self in order to rightly honor and obey in such a way that glorifies you. We also confess that when we have been in the position that is due honor, we have not always filled it with the grace and wisdom and humility of Christ our Lord. We too often have been frustrated and angry towards those whom we have been called to nurture and lead. Forgive us. Renew within us a right spirit that we might parent, teach, oversee, shepherd, and lead in a manner worthy of the name of Christ Jesus. Hear our confession and our cry for forgiveness by the grace of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### **Assurance of Pardon • Romans 8:14-17**

... all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

### **\*Confession of Faith**

Regeneration and Renewal • *Based upon Titus 3:4-7*

**We believe that when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

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

*How Great Thou Art • Jeremiah Davidson*

### **Congregational Prayer**

### **V. Application and Discussion**

- What does this passage teach us about God’s character?
- What hope does the good news of God’s character give you in the face of your sin?
- What hope does it give you for family, friends, and neighbors who have yet to turn to the LORD through faith in Jesus?
- What encouragement does this passage give you to intercede for others through prayer? Who is someone for whom you have been or need to be praying to the LORD?
- What encouragement does the passage give you to gather with Christ’s people for worship and discipleship?

## **We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others**

### **\*Hymn of Response**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing • Hymn 457*

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### III. The Reason to Return

### **\*Songs of Preparation**

*God Be Merciful to Me* (Psalm 51) • Redhead, Miner

God be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked Thee to thy face;  
I confess thy judgement just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by thy wrath and judgement just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice.  
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

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.

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.

### IV. The Way to Return

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God  
Author of all that is good.  
Faithful provider and giver of life  
Source of all power and love.

*Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise.  
Refuge of strength to the end.  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men.*

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God  
Radiant, holy delight.  
Beautiful Father, victorious son  
Source of unchangeable light.

*Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise  
Refuge of strength to the end.  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men.*

Powerful, constant, unwavering God  
Shepherd who comes for the lost.  
Rock of salvation, remarkable love  
Savior who died on the cross.

*Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise  
Refuge of strength to the end  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls, oh  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls, oh  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men*

## We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together

### Scripture Reading

Joel 2:12-17

### Sermon

A Call to Return to the LORD

#### I. The Time to Return

#### II. The Nature of Return