

### Church Staff

Pastor • Chad Reynolds  
Assistant Pastor • Trevor Downie  
Choir Director • Amy Link  
Organist • Nancy Bruyere Sperling  
Pianist • Mary Davidson  
Communications Director • Jen Partee  
Administrative Assistant • Penny Greer  
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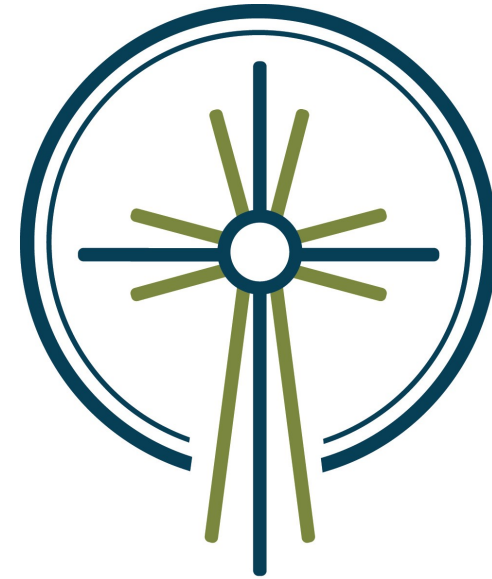
### Elders

Adam Bruyere  
Dennis Campbell  
Paul Moore  
Pete Partee  
Jim Potts  
Bruce Senn  
Wayne Smith

### Deacons

Jim Davidson  
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Reed Edwards  
Eric Smith  
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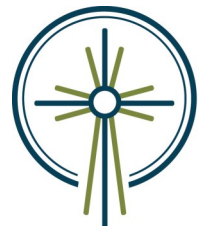


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Know • Grow • Show



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*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 25, 2024

## We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Announcements • Rev. Chad Reynolds

### Prelude

*To God Be the Glory*

Nancy Bruyere Sperling

### \*Call to Worship

Based upon Psalm 126 • Wayne Smith

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

**The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the wilderness!  
Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!  
He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.

**The LORD has restored our fortunes in Christ Jesus;  
we are glad!**

## Announcements

Blood Drive • Sunday, March 17 • begins 12:30 p.m.

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	\$9,015.03
Income MTD	\$29,685.38
Income YTD	\$62,457.19
Budgeted income YTD	\$77,137.21
Expenses MTD	\$25,641.17
Expenses YTD	\$65,804.40
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$77,094.41
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	(\$3,347.21)

## Prayer Concerns

### The Church at Large

Presbytery • Grace and Peace PC • Greenville • Rev. Timothy Udouj  
Denomination • Mission to the World • Dr. Lloyd Kim  
Missionaries • CO Columbia • Daniel and Lindsay Hill  
National and Regional Leadership

### Church Member Requests

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

### 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

*Come, Thou Almighty King* • Hymn 101

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### Confession of Sin

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

“You shall not murder.”

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.”

### 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. We have harbored anger and resentment in our hearts. We have spoken insults toward others. We have frequently withheld good from those in need when it was within our power and position to help. Some of us have committed actual acts of violence against others. 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**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

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

*Amazing Grace* • arr. Andrew Balent  
Davidson Brass

### **Ordination and Installation of Officers**

**Elders** • Adam Bruyere

**Deacons** • Reed Edwards and Eric Smith

### **Statement on Church Office**

#### **Questions for the Officers-elect**

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

### III. God's Gracious Presence

#### IV. Application and Discussion

- In Joel 2:17, the priests interceded for Israel, pleading for God to spare them, to take away their shame, and to be with them. In what ways is Jesus God's ultimate answer to our pleas for mercy, righteousness, and fellowship with God?
- What losses have you endured that you feel you will never regain? How does God's gift of eternal life in Christ bring abundant restoration to all of your losses?
- In what ways have you experienced shame in your life? How does Christ's union with you by the Spirit give you present and future victory over all your guilt and shame

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

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

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain?* (vv. 1, 3, 5) • Hymn 455

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

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

## **Scripture Reading**

Joel 2:18-27

## **Sermon**

A Promise of Relief

I. God's Effective Answer

II. God's Abundant Restoration

3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?

4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder (or deacon, as the case may be) in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?

5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?

6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

## **Question for the Congregation**

Do you, the members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elder and deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

## **Prayer**

**Word of Exhortation** • 1 Peter 5:1-5

## \*Songs of Preparation

Grace • Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson

Your grace that leads this sinner home, from death to life forever,  
And sings the song of righteousness, by blood and not by merit.

Your grace that reaches far and wide, to every tribe and nation,  
Has called my heart to enter in the joy of Your salvation.

*By grace I am redeemed, by grace I am restored,  
And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ, my Lord.*

Your grace that I cannot explain, not by my earthly wisdom,  
The Prince of Life, without a stain, was traded for this sinner.

*By grace I am redeemed, by grace I am restored,  
And now I freely walk into the arms of Christ, my Lord.*

Let praise rise up and overflow, my song resound forever,  
For grace will see me welcomed home to walk beside my Savior.

*By grace I am redeemed, by grace I am restored  
and now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord.*

*By grace I am redeemed, by grace I am restored  
and now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord.*

CCLI Song # 7073330 Jonny Robinson | Niki Shepherd

*All My Boast Is in Jesus* • Boswell, Fowler, Getty, and Papa

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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