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Pastor • Chad Reynolds  
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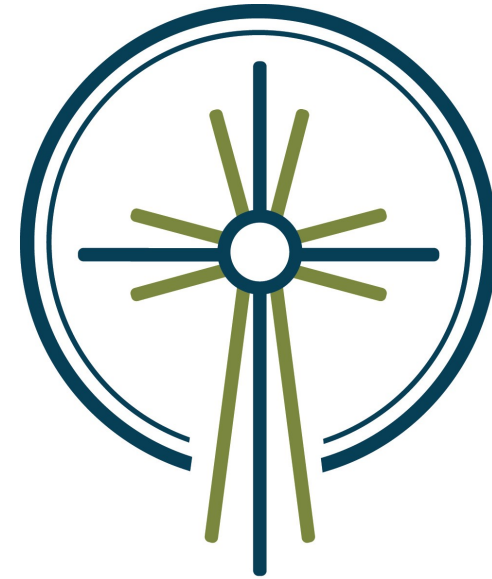
### Elders

Adam Bruyere  
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Pete Partee  
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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

March 10, 2024

## We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Announcements • Rev. Chad Reynolds

### Prelude

*The Wonderful Cross* • arr. Carol Tornquist  
Nancy Bruyere Sperling

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died.  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross bids me come and die and find  
that I may truly live.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown.

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross bids me come and die and find  
that I may truly live. O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross; all who  
gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off'ring far too small; love so  
amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross bids me come and die and find  
that I may truly live. O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross; all who  
gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

## Announcements

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

Missions Team Meeting • March 24 • Bring your lunch

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.**

<b>March Financial Report</b>	
Current Week's Income	\$8,863.47
Income MTD	\$8,863.47
Income YTD	\$79,037.89
Budgeted income YTD	\$98,138.43
Expenses MTD	\$6,586.80
Expenses YTD	\$83,724.75
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$98,087.98
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	(\$4,686.86)

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

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

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* • Hymn 521

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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## **Prayer Concerns**

### **The Church at Large**

Presbytery • Mitchell Road PC • Greenville • Rev. Andy Lewis  
Denomination • Discipleship Ministries • Rev. Stephen Estock  
Missionaries • Seth and Liz Ledford • CO • PC  
National and Regional Leadership

### **Church Member Requests**

Prodigal children  
Monthly diaper drive-thru this Tuesday  
Tom Lyon • effective treatment plan for pulmonary health  
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom  
Hope Natiello • recovery from surgery complications

### **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

### **\*Call to Worship**

Based upon Psalm 18 • Peter Partee

Let us give thanks to the LORD with all of our heart!

**We love you, O LORD, our strength.**

**The LORD is our rock and our fortress and our deliverer,  
our God, our rock, in whom we take refuge,  
our shield, and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold.  
We call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and we are saved from our enemies.**

The LORD lives, and blessed be our rock,  
and exalted be the God of our salvation—  
the God who gave Christ victory over death  
and subdues people under his feet,  
who rescues us from sin and death by faith in Jesus.

**For this we will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,  
and sing to your name.**

**Great salvation he brings by his king,  
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,  
to Jesus Christ and his people forever.**

### **\*Hymn of Adoration**

*Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord* (v. 1, 5-7) • Hymn 16

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

## Confession of Sin

**Call to Confession** • Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:28

“You shall not steal.”

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

### Prayer of Confession

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

*Father, we know that stealing is first and foremost a sin that is born in our hearts; it is our greed that gives way to outward stealing in all its various forms. Our thievery can be blue collar or white collar; it can be of a reckless nature or calculated; we can take physical property or intellectual; it can be carried out through taking something away from another or withholding that which is justly due to them. Show us the greed within us. Show us those ways in which we have lacked generosity, the ways in which we have been miserly, and the ways in which we have been deceptive or taken advantage of others in business dealings. Let us see the sin in these things and then, by your grace, lead us to confess them and to repent of them, though it may cost us to do so. Show us any ways in which we can and should make restitution for what we have taken, so that the name of Christ might be glorified. We pray this in his name, amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon** • Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

### III. Application and Discussion

- In what sense is Jesus our refuge from the wrath of God in his coming judgment against the nations?
- Read Ephesians 6:10-20. In what sense are we under Christ’s protection as we fight the good fight against the spiritual forces of darkness?
- How does the assurance that God is presently restraining evil and already exacting justice against wrongdoers give you strength and hope to face the current circumstances of your own life and the world as a whole?
- V. 16 says that the LORD is roaring from Zion, signaling a warning of God’s vengeance to come. In what ways should we live and minister in order to see that others understand and heed that warning roar before the Lion of Judah arrives in judgment?

## Scripture Reading

Joel 3:1-16

## Sermon

An Announcement of Vengeance

### I. The LORD Is a Refuge for His People

### II. The LORD Is a Mighty Warrior

#### A. For Present Justice

and with his wounds we are healed.

## \*Confession of Faith

The Attribute of Independence • *based upon the works of Herman Bavinck*

**We believe that God is all-sufficient;  
he does not receive anything from outside himself.  
God is the only source of all existence and life,  
of all light and love,  
the overflowing fountain of all good.  
God is exclusively from himself,  
not in the sense of being self-caused,  
for he has no beginning,  
but being from eternity to eternity who he is.  
God is absolute being,  
he is the fullness of being,  
and therefore he is eternally and absolutely independent -  
in his being, in his perfections, and in all his works.**

**We believe that we are created in the image of God;  
as such, we have a share in some of his attributes.  
However, God alone is independent;  
our existence is wholly dependent on God,  
for it is in him that we live and move and have our being.**

## Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Give Me Jesus* • arr. Mark Hayes

Nancy Bruyere Sperling

## Congregational Prayer

## \*Songs of Preparation

*O Great God* • Bob Kauflin



1. O great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it  
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not  
3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace. Keep my



all and reign su - preme, con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r. Let no  
know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your  
heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are



vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war. You have  
Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me through the  
worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed. O great



loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.  
gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.  
God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

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*God Is For Us* • Ferguson, Tealy, Reeves, Robinson, Farren, Thompson, Tranter

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night.  
We will walk the valley with You by our side.  
You will go before us, You will lead the way.  
We have found a refuge, only You can save.

Sing with joy now; our God is for us.  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.  
Raise your voice now; no love is greater.  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

Even when I stumble, even when I fall  
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure.  
You will not abandon, You will not forsake.  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace.

Sing with joy now; our God is for us.  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.  
Raise your voice now; no love is greater.  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

Neither height nor depth can separate us.  
Hell and death will not defeat us.  
He who gave His Son to free us  
Holds me in His love.

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