

## Church Staff

Pastor • Chad Reynolds  
Assistant Pastor • Trevor Downie  
Assistant Pastor for Family Discipleship • Andrew Hane  
Director of Music Ministries • Catie Moyer  
Pianist • Nancy Bruyere Sperling  
Communications Director • Jen Partee  
Administrative Assistant • Penny Greer  
Custodian • Richard Dowdle

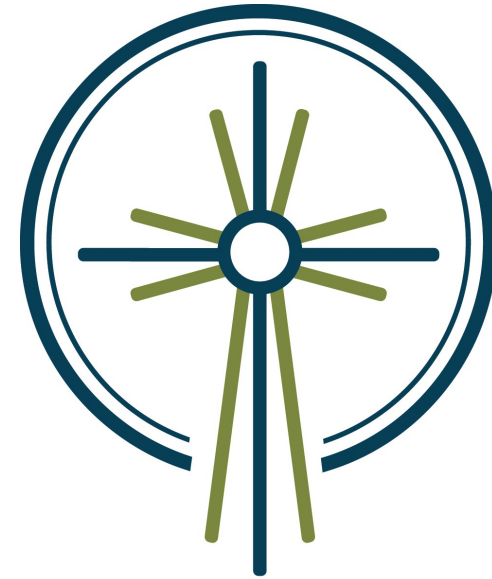
## Elders

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

## Deacons

Randy Davis  
Jim Davidson  
Reed Edwards  
Shuler Spigener  
David Underwood  
David Zwan

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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 12, 2023

## We Gather to Know God in His Glory

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* • Hymn 646  
Choir

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn unfilled to thee again.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

#### \*Call to Worship

From Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7 • Pete Partee

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

### Announcements

- **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF THE SONGS IN THE BULLETIN ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX EACH WEEK •**
- MTW Compassion Fund: Help our friends in Turkey and Syria after deadly earthquake • Go to <https://mtw.org/the-compassion-fund> or see additional information in the newsletter.
- Tuesday, March 14 • Diaper Drive • 4:00-6:00 P.M. • Note time change Hospice Thrift Store parking lot, Clinton
- Communion preparation • If you are interested in preparing communion once a month, please contact Pastor Chad. This requires about an hour before the service and 30 minutes after for clean-up.
- April 6, 7:00pm • Maundy Thursday service

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

March Financial Report	
Current Week's Income	\$7,108.65
Income MTD	\$7,108.65
Income YTD	\$81,243.06
Budgeted income YTD	\$83,105.77
Expenses MTD	\$6,741.47
Expenses YTD	\$83,841.07
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$82,938.85
YTD Income over/ (under) expenses	(\$2,598.01)

## Prayer Concerns

### The Church at Large

Presbytery • Resurrection PC • Greenville • Rev. Jonathan Davis  
Denomination • Discipleship Ministries • Rev. Stephen Estock  
Missionaries • Gary and Lois Watanabe • Nagoya, Japan  
National and Regional Leadership

### Church Member Requests

Prodigal children

Dennis Campbell • spinal stimulator implant surgery • March 20  
Catie Moyer's sister, Sarina • early pregnancy bedrest  
Jenifer Dixon's stepmom, Patti • recovery  
Donna Smith's family • mom, lung cancer/dad, cardiac issues  
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • many medical issues  
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 • boy, due in March  
Daniel and Madi Verdin • boy, due in September

### To put requests on the weekend prayer chain

Pat Watts 864-871-0556 or Anne Edwards 864-871-5738

## \*Hymn of Adoration

*O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord* (from Psalm 103) • Hymn 6

## \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### Confession of Sin

**Call to Confession** • Exodus 20:17; Philippians 4:11-13

### Prayer of Confession

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

*Heavenly Father, your tenth commandment requires that we have such a full contentment with our own condition, and such a charitable attitude of our whole being toward our neighbors, that all of our inward thoughts and affections about them are to see them flourish abundantly in accord with your will. Yet, Father, we have not always been content with the good things that you have given to us. We have not always been satisfied with our material possessions, with our school or career circumstances, with our relationships, with our church, and so on. Give us wisdom and discernment to rightly pursue all that is truly good in this life to your glory. Help us also to see and confess all of the ways in which we have sinfully longed for those things which you have not given to us. Forgive us for coveting the good our neighbors have received, for accusing you of withholding good from us, and for multiplying our sin by seeking out the things we covet by our own will and effort. Help us to trust you to supply all our needs, in accord with your infinite and eternal goodness and faithfulness. Give us the grace of Christ, so that we can know how to be brought low or to abound through him who gives us strength. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon** • Psalm 130:3-7

## **\*Confession of Faith**

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

**We believe that God is infinite  
in his being, glory, blessedness, and perfection.  
With respect to time, God is eternal.  
He has no beginning or end.  
He is not subject to any measure of duration,  
but to him all things are present.  
He is himself the eternal One,  
the absolute cause and ruler of time.**

**With respect to space, God is omnipresent.  
He transcends all space and location  
and cannot be determined or confined by them.  
His presence and power are not merely spread throughout space,  
like light and air,  
but he is immanent in his whole being with all places,  
as well with all people and creatures.**

**We believe that our existence is  
limited, finite, contingent, derived, and dependent  
on the infinite being of God.  
We also believe that he is infinitely  
wise, just, holy, good, and true  
toward all people, angels, and created things.**

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

*The Wondrous Cross* • Carol Tornquist  
Nancy Bruyere

## **Congregational Prayer**

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

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

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* • Hymn 528

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* • Lidie Edmunds  
Mary and Lizzie Davidson

## B. Jesus is the Light of the World

### III. What Jesus Alone Could See

### IV. Application and Discussion

Read 2 Corinthians 5:7 and Hebrews 11:1. What does it mean for followers of Christ to walk by faith, not by sight?

In what ways have you been blessed through episodes or seasons in your life when your faith in Christ was tested?

## \*Songs of Preparation

*The Night Song* • Buchanan, Robinson, and Thompson

### 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.

VERSE



1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, the Fa - ther of our  
praise and glo - ri - fy our God, who gives His grace in  
praise and glo - ri - fy our God, for we've be - lieved the



Lord. In Christ, He has in heav' - ly realms, His bless - ings on us  
Christ. In Him our sins are washed a - way re - deemed through sa - cri -  
Word And through our faith we have a seal the Spi - rit of the



poured. For pure and blame - less in His sight He des - tined us to be,  
fice. In Him God has made known to us the myst' - ry of His will,  
Lord. The Spi - rit guar - an - tees our hope un - til re - demp - tion's done,



— and now we've been a - dopt - ed through His Son e - ter - nal - ly  
— that Christ should be the head of all, His pur - pose to ful - fill  
— un - til we join in end - less praise to God, the Three - in -

CHORUS



To the praise of Your glo - ry, to the

One.



praise of Your mer - cy and grace To the praise of Your glo - ry,



You are the God who saves

2. Come  
3. Come

# We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:27-31

## Sermon

The Blessing of Gospel Sight

### I. What the Blind Men Could Already See

A. Jesus is the Savior King

B. Jesus is merciful

### II. What Jesus Showed the Blind Men

A. The blessing of a tested faith