

### 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  
Custodian • Richard Dowdle

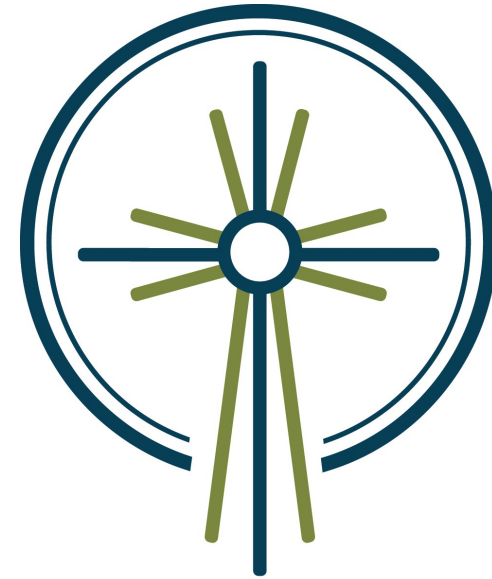
### Elders

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

### Deacons

Jim Davidson  
Randy Davis  
Reed Edwards  
Eric Smith  
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

May 12, 2024

## We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Announcements • Rev. Chad Reynolds

### Prelude

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* • Gina Sprunger  
Nancy Bruyere Sperling

### \*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 136 • Pete Partee

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## Announcements

- *Congratulations to Trevor and Lynn Downie on the birth of their first grandson, Kai Ransom Mitchell, born to Calvin and Sarah at 6:24 pm on Tuesday, May 7, weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces, 19 inches long.* •
- Last day to sponsor a Mother's Day box for this week's diaper drive-thru •  
Make checks (\$30) payable to **Upstate Pregnancy Center** •
- May 19 • Combined Adult Sunday School • Music wing classroom  
Rev. Mikael Romer will share about his ministry in Poland •

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

May 12 Financial Report	
Current Week's Income	\$10,809.00
Income MTD	\$10,809.00
Income YTD	\$168,390.15
Budgeted income YTD	\$189,641.85
Expenses MTD	\$4,970.80
Expenses YTD	\$162,238.65
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$189,564.00
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	\$6,151.50

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

## **\*Hymn of Response**

*Break Thou the Bread of Life* • Hymn 146

## **\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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### **Prayer Concerns**

#### **The Church at Large**

Presbytery • Centerpoint PC • Moore • Rev. Ray Hellings  
Denomination • Reformed University Fellowship • Will Huss  
Missionaries • Chinese at VA Tech • Stan and Jen Pawlowski  
National and Regional Leadership

#### **Church Member Requests**

Beth Miller, former member • effective treatment of cancer complications  
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • relief from pain  
Tom Lyon • effective treatment regimen  
Dennis Campbell • complete recovery  
Hope Natiello • pain management  
Prodigal children

#### **Those Expecting**

Eliza (Wheeler) Smith • girl, due in July  
Jordan (Thomas) Orr • due in September  
Lily (Davis) Riggs • due in September  
Liz (Seth) Ledford • due in October

and rescued us, in Christ, from sin and death,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## **\*Hymn of Adoration**

*Come Christians Join to Sing* • Hymn 302

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

### **Confession of Sin**

Fruit of the Spirit • Kindness

#### **Call to Confession** • Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?”

## Prayer of Confession

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

*Heavenly Father, your Word shows us over and over that you are kind and that your kindness to us endures forever in Jesus. As recipients of kindness we know that we are called to walk in Christ's kindness toward others. We confess that we have not always loved kindness. Instead, we have too often chosen to be unkind, unmerciful, and unjust toward others. Forgive us. We have chosen the way of pride instead of humility. Help us, by your Spirit, to repent from renewed hearts and to ask forgiveness from those whom we have hurt with our harsh words and rash actions. Give us the strength of your kindness that we might forgive those who have offended us, that your glory might be seen in our shared pursuit of reconciliation and restoration. In Jesus name, amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon • Psalm 145:17-19

The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and kind in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;  
he also hears their cry and saves them.

## II. Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign

A. The Lord gives us eyes to see and hearts to understand the signs.

B. Jesus shows us the signs we need, not necessarily the ones we want.

C. What are the signs of our times?

## III. Application and Discussion

- Jesus showed compassion to the crowd of Gentiles by feeding them in their weariness. Pray, asking God to give you Christ's compassion for others, and out of that compassion, a joyful willingness to show the gospel to them in word and deed.
- The disciples did not expect Jesus to miraculously feed this crowd, even though they had seen him do so on another occasion. In what ways have you had low expectations of God's grace and power in your own life and in your ministry to others? Ask the Lord to grow your faith in him, asking him to give you hope to ask for and expect him to work in mighty ways.
- How do Christ's resurrection and ascension give you hope to eagerly expect his return from heaven to usher in the new creation?
- What signs are we seeing now that affirm your hope in his soon return?

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

## **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 15:32-16:4

## **Sermon**

Reading the Signs Correctly

### **I. Jesus' Great Banquet**

A. All kinds of people are called to come.

B. All who come, eat and are satisfied.

## **\*Confession of Faith**

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

**We believe that God is one.**

**By this oneness we mean that he is singular.**

**He is not one god among many.**

**Rather, he is unique, the only divine being - infinite, independent, and immutable.**

**All other beings, whether seen or unseen, exist only from him, through him, and to him.**

**We believe that God's oneness is also seen in the simplicity of his being.**

**By simplicity, we mean that he cannot be divided into parts nor can anything be added to him.**

**God is everything he possesses and all that he works together in perfect unity.**

**God's simplicity of being does not exclude the many names ascribed to him, but demands them.**

**Neither is the simplicity of God inconsistent with his being triune.**

**The three persons of the Trinity are distinguishable in respect of relation**

**but are simply one in essence.**

**God is one in his multiplicity and manifold in his oneness.**

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

*Lord, I Need You*

Mary and Lizzie Davidson

## **Congregational Prayer**

## \*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.

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and now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord.

Jonny Robinson | Niki Shepherd | Rich Thompson

*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. (No space intentional)

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