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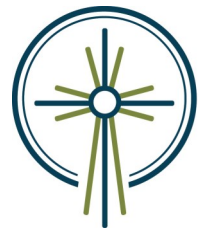
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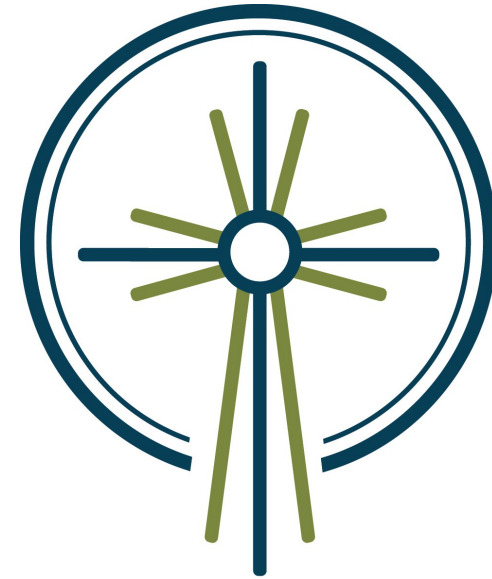
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The vision of Westminster Presbyterian is to know God in his glory, grow in grace together, and show the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and beyond.



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Know • Grow • Show

A Service for the Worship of God

July 23, 2023

We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

How Deep the Father's Love For Us • James Koerts
Nancy Bruyere Sperling

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 40:3-5; 16 • Wayne Smith

The LORD has put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.**

Blessed are the people who make
the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!

Announcements

- Nomination forms for leadership offices are available at both sanctuary exits and from the church office. Nominations will close August 21.
- Save the dates! Church-wide shower for Catie and Andrew • August 5
Catie and Andrew's wedding • September 2
- Advice/encouragement cards for Catie and Andrew are available at both sanctuary exits.
- We will resume morning hours (8:00-12:00) for the church office on Monday, July 23.
- **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF THE SONGS IN THE BULLETIN ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX EACH WEEK •**

See your weekend newsletter for additional details.

July Financial Report	
Current Week's Income	\$7,202.00
Income MTD	\$23,780.87
Income YTD	\$242,738.09
Budgeted income YTD	\$238,191.91
Expenses MTD	\$20,277.55
Expenses YTD	\$238,972.99
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$241,619.97
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	\$3,765.10

We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others

***Hymn of Response**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing • Hymn 164

***Benediction**

Postlude

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing • Carl Glaser • arr. A. Davis
Davidson Brass

Prayer Concerns

The Church at Large

Presbytery • Providence PC • Spartanburg • Rev. Daniel Coleman
Denomination • Ridge Haven Conference Center • Rev. Cameron Anderson
Missionaries • Cherokee • Scott and Ruth Hill
National and Regional Leadership

Church Member Requests

Prodigal children
Monthly diaper drive-thru
George Cadmus • complete recovery from surgery
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • relief from pain
Hope Natiello • pain management
Al LiCalzi • on-going medical decisions

Those Expecting

Daniel and Madi Verdin • boy, due in September

**You have multiplied, O LORD our God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!
We will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.**

May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation
say continually,

“Great is the LORD!”

***Hymn of Adoration**

Jesus What a Friend for Sinners • Hymn 498

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession • Matthew 5:7

Prayer of Confession • Being Merciful

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

*Heavenly Father,
You have not given me what I deserve for my sins against you. I deserve your wrath and judgement, even death. Instead, you have been merciful to me through your Son Jesus. Show me those ways in which I have not shown the mercy of Christ toward others. Forgive me for the times when I have harbored bitterness toward my brother or sister rather than forgiving them their sins against me. If there be any need now, give me the grace to repent and to pursue reconciliation in love. Forgive me also for those times when I have seen others in need yet I passed them by even though I had the means to help. Give me a heart like yours to respond to the needs of others with mercy, even when it is costly. Show me the beauty and joy of such sacrificial love in Christ. I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon • 1 Peter 2:9-10

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

I Am Not My Own • Skye Peterson

Amelia and Sadie Bruyere, Lizzie Davidson, Casey and Finley Partee

II. John Was More than a Prophet

III. We Are Greater than John

IV. Application and Discussion

- John seems to have had some doubts about Jesus' Messianic credentials. In what ways have you had similar experiences or seasons of doubt or anxiety about Jesus?
- What assurance, blessing, and comfort do you find in Jesus' exchange with John's followers, in the face of your own doubts?
- Share about a time when Jesus has similarly comforted you with his Word, by the Spirit, or through the fellowship of faithful brothers and sisters in Christ.
- John is a significant figure in redemptive history. In what ways does his status as "more than a prophet," preparer of the way for Jesus, and "Elijah who is to come" demonstrate God's faithfulness?
- Why is this significant for us almost 2,000 years after the fact?
- What does it tell us about God that so much of the Bible is the revelation of the LORD's covenant relationship with his people?

We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:1-15

Sermon

Elijah and the Messiah

I. Jesus Is the One

A. Do you have doubts about him?

B. Are you offended by him?

C. Believe and be blessed

The Sacrament of Baptism

Covenant Child • Robert Caldwell Neal

Statement of the Nature and Purpose of Baptism

Questions for the Parents

Do you acknowledge Robert's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Robert to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question for the Congregation

Do you as a congregation, the members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, undertake the responsibility of assisting Sean and Annemarie in the Christian nurture of their son Robert?

The Sacrament Given

Prayer of Blessing

*Songs of Preparation

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery • Boswell, Papa, and Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the Light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He, the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ, the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord. He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance. How unwavering our hope.
Christ in power, resurrected, as will we be when He comes.

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

Verse 1: 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.

Chorus: 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?

Verse 2: 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.

Chorus: 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?

Bridge: 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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