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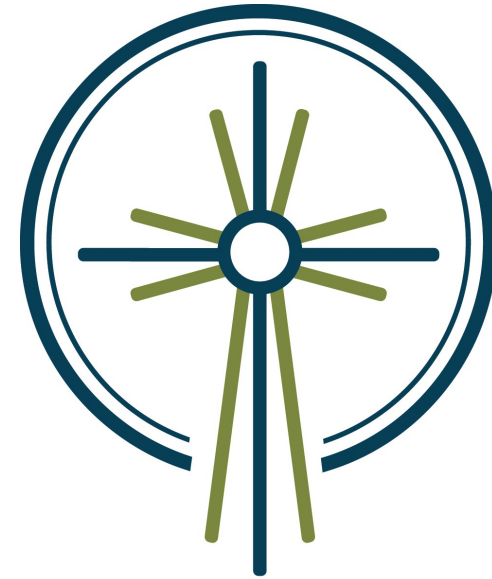
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

July 9, 2023

We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Announcements

Prelude

Adagio in Classic Style • David H. Hegarty
Catie Moyer

From Isaiah 40; John 10

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for the sheep.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,
and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish,
and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Announcements

- Diaper Drive-thru • Tuesday, July 11
- Save the dates! Church-wide shower for Catie and Andrew • August 5
Catie and Andrew's wedding • September 2
- Children's Big Summer Blowout • July 15

- **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF THE SONGS IN THE BULLETIN ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX EACH WEEK** •

July Financial Report	
Current Week's Income	\$8,344.00
Income MTD	\$8,344.00
Income YTD	\$225,831.22
Budgeted income YTD	\$221,845.41
Expenses MTD	\$2,571.82
Expenses YTD	\$220,645.04
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$220,815.17
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	\$5,186.18

*Benediction

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty • Nigel Williams
Jeremiah Davidson, trumpet



Prayer Concerns

The Church at Large

Presbytery • Grace PC • Spartanburg • Rev. Justin Kendrick
Denomination • R U F • Rev. Tom Cannon
Missionaries Japan • Peter and Diane Bakelaar
National and Regional Leadership

Church Member Requests

Prodigal children
Monthly diaper drive-thru on Tuesday
Marilyn Daniluk's family
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

*Call to Worship

From Isaiah 40:28-31 • Adam Bruyere

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and to those who have no might he increases strength.**

Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

**but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.**

*Hymn of Adoration

Come We That Love the Lord • Hymn 700

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession • Matthew 5:5 and Ephesians 4:1-3

Prayer of Confession • Meekness (Gentleness)

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

Heavenly Father,

Your Son described himself as gentle and lowly. He has loved me in meekness, despite my unrighteousness. You have told me in your Word that gentleness (meekness) is one aspect of the fruit of your Spirit's indwelling presence within me. Show me those ways in which I have not nurtured meekness in my own heart and been gentle and lowly toward others as Christ has been toward me. Forgive me for those ways in which I have fostered enmity and harshness in my heart toward others, displaying these unholy attitudes through hurtful words and actions. Renew within me a delight in the good news of Christ's gentle love for me and grow within me the desire to do likewise to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon • Matthew 11:28-30

*Confession of Faith

The Covenant of Grace • *Westminster Confession of Faith*, 7.3

Man by his fall having made himself incapable of life by the covenant of works, the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace: wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ, requiring of them faith in him that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto life his Holy Spirit, to make them willing and able to believe.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

What a Friend We Have in Jesus • Carol Tornquist
Nancy Bruyere Sterling

We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others

*Hymn of Response

O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

O the deep, deep, love of
Un - - der - neath me, all a -
O the deep, deep, love of
How he watch - - es o'er his
5 O the deep, deep love of
O the deep, deep love of
Je - - sus! Vast, un - mea - - sured,
round me, is the cur - - rent
Je - - sus! Spread his praise from
loved ones, died to call them
Je - - sus! Love of ev - - 'ry
10 Je - - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of
bound - less, free; roll - ing as a mighty - y
of thy love; lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing
shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er
all his own; how for them he in - ter -
love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of
17 heav'ns to me; and it lifts me up to
o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me.
home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
lov - eth, chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more;
ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.
glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

VI. Applications:

A. A mighty change is needful for salvation.

B. Jesus is the only way of salvation.

C. The way the benefits of Christ's death are made our own.

D. Message to unbelievers.

VII. Questions for Discussion

- Without the new birth people are entirely unfit for the kingdom of God. Through the new birth dead sinners are made alive, and at last they will be raised up from the dead to sit with Him in the glory of heaven. Why is the new birth absolutely necessary for salvation? Are you born from above?

- How do I demonstrate by my life that I am born again?

- Many people would say that John 3:16 is the most famous verse in the Bible. Do you agree? Why do you think this is so? Can you think of any other verses that may also be considered "the most important verse in Scripture"?

Congregational Prayer

*Songs of Preparation • *Psalm 150* • Matt Boswell and Matt Papa



You made the star-ry hosts, You traced the moun-tain peaks, You
You reached in-to the dust, in love Your Spir-it breathed. You
3 Let sym-phon-ies re-sound, let drums and choirs ring out, all
paint the ev-'ning skies with won-ders. The earth, it is Your throne from
formed us in Your ver-y like-ness to know Your won-drous works, to
6 heav-en hear the sound of wor-ship. Let ev-'ry na-tion bring its
des-ert to the sea. All na-ture tes-ti-fies Your splen-dor.
9 tell Your might-y deeds, to join the ev-er-last-ing cho-rus. Praise the
hon-ors to the King, a roar of har-mon-ies e-ter-nal.
13 Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great-ness, all cre-a-tion. Praise the
16 Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths, from furth-est east to
west, let ev-'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord.

Jesus, Strong and Kind • Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Colin Buchanan

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.

For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him.

For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.

For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind. Jesus, strong and kind.

We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-21

Sermon

The New Birth & The Love of God

I. Introduction

II. Who was Nicodemus?

III. You must be born again.

A.

B.

IV. The Love of God

V. Three reasons why people are condemned.

A.

B.

C.