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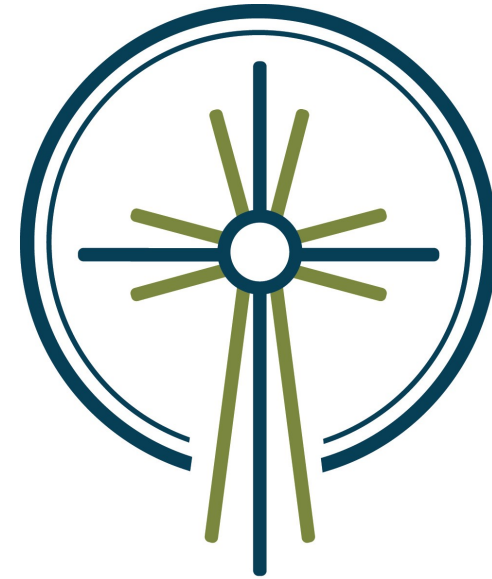
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# Westminster

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

September 10, 2023

## We Gather to Know God in His Glory

### Announcements

#### Prelude

*Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord* (Psalm 98) • ARP Psalter  
Choir

Come, let us sing unto the Lord  
new songs of praise with sweet accord;  
for wonders great by him are done,  
his hand and arm have vict'ry won.

Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise,  
with voice of psalms his glory raise;  
with trumpets, cornets, gladly sing  
and shout before the Lord, the King.

### Announcements

- Inquirers class • September 24-October 15 for anyone interested
- Ladies interested in the women's Bible study in the Fall, please contact Jen Partee
- Discipleship kickoff with breakfast • Sunday, September 17
- Fall Festival • Fun for the whole family • October 21
- Community groups meeting today: Mims/Watts at the Mims' home 5:00-7:00  
Marshall/Smith in the fellowship hall after worship service
- Joyful Noisemakers will resume on Wednesday, September 20, at 5:15.

• **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE  
AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX EACH WEEK** •

<b>September Financial Report</b>	
Current Week's Income	\$5,328.00
Income MTD	\$5,328.00
Income YTD	\$308,751.03
Budgeted income YTD	\$295,599.28
Expenses MTD	\$6,300.70
Expenses YTD	\$294,303.05
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$297,761.54
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	\$14,447.98

## Prayer Concerns

### The Church at Large

Presbytery • Norris Hill PC • Abbeville  
Denomination • Covenant Theological Seminary • Dr. Thomas C Gibbs  
Missionaries • Nagoya, Japan • Gary and Lois Watanabe  
National and Regional Leadership

### Church Member Requests

Prodigal children  
Monthly diaper drive-thru on Tuesday  
Verdin Family adjusting to a new baby  
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • relief from pain  
Hope Natiello • pain management  
Al LiCalzi • on-going medical decisions

### \*Call to Worship

From Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7 • Rev. Trevor Downie

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.**

### \*Hymn of Adoration

*Come Christians Join to Sing* • Hymn 302

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

## Confession of Sin

**Call to Confession** • Psalm 36:1-4

### Prayer of Confession

**Assurance of Pardon** • Psalm 36:5-9

## \*Confession of Faith

On Creation • *Catechism 19-23 from Triple Play*

Who made the world?

**God.** (*Genesis 1:31*)

Did God make the world out of something?

**No. There was nothing else before the world.** (*Hebrews 11:3*)

How did God make the world?

**By speaking powerful words.** (*Psalm 33:6-9*)

How long did it take?

**Six days.** (*Genesis 1:1-31*)

What did God do on seventh day?

**He rested and made the seventh day of the week his special day.** (*Genesis 2:2*)

## Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Nancy Bruyere Sterling

## IV. Application and Discussion

- What are some examples of “signs” (proof) today that people claim they need to hear or see in order to believe in Jesus?
- Do you know anyone (family, friend, coworker, etc.) who seemingly won’t believe in Jesus unless they get just one more piece of evidence?
- Pray for them and share the need with others to join you in this prayer.
- In what way is Jesus all of the proof that is needed for faith?
- How do the examples of Nineveh and the Queen of Sheba encourage you to share the gospel with others, even people to the ends of the earth?

## We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others

### \*Hymn of Response

*Thine Be the Glory* • Hymn 274

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

*Holy, Holy, Holy* • Heber/Dykes  
Davidson Brass

### III. Jesus Is All the Proof That Is Needed

A. He's the better Jonah, so repent

B. He's the better Solomon, so come to him

### \*Songs of Preparation

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* • Getty, Boswell, J. Kauflin, Merker, and Papa

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess,  
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh? Unto the shore the rock of Christ

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess,  
Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave what will we sing? Christ He lives, Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord. Then sin and death will be destroyed.  
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore!

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.  
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Christ our hope in life and death.

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior* • Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

Wonderful, merciful Savior,  
Precious Redeemer and Friend,  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
Rescue the souls of men.  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace,  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost our way.  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace our  
Hearts always hunger for.  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father,  
Faithfully loving Your own,  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne.  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace our  
Hearts always hunger for.  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

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Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

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

### **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 12:38-42

### **Sermon**

The Risen Christ Is the Savior of All Peoples

#### I. The Falsehood of Seeking “Heavenly” Proof

A. Stop trying to control God

B. Those without faith cannot see or hear the signs