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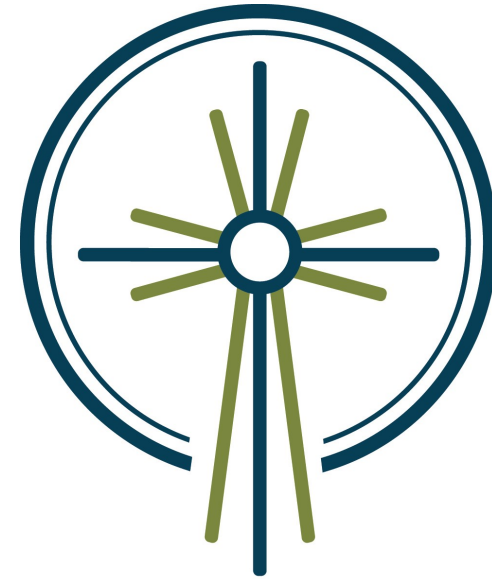
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

September 17, 2023

We Gather to Know God in His Glory

Announcements

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee • arr. Edward Hodges
Marshall Davidson

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 63:1-4 • Pete Partee

O God, you are our God; earnestly we seek you;
our souls thirsts for you;
our flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So we have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
our lips will praise you.**

So we will bless you as long as we live;
in the name of Jesus we will lift up our hands.

*Hymn of Adoration

Praise to the Lord the Almighty • Hymn 53

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
- Fall Festival • Fun for the whole family • October 21, 5:00-7:00p.m.
- Joyful Noisemakers will resume on Wednesday, September 20, at 5:15
- Fall Bible Conference • October 7, 8

See your weekend newsletter for additional details.

Prayer Concerns

The Church at Large

Presbytery • Downtown PC • Greenville • Rev. Brian Habig
Denomination • Ridge Haven Conference Center • Rev. Cameron Anderson
Missionaries • Honduras • John and Kathy Clow
National and Regional Leadership

Church Member Requests

Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt’s mom • relief from pain
Hope Natiello • pain management
Al and Linda LiCalzi • strength and comfort

September Financial Report	
Current Week’s Income	\$13,496.15
Income MTD	\$18,824.15
Income YTD	\$322,247.18
Budgeted income YTD	\$304,044.97
Expenses MTD	\$14,486.30
Expenses YTD	\$302,488.65
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$306,021.02
YTD Income over/(under) expenses	\$19,758.53

B. He's the giver of life and righteousness

III. Application and Discussion

- **How does this parable build upon Jesus' previous statement in v. 30, "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters"?**
- **What does this passage tell us about the limitations of our efforts to sweep out and adorn our own hearts?**
- **In what ways does this passage point to our need, as individuals and as a church, to pray for and trust in the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit?**
- **What is the evidence in your own life that the Holy Spirit abides in your heart?**
- **Pray for one another, asking Christ to make his Lordship in your heart sure and lasting.**
- **Pray for family, friends, and neighbors who do not know Jesus as Lord.**

We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others

*Hymn of Response

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me • Hymn 335

*Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune • Patricia Lou Harris
Catie M. Hane

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession • 2 Timothy 4:3-4

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • 1 Peter 1:17-19

*Confession of Faith

The Indwelling Holy Spirit • *Based on Romans 8:9-11*

We believe that those who are in Christ are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in them, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in them, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to their mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in them.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

All My Boast is In Jesus • arr. Samuel Wilson
Choir

Congregational Prayer

*Songs of Preparation

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed • Hymn 254

Good and Gracious King • Robinson, Ferguson, and Farren

I approach the throne of glory; nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King.

I will give to You my burden, as You give to me Your strength.
Come and fill me with Your Spirit as I sing to You this praise.

You deserve the greater glory! Overcome, I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing; Empty handed I rejoice.
You deserve the greater glory! Overcome with joy I sing;
By Your love I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King.

O what grace that You would see me as Your child and as Your friend;
Safe, secure in You forever, I pour out my praise again.

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To the King in need of nothing; Empty handed I rejoice.
You deserve the greater glory! Overcome with joy I sing;
By Your love I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King.

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, Good and gracious, Good and gracious,
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We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together

Scripture Reading

Matthew 12:43-45

Sermon

Our Hearts Will Be Filled

- I. The Illusion of Spiritual Autonomy
 - A. Our hearts are houses of worship

 - B. Who is the lord of your heart?

- II. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
 - A. He's greater than all other spirits