



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 25, 2021
Morning Worship
9:30 A.M.

The Prelude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
(Hymn #222, arr. Larson)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

At the Name of Jesus
(Hymn #270, arr. Livingston, Jr.)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship

Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Hosts Above
(Hymn #565)

Praise ye the Lord, ye hosts above, in yonder heav'nly height,
And bless the Lord, ye saints below, who in his praise delight.

By all his creatures let his name be honored and adored;
Let all that breathe in praise unite to glorify the Lord.

† The Call to Worship

Revelation 19:5-7

Leader: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.

All: Hallelujah! For the LORD our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult, and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

† The Hymn of Adoration

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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† The Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† The Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell*; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;** the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.*
***"catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.*

† The Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

The Call to Repentance

1 John 2:15-17, Church Bible, pg. 1021

The Silent Confession of Personal Sins

The Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, we have trampled upon your law times without number. Sin's deformity is stamped upon us. Forgive us for flaunting ourselves so proudly. Lowest abasement is our due place, for we are less than nothing before you. Help us to see ourselves in your sight, so that our pride may wither, decay, and die. Humble our hearts before you and replenish them with your choicest gifts. Make us the lowest of the lowly, so that our spiritual riches may exceedingly abound. When we leave duties undone, please let convicting thoughts strip us of pride, deepen in us devotion to your service, and quicken us to more watchful care. When we are tempted to think highly of ourselves, help us to see the devious power of our spiritual enemy. Help us to stand on the watch-tower of faith, and to cling with determined grasp to our Lord Jesus Christ. If we fall, let us hide ourselves in our Redeemer's righteousness, and when we escape, may we ascribe all deliverance to his grace. Please keep us humble, meek, and lowly. Amen. (Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

The Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:9-12, Church Bible, pg. 1023

The New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 1:8-11, Church Bible, pg. 964

† The Psalter

Praise God, O Servants of the Lord

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The Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(Hymn #465, arr. Broughton)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

“Prayer from the Abyss”
Jonah 2:1-6

Church Bible, pg. 774

† The Hymn of Response

By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven

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† The Benediction

† The Doxology

#567

† The Postlude

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Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion threat - en hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to mer - cy's store;
5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en - throned on high;



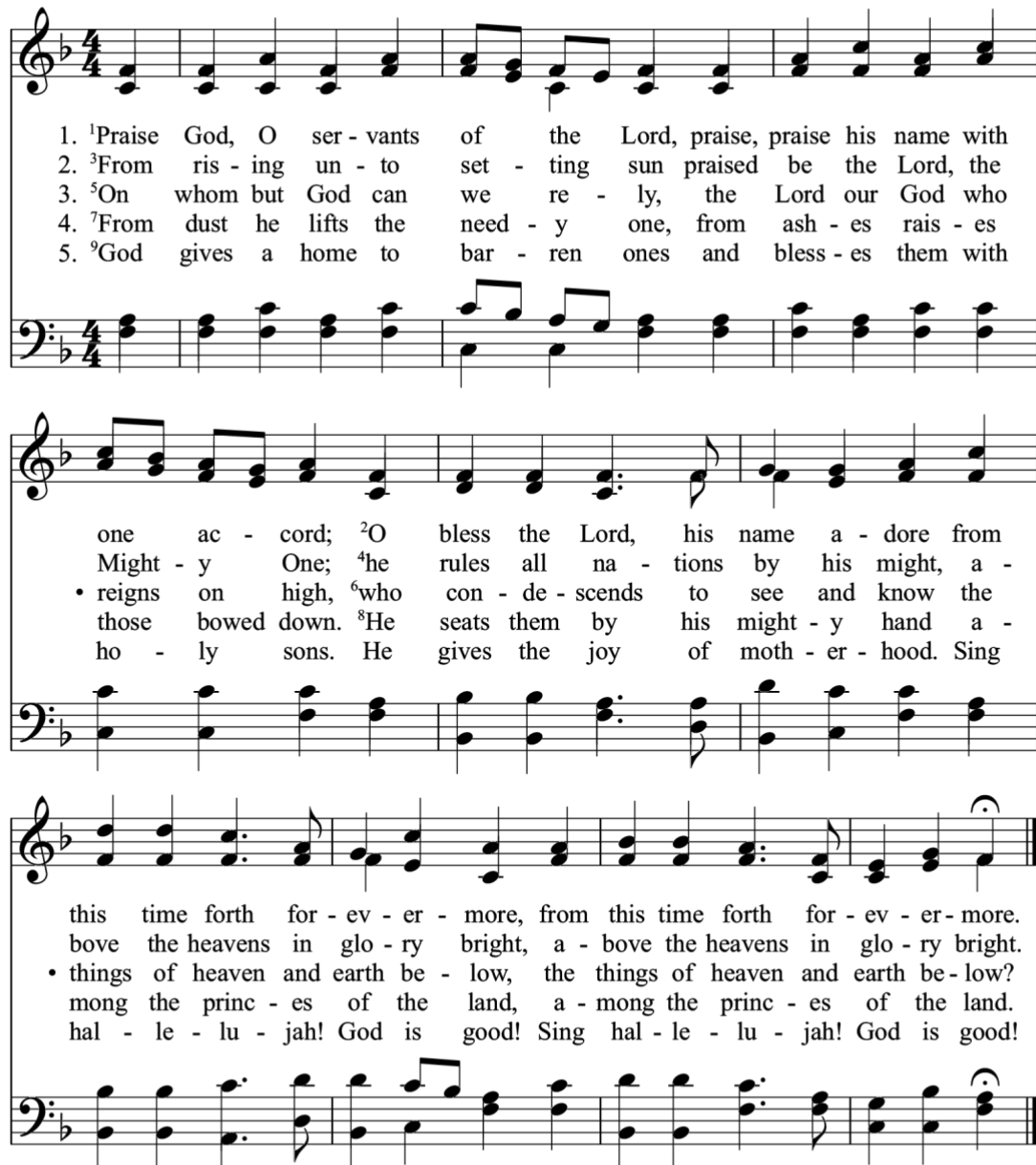
- He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame:
 called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
 • For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion, holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown:
 when thro' grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles and asks no more:
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky:



- he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
 he has washed us with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.
 • he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.
 he who washed us with his blood has se - cured our way to God.
 "You have washed us with your blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"



113B Praise God, O Servants of the Lord



1. ¹Praise God, O ser - vants of the Lord, praise, praise his name with
 2. ³From ris - ing un - to set - ting sun praised be the Lord, the
 3. ⁵On whom but God can we re - ly, the Lord our God who
 4. ⁷From dust he lifts the need - y one, from ash - es rais - es
 5. ⁹God gives a home to bar - ren ones and bless - es them with

one ac - cord; ²O bless the Lord, his name a - dore from
 Might - y One; ⁴he rules all na - tions by his might, a -
 • reigns on high, ⁶who con - de - scends to see and know the
 those bowed down. ⁸He seats them by his might - y hand a -
 ho - ly sons. He gives the joy of moth - er - hood. Sing

this time forth for - ev - er - more, from this time forth for - ev - er - more.
 bove the heavens in glo - ry bright, a - bove the heavens in glo - ry bright.
 • things of heaven and earth be - low, the things of heaven and earth be - low?
 mong the princ - es of the land, a - mong the princ - es of the land.
 hal - le - lu - jah! God is good! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! God is good!

By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven

1. By grace I am an heir of heav - en: why doubt this,
 2. By grace a - lone shall I in - her - it that bliss - ful
 3. By grace! These pre - cious words re - mem - ber when sore - ly
 4. By grace! Be this in death my com - fort; de - spite my

O my trem - bling heart? If what the Scrip - tures prom - ise clear - ly
 home be - yond the skies. Works count for naught, the Lord in - car - nate
 by your sins op - pressed, when Sa - tan comes to vex your spir - it,
 fears, 'tis well with me. I know my sin in all its great - ness,

is true and firm in ev - 'ry part, this al - so must be
 has won for me the heav'n - ly prize. Sal - va - tion by his
 when trou - bled con - science sighs for rest; what rea - son can - not
 but al - so him who sets me free. My heart to naught but

truth di - vine: by grace a crown of life is mine.
 death he wrought, his grace a - lone my par - don bought.
 com - pre - hend, God does to you by grace ex - tend.
 joy gives place, since I am saved by grace, by grace.



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July 25, 2021
Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

From Out the Depths I Cry
(Hymn #130B, arr. Whitman)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness
(Hymn #457, arr. Larson)

The Welcome and Announcements

† **Call to Worship**

Psalm 37:4-5

Leader: Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

All: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

† **The Hymn of Praise**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

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† **The Invocation**

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Psalm of the Month

Give Ear, God of My Righteousness

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† Hymn

Jesus, I am Resting, Resting

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The Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 61.

Leader: What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

All: The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

The Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Joe Crowhurst

The Offertory

The Tender Love a Father Has
(Hymn #103D, arr. Grotenhuis)

The Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. James Ensley

“Better than Gold? Sweeter than Honey?”
Psalm 19:7-11

Church Bible, pg. 456

† **The Hymn of Response**

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

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† **Closing Prayer**

† **The Doxology**

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† **The Postlude**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
(D. Fishel)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Holy, Holy, Holy!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

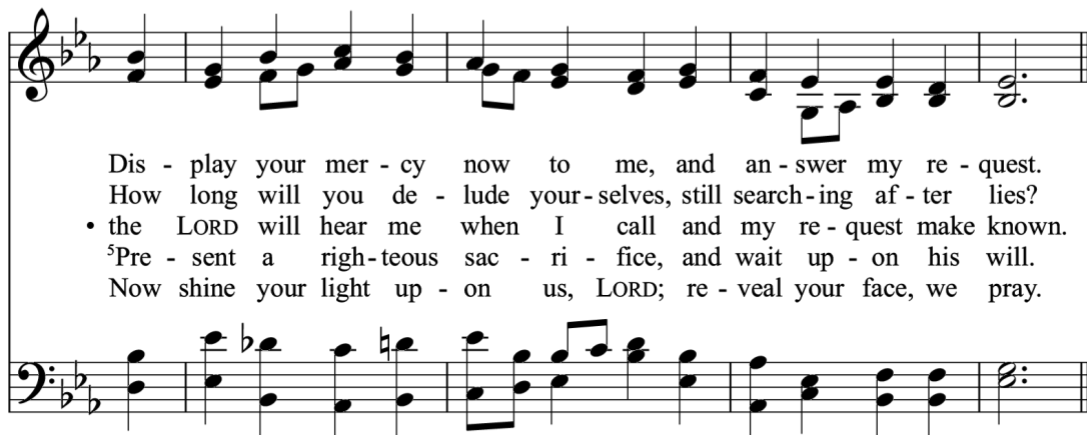
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Give Ear, God of My Righteousness



1. ¹Give ear, God of my righ-teous-ness, my com-fort in dis-tress.
 2. ²The glo-ry of my name, O men, how long will you de-spise?
 3. ³But know the LORD has set a-part the god-ly as his own;
 4. ⁴Be an-gry, yet from sin de-part; con-sid-er and be still.
 5. ⁶“O who can show us an-y good?” I hear so man-y say.



Dis-play your mer-cy now to me, and an-swer my re-quest.
 How long will you de-lude your-selves, still search-ing af-ter lies?
 • the LORD will hear me when I call and my re-quest make known.
⁵Pre-sent a righ-teous sac-ri-fice, and wait up-on his will.
 Now shine your light up-on us, LORD; re-veal your face, we pray.

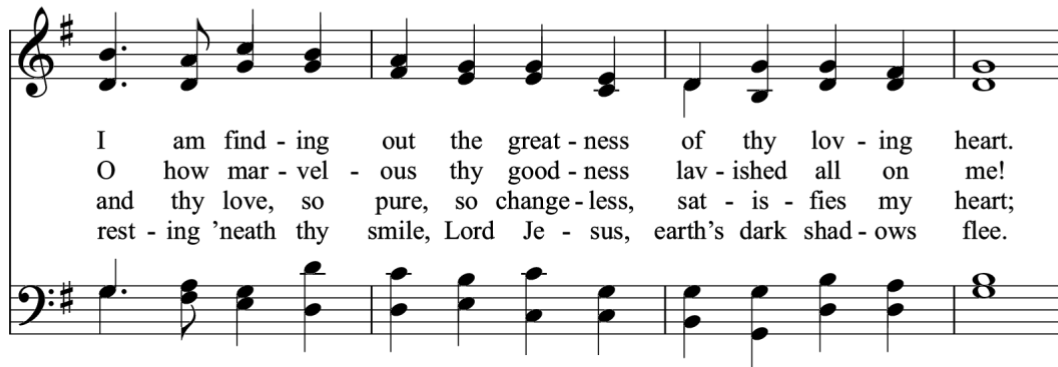
6. ⁷You filled my heart with greater joy
 than others may have found,
 as they rejoiced at harvest time,
 when grain and wine abound.

7. ⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
 my heart will rest secure,
 for you alone, O gracious LORD,
 will keep me safe and sure.

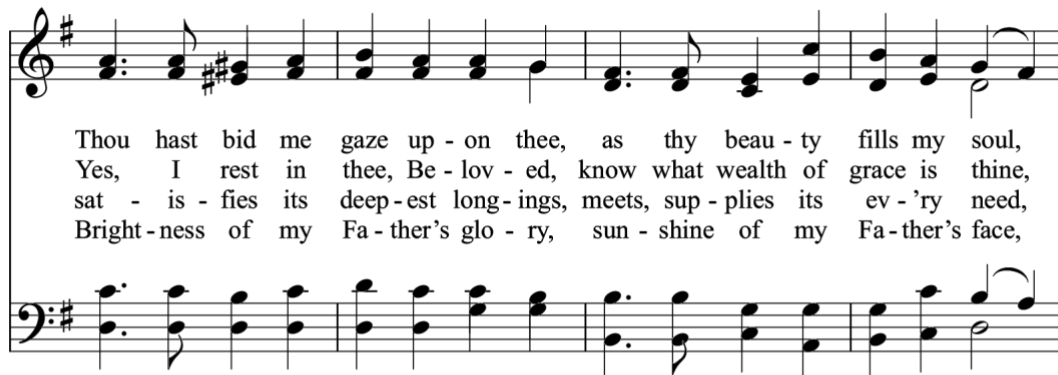
Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art;
 2. O how great thy lov - ing-kind-ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea!
 3. Sim - ply trust - ing thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold thee as thou art,
 4. Ev - er lift thy face up - on me as I work and wait for thee;



I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.
 O how mar - vel - ous thy good - ness lav - ished all on me!
 and thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies my heart;
 rest - ing 'neath thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.



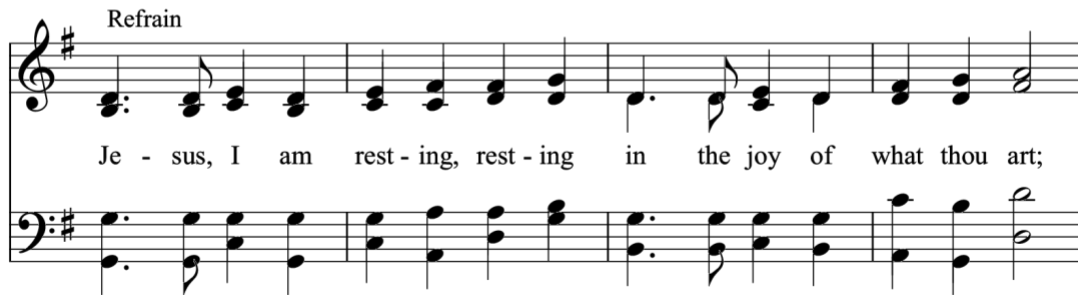
Thou hast bid me gaze up - on thee, as thy beau - ty fills my soul,
 Yes, I rest in thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is thine,
 sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
 Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,

TRUST AND ASSURANCE

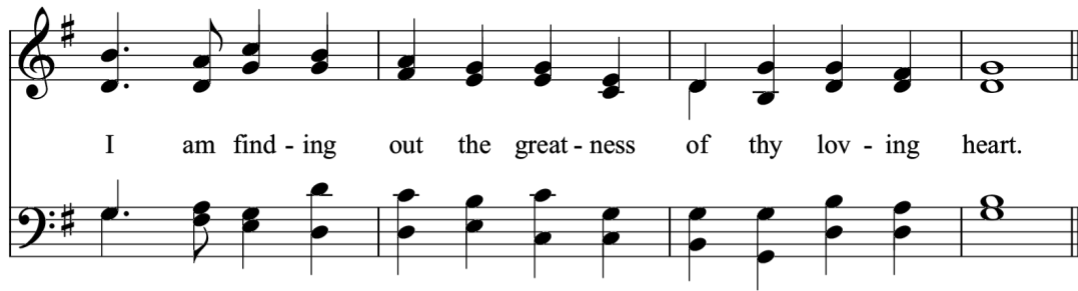


for by thy trans - form - ing pow - er, thou hast made me whole.
 know thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.
 com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings: thine is love in - deed.
 keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with thy grace.

Refrain



Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art;



I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.

Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876; alt.

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 James Mountain, 1876

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

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1. May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, live in me from day to day,
 2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
 3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - 'ry - thing,
 4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;

by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
 so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.
 that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
 him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing: this is vic - to - ry.

5. May I run the race before me,
 strong and brave to face the foe,
 looking only unto Jesus
 as I onward go.

6. May his beauty rest upon me
 as I seek the lost to win,
 and may they forget the channel,
 seeing only him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN MORNING BULLETIN
THIS WEEK & BEYOND

July 25, 2021

Children's Sunday School Volunteers: The Children's Ministry needs volunteers for the 2021/2022 Sunday school year! If you like learning and enjoy talking about the treasures in Scripture, and would like to volunteer as a teacher, aide, substitute, music helper, gym supervisor, or WCA door monitor, please sign up on the Blue Sheet. If you have questions, contact Sydney Knight.

College & Career: College students and young working adults are invited to attend a weekly study on Biblical Sexuality on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the Parlor.

Fall Adult Bible Studies: Please look over the insert on the Men's and Ladies' Bible studies that will be starting up in August. If you would like to attend one, please mark the appropriate box and put it in the offering plate. The Crown Club (ages 65+) will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the Parlor from 10:00-12:00.

Ice Cream Fellowship: The Fellowship Team will be hosting a Sunday Night Ice Cream Fellowship that will run through the summer after every Sunday evening worship service. Please plan to join us after evening service on the church's front lawn for a casual time of fellowship while enjoying an ice cream bar. Gluten-Free/Dairy-Free fruit bars will be available as well as traditional ice cream bars. Feel free to bring any additional or special food items you may need. We are looking forward to a sweet time with many of you!

Orchestral and Band Musicians! Would you be willing to help lead music for worship on August 1st? If so, we would like to have you join us on today, **July 25th** at 5pm for practice. We will be playing hymns during various parts of the service. If you are willing to play, please come to practice. Questions? Contact Jamelle Linker at jdlinker@crimson.ua.edu or 256-486-1086. Also, if you may be willing to play on occasion in the future, please pass on to Jamelle your name, instrument, phone number and email address.

Sunday Fellowship Lunches: Fellowship Lunches are a great way to get to know each other in a more relaxed home setting while sharing a meal once each month. Host families provide a place to meet after church on the first Sunday of each month. WPC members and visitors who sign up will bring a side dish, salad or dessert to the lunch. All are welcome - families with small children, singles, visitors, senior members, new members. Sign up on the Blue Sheet today if you would like to attend or host the next Fellowship Lunches on **Sunday, August 1st**. For more information, contact Brian McFadden (mcfaddenbd@att.net) or Rachel Buhl (rachel.j.buhl@gmail.com).

WCA Teacher & Staff Breakfast: WPC is excited to support Westminster Christian Academy by providing a hot breakfast for the faculty and staff on **Thursday, August 5th** at 8am in the WPC narthex. This annual breakfast is always a huge encouragement to WCA teachers and staff! We are looking for volunteers to cook and drop off hot and ready to serve casseroles or fruit trays on the morning of the 5th at 7:30am, and volunteers to serve breakfast that morning. Please indicate on the Blue Sheet how you can help! Questions? Contact Rachel Buhl rachel.j.buhl@gmail.com or Elizabeth Davis (havemercy73@gmail.com).

WPC @ Play: Bring your kids to Creekwood Park at 9:30 tomorrow, **Monday, July 26th**, for some play and splashy fun with other covenant families! Sunscreen, snacks, and water friendly clothes recommended! This will be our last get together for the summer. Questions? Contact Jennifer Murphree.

SAVE THE DATE

- WPC @ Play: July 26, 2021
- Youth Parent Meeting: August 1, 2021
- WCA Teacher & Staff Breakfast: August 5, 2021
- Ladies Craft Night: August 9, 2021
- Crown Club Trip to Miss Mary Bobo's: August 11, 2021

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David Hammond, Stephen Hooks, Jim Roberts, Nick Robison, Joe Steele

Home Worship Guide

Beloved congregation,

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic is affecting every family, business, and institution in our country. Even churches like ours are not exempt from its life-altering influence. As you know, Westminster Presbyterian Church has a deep commitment to the Bible-mandated practice of corporate worship on the Lord's Day. As much as we would love to continue assembling as a unified body every week, we know it is necessary to do our part to protect the members of this body and the community around us by honoring social distancing recommendations. Therefore, our parishioners will need to worship with us corporately via Livestream until further notice.

One of the benefits of being able to worship together in our beautiful sanctuary is that it naturally engenders a corporate atmosphere of reverence mingled with joy. Visible markers of corporate reverence include our rising together during the invocation, the offering up of solemn prayers, periods of sustained silence, and attentive listening. Visible markers of corporate joy include the vigorous singing of praises, heartfelt confession of creeds, delighting in the assurance of pardon, and offering up of tithes and offerings.

Our goal during this challenging season is to retain as much of this corporate worship experience as we possibly can. Please use the suggestions in this guide to help you toward this end.

As you follow along with the streamed worship, we encourage you to worship at home just as you would at church. For this to happen, you will need to be intentional about the following:

- Find a place in your home that is devoid of unnecessary distractions. Be careful about not allowing your smartphone, tablet, radio, pets, magazines, or anything else to divert your attention from worshipping the Triune God in Spirit and truth.
- Have your Bible and worship bulletin readily accessible. We have slightly modified our bulletin to facilitate easy viewing and printing at home. We strongly recommend having printed copies of the bulletin for your family members, especially the children.
- Dress appropriately as a means of rightly framing your mind toward the task at hand. For most people, it will be difficult to foster a serious and contemplative attitude of worship if they are lounging around in pajamas. How we dress has a profound influence on our behavior.
- Unless providentially hindered, be sure to stand with the congregation when asked to do so. Standing will unite your posture with the gathered assembly and also serve as a natural deterrent to laziness.
- Audibly participate in all corporate prayers, confessions, and singing. The purpose of our Livestream worship service is to glorify God, not to be entertained. There is no such thing as a "passenger" in the worship of God. He has created everything to be participating actively in his praise (Psalm 148).
- Participate in pastoral prayers by bowing your head, closing your eyes, and agreeing silently with the prayers offered up to God. Don't use this as a time to recharge your coffee cups.
- Every Livestream service will still contain an offertory hymn. We urge you to use this time to make an online offering or write a check for later mailing. Even though we cannot meet together, our church and missionaries are still very much dependent on your regular tithes and offerings.
- Participate in sermons by actively listening and engaging with the text of Holy Scripture.
- In sum, approach this Livestream worship service precisely as you would if you were present in the sanctuary.

Beloved, these are challenging times, but they afford us a unique opportunity to express our corporate solidarity as God's redeemed people. Many of our friends, neighbors, and co-workers remain blind to the glorious Gospel of our crucified and risen Savior. The confusion and fear of the unbelievers around us will likely increase during this season of uncertainty. Please invite them to join us in corporate worship. In doing so, you will be offering real hope to their imperiled souls.

~Pastor Joe