



Westminster Presbyterian Church

January 17, 2021

The Prelude: *A time of silence to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
(Elder leading worship: Ed Payne)*

Welcome, Announcements and Silent Prayer (10:25)

If you are new to worshipping with us, please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate so we can get to know you. Thank you!

Call to Worship: Psalm 28:6-7

Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

Salutation: Romans 1:7

To all those ... who are loved by God and called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Invocation

Hymn: *Psalm 117A O All You Nations of the Earth (See Insert)*

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q 57-58

57. What comfort do you receive from the “resurrection of the body”?

That not only my soul after this life shall be immediately taken up to Christ its Head, but also that this my body, raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul, and made like the glorious body of Christ.

58. What comfort do you receive from the article “life everlasting”?

That, inasmuch as I now feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, I shall after this life possess complete blessedness, such as eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man, therein to praise God forever.

Confession of Sin: Psalm 25:11

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 12:2-3

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Hymn # 570: Faith of Our Fathers

1 Faith of our fathers! living still
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear God's glorious Word:

Refrain:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to Thee till death.

2 Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate
if they, like them, should die for Thee:
[Refrain]

3 Faith of our fathers! God's great
pow'r
shall draw all nations unto Thee;
and through the truth that comes from
God
His people shall indeed be free:
[Refrain]

4 Faith of our fathers! we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife,
and preach Thee, too, as love knows
how
by witness true and virtuous life:
[Refrain]

Offering /Prayer: Galatians 6:9-10

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

The offering plates are currently located at the exit doors of the sanctuary.

Doxology: Hymn# 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'ly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Special Music: The Son of God Goes Forth to War/Hymn #578 Sung by Joshua Ling

1 The Son of God goes forth to war,
a kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar:
who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
triumphant over pain,
who patient bears his cross below,
he follows in His train.

2 The martyr first, whose eagle eye
could pierce beyond the grave,
who saw his Master in the sky,
and called on Him to save;
like Him, with pardon on his tongue
in midst of mortal pain,
he prayed for them that did the wrong:
who follows in His train?

3 A glorious band, the chosen few
on whom the Spirit came,
twelve valiant saints, their hope they
knew,
and mocked the cross and flame:
they met the tyrant's brandished steel,
the lion's gory mane;
they bowed their necks the death to
feel:
who follows in their train?

4 A noble army, men and boys,
the matron and the maid,
around the Savior's throne rejoice,
in robes of light arrayed:
they climbed the steep ascent of heav'n
through peril, toil, and pain:
O God, to us may grace be giv'n
to follow in their train.

Children ages 4-2nd grade may go to Children's Church at this time

Prayer for Congregation

Scripture Reading: Acts 7:54-60

Sermon: *Dying Well* By Pastor Mark Scholten

Hymn # 264: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross;
there a precious fountain,
free to all — a healing stream —
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;

there the Bright and Morning Star
shed its beams around me. **[Refrain]**

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. **[Refrain]**

4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. **[Refrain]**

Communion: *Please come forward to receive the elements and let us partake together.*

Hymn: *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;

Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Benediction: Psalm 27:13-14; Numbers 6:24-27

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



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