



February 4, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

As you enter, begin to worship quietly. Please silence your phone.

FOR REFLECTION: "The book of Galatians is dynamite. It is an explosion of joy and freedom which leaves us enjoying a deep significance, security, and satisfaction—the life of blessing God calls His people into....In this short letter, Paul outlines the bombshell truth that the gospel is the A to Z of the Christian life. It is not only the way to enter the kingdom; it is the way to live as part of the kingdom. It is the way Christ transforms people, church, and communities" (Tim Keller).

PRELUDE	<i>Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice</i>	arr. R. Elmore
	<i>Voluntary in E minor</i>	J. Stanley
	<i>Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (Hymn 421)</i>	arr. J. Brahms

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Walker

CHORAL INTROIT	(8:00) <i>Praise to the Lord</i>	D. Wood
	(11:00) <i>Let None That Wait on You</i>	

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION (8:00) Dr. Kieffer, (11:00) Rev. Collins

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright #58

- 1. O Splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light,
O Light of light, light's living Spring, true Day, all days illumining.**
- 2. Come, very Sun of heaven's love, in lasting radiance from above,
and pour the Holy Spirit's ray on all we think or do today.**
- 3. And now to you our pray'rs ascend, O Father, glorious without
end; we plead with Sovereign Grace for pow'r to conquer in
temptation's hour.**
- 4. Confirm our will to do the right, and keep our hearts from envy's
blight; let faith her eager fires renew, and hate the false, and
love the true.**
- 5. O joyful be the passing day with thoughts as pure as morning's
ray, with faith like noontide shining bright, our souls
unshadowed by the night.**

6. Dawn's glory gilds the earth and skies, let him, our perfect Morn, arise, the Word in God the Father one, the Father imaged in the Son.

CONFESSION OF SIN * From Psalm 38

Leader: O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath!

People: For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.

Leader: There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

People: For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me...

Leader: But for you, O Lord, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

People: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

Leader: Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me!

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Ephesians 2:4-7

Pastor: This is the grace of God for our salvation.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *Heidelberg Catechism*, Questions 29, 31 & 34

29. Q. Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Savior?

A. Because He saves us from all our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.

31. Q. Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?

A. Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

34. Q. Why do you call Him our Lord?

A. Because He has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with His precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us His own possession.

SONG OF PRAISE * *I Will Exalt You, God, My King* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal, Psalm 145)

I will exalt you, God, my King; I will forever bless your name. I will extol you evermore, day after day your praise proclaim. Great is the Lord and greatly praised, greatness which none can comprehend. Age unto age will tell your deeds, wonders and mighty acts commend.

INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY (8:00)

O Love Divine
Matins Choir

arr. D. Govenor

OFFERTORY (11:00)

There Is a Fountain
Sanctuary Choir

arr. H. Helvey

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 1:1–5 (Pew Bible Page 972)

SERMON

From Paul to Galatia: All Because of God

Dr. Chris Walker

#1 in a Series on Galatians—*Redeemed by Christ to Walk in the Spirit*

HYMN (overleaf) *

Behold the Lamb

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE LORD'S TABLE (Our communion bread is gluten-free.)

When the elements are passed, we partake of the bread individually to signify our personal relationship with Christ. Please hold the cup, so we may partake together, as one body in Christ.

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord #465

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

REFRAIN: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

2. Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross. (refrain)

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today. (refrain)

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(8:00) *Two-fold Amen*

trad. Greek

(11:00) *Fill Our Hearts*

D. Wood

POSTLUDE

Postlude in B-flat Major

W. Volckmar

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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(Overleaf Hymn)

Behold the Lamb

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us—and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.
2. The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.
3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you—drink and remember he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.
4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth. As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Jonathan Humbert

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

Overleaf Pianists: Margaret Marsch, 8 AM; Jessica Sheetz, 11 AM

Visitors

Welcome visitors: Please complete the Connect Card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate. You will receive an informational, one-time mailing.

Connections class is held TODAY. This monthly, two-week informal session is offered for visitors and those who desire an informative introduction to the life and ministry of Westminster Church—without obligation. *Connections* is **located in the library** (*library is located across the Gathering Space*), 9:30–10:30 AM.

Everyone

Help us minister to you; complete a Connect Card each week you worship with us.

Hearing devices to use in the Sanctuary are available from the ushers.

Sanctuary flowers are given by Barry and Faith Roberts in loving memory of Barry's parents, Edward and Mildred Roberts, and Faith's father, Jay Miller; and by Barry Packard in loving memory of his wife, Evelyn.

There will be no worship this evening due to the Congregational Meeting at 3 PM today.

Session designated the 2023 Christmas offering be split between Korah Kids School (recently renamed Bridge School), Ethiopia, and a partnering seminary's highly sensitive "Project M," which will enable believers in a closed country to receive theological training. **The total received for the Christmas offering is \$72,071.25.**

Congregational Meeting

Per Westminster's bylaws, the annual Congregational Meeting will take place today at 3 PM. One of the founding principles of our church government is the voice of our members in choosing their leaders and their pastors. Today, we will hold elections for the offices of elder and deacon, as well as the role of deaconess. We will also vote to approve Dr. Light's retirement. In addition, Session will provide updates on our strategic plan, the budget and financial position of the church, our building plan, capital campaign, and more. Childcare is available during the meeting.

Westminster's finance booklet will be available after the services today as well as at the meeting. *Please take one per family.*

These Westminster members are nominated to serve in the following offices for 3-year terms (*first time serving, ordained/installed if elected):

RULING ELDER: *Matt Allgyer, *Mark Bleecker, Rick Frey, Bob Hivner, Michael Mante, Tim Sidebothom, Kevin Snoke (one-year term), Bill Ziegler

DEACON: John Davies, *Aaron Donnachie, *Ben Hagan, *Landon Horst (two-year term), Jim Oosting, Tim Sheetz, *Kyle Wenger

These Westminster members are nominated to serve as deaconesses for 3-year terms (*first time serving, installed if elected):

DEACONESS: Sue Anderson, Shelley Armstrong, Deb Chapin, *Brenda Fentiman, Dawn Fortna, *Judith Mattson Read, *Kathy Newhard (one-year term), *Doris Nolt, *Linda Phillips, *Marge Styer

Children's Activities and Nursery: At 3 PM, activities and a light snack will be provided for children in K–Grade 6 in the gym and 4- and 5-year-olds in Room 121. A nursery for infants to age 3 is provided in Room 111.

Ministry Highlights

- **We are happy to welcome Rev. Scott Johnston** who begins his ministry at Westminster today. We are so thankful that God had him and his wife, Sandy, among us and available to minister to us during this year of transition. We plan to install Scott as Assistant Pastor of Visitation during our evening service next Sunday, February 11, pending the approval of Presbytery this week.
- **Applications are now available for the 2024 Music Scholarship.** See the announcement sheet for more information. **Deadline to apply is TODAY.**
- **Look for the 2024 Lenten Series flyer** at the Information Desk, in the kiosks, online at westpca.com/lent or on the WPC App.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is chicken pot pie.** Dinner is available 5–6:30 PM. Tell us on your Connect Card or RSVP online by noon on Monday (www.westpca.com/wednesday) if you plan to attend.
- **The 2024 Missions Conference, *Living Water for a Dry and Thirsty Land*,** will be held February 28–March 3, with the Mission Fare on Saturday, March 2, 3:30–7 PM. Mission Fare volunteers are needed to assist in the kitchen and with teardown. Visit westpca.com/outreach/mc or contact Jen Barrall (barrall@westpca.com) for details and to sign up.

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Worship: 8 AM & 11 AM, 6 PM Sunday School: 9:30 AM

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Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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