



January 14, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "Matthew 28:19 indicates that all true believers will be seeking for the lost as a natural fruit of being born again....We are not waiting for the seekers to come—we are going, like Jesus, 'to seek and to save the lost' (Luke 19:10). Jesus came into the world seeking us; we are going into the world seeking them" (Harry Reeder).

PRELUDE	<i>Brightest and Best</i>	arr. R. J. Powell
	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i> (Hymn 689)	arr. E. T. Childs
	<i>Prelude on Psalm 100</i> (Hymn 1)	C. Callahan
	Tanya Belousov, <i>flute</i> Frank Dodd, <i>organ</i>	

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. York, (11:00) Dr. Kieffer

Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim #12

- 1. Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name, who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command. The Lord is good, his praise proclaim; since it is pleasant, praise his name; his people for his own he takes and his peculiar treasure makes.**

- 2. I know the Lord is high in state, above all gods our Lord is great; the Lord performs what he decrees, in heav'n and earth, in depths and seas. He makes the vapors to ascend in clouds from earth's remotest end; the lightnings flash at his command; he holds the tempest in his hand.**

3. Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim, all ye his servants, praise his name, who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command. Forever praise and bless his name, and in the church his praise proclaim; in Zion is his dwelling place; praise ye the Lord, show forth his grace.

CONFESSION OF SIN *

Merciful God, you loved us while we were still your enemies! Before the world was founded you designed our rescue from sin's fatal trap—you sent Jesus to pay our debt and ravish our hearts with irresistible mercy and love.

Even so, Almighty God, we are clay vessels who dare to talk back. We often consider you unjust or question the long time it takes for you to answer our prayers. At times, we insist that our way would be better than yours.

Thank you for clothing us in the righteousness of Jesus, after he suffered the agony of the cross in our place. Grant us swift repentance and a sweet submission to your Word each day. Mold us into humble trophies of your grace, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Psalm 62:5–8

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The word catholic means universal*

SONG OF PRAISE * *Amazing Grace!*, Hymn 460, Stanza 1

Amazing Grace! —how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

COMMUNICANT MEMBER RECEIVED (8:00): Zemirah Chen

3. His Word shall not fail you—he promised; believe him and all will be well: then go to a world that is dying, his perfect salvation to tell! Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(8:00) *Two-Fold Amen*

trad. Greek

(11:00) *Joy and Peace Surround You* G. Grier, L. Everson

POSTLUDE

(8:00) *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* (Hymn 604) arr. M. Burkhardt

(11:00) *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star!* (Hymn 515) arr. P. Manz

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organists: Jonathan Humbert, 8 AM; Frank Dodd, 11 AM

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

Overleaf Pianists: Frank Dodd, 8 AM; Jessica Sheetz, 11 AM

His Mercy is More

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om -
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His

ni - sient, all kno - wing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home. He wel - comes the weak - est, the
 blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could

bot - tom or shore;
 vil - est, the poor;
 ne - ver af - ford;
 Our sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more. Stronger than dark - nes,

new ev' - ry morn; Our sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

TEXT and MUSIC: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

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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 Jim Adams in loving memory of Kathy; and by Jean Myer in loving memory of her husband, Nevin, and their parents.

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in *memory* of a loved one or in *honor* of a 50th, 55th, or 60th wedding anniversary, there is availability in January and February. Please contact James L. Adams (610.406.3229 or flowers4505@aol.com). The cost is \$35.

Evening Prayer Service: 6 PM

Dr. John Light preaches on Colossians 3:18–21, *Marriage and Family to the Glory of God*. Songs of Praise will be led by Paul Rogers.

Session announces the hiring of Rev. Scott Johnston as Assistant Pastor of Visitation, beginning February 4, 2024.

Our search committee continues to look for an associate pastor given Dr. Light's retirement; but, with the time a pastoral search takes and several staff sabbaticals this year, Session recognizes that we are facing a gap in covering pastoral needs. Thankfully, Scott, who served on Westminster's staff in the early 2000's, has been worshipping among us and is available to rejoin our staff. This will not be a long-term expansion of our pastoral staff, but rather a full-time hire for a little over a year to help us meet the pastoral needs of the congregation.

Ministry Highlights

- **The early bird deadline for short-term mission trips** to Colombia and LEAP (London) is **TODAY**; final deadline is January 28. Find details at westpca.com/outreach/stm, at the kiosk, or in the jr./sr. high Sunday school rooms.
- **Missionary prayer requests are available** after the services this morning. The printed version contains prayer requests for sensitive-area missionaries that aren't included in the WPC App.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is pizza.** 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.
- **Youth Group Pizza & Game Night is this Saturday, January 20, 5:30–9 PM** in the youth room. **The 2024 Breakaway winter retreat is February 16–18**, at Blue Mountain Christian Retreat. Registration deadline is next Sunday, January 21. Find details for both events in this week's announcement sheet.
- **Westminster will be launching a search for a new Children's Ministry Director** by the end of January. We expect this process may take six months or more. We appreciate your patience during this season of transition with fewer staff to support the ministry. Please pray for the search effort and a new director!
To better facilitate communication and requests, we ask that all general inquiries about children's ministry be sent to children@westpca.com. A few children's ministry staff members will be checking this inbox and will strive to respond in a timely manner as their time allows.
- **Weather-related cancellations:** We prefer not to cancel, but we do consider the safety of our people. We rarely cancel anything the night before. **Sunday morning cancellation messages will be posted by 6:45 AM (not earlier) in four places:** church phone message (717.569.2151), church website (westpca.com), WPC App, and cancellation list on the radio, WDAC 94.5 FM and WJTL 90.3 FM. Even if we do cancel the 8 AM service and Sunday School, we will try to hold an 11 AM service if conditions allow.

Did you know?

- **Connect Cards** are for everyone! They're not just for visitors. If you are sitting in our Sanctuary this week, *please let us know!*
- **If you requested a nametag**, *don't forget to pick it up* the following Sunday at the Safety Desk, in the bin marked "Nametag Central." We have many that have been unclaimed.
- **The Lost and Found** is the place to look when you're missing your child's Bible, or coat, or water bottle. This closet fills up so fast, we're pretty sure most folks don't know what they've lost. Come check before your stuff is cleared out at the end of the month.
- **We're looking for volunteers to help in our Pew Crew!** Are you interested in helping to keep our Sanctuary cleaned, organized and ready for worship? Volunteers are needed for up to an hour each week (flexible schedule) to straighten and restock a segment of pews. Contact Kerri Rogers if interested (717-569-2151 or kerri@westpca.com).

Congregational Meeting

Per Westminster's bylaws, the annual Congregational Meeting will take place on February 4, 2024, at 3 PM. Childcare will be available during the meeting.

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. Please **register children** at westpca.com/church-events or indicate on your connect card the number of children (with ages or grades) we can expect. **Volunteers needed!** You will still have an opportunity to vote. Contact Children's Ministry (children@westpca.com) or Amanda Geib (geib@westpca.com) to volunteer in the nursery.



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Church Office Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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