



January 21, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "There is a crisis in the family. Many of the problems in the church, and in society at large, for that matter, can be traced to growing numbers of families that are like sheep without a shepherd" (Tim Witmer).

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 547* J. S. Bach
Ross Ellison, organ

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP: **Doxology* (Hymn 731) OLD HUNDREDTH

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

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! #296

- 1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.**
- 2. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all; extol the stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.**
- 3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.**
- 4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the worm-wood and the gall, go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all; go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.**

5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

CONFESSION OF SIN *

Righteous Heavenly Father, we confess that we are seldom agitated by the evil that is in ourselves, but we are touchy about slights committed against us. We envy ungodly people parading their brief illusions of freedom and prosperity. We too easily forget how holy and strong you are, and how you love to redeem repentant people. Thank you for revealing to us the wonderful character of Jesus, your Son and our Savior. We marvel that by the power of your Spirit, seeds of Christ's infinite love, patience, and steadfastness have been planted in us, as your new creations of grace. We need you every hour! Show us afresh the radiance of Christ Jesus, offered as our substitute and reigning as our Lord, right now. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Romans 6:22–23

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 * *To God Be the Glory*, Hymn 55, Stanza 1

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

COVENANT BAPTISM (8:00)

Daniel Joseph Magaro, son of Aaron & Stephanie Magaro, born March 8, 2023.

ANTHEM (11:00)

For All the Saints

arr. E. Rosenberg

Sanctuary Choir

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

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

J. Robinson, R. Thompson

Johanna & Elsa Rogers, vocals Justus Rogers, vocals & guitar

O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us #341

- 1. O Breath of life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and pow'r, O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour.**
- 2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need; then in your tenderness remake us, revive, restore, for this we plead.**
- 3. O Breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart; come, love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive your church in every part.**

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4. O Heart of Christ, once broken for us, 'tis there we find our strength and rest; our broken, contrite hearts now solace, and let your waiting church be blest.
5. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating while harvest fields are vast and white? Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting, equip your church to spread the light.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Deuteronomy 6:4–13 (Pew Bible Page 151)

SERMON

The Home:

Dr. Chris Walker

The Building Block of a Vital Church

#3 in a Morning Sermon Series for the New Year—*Three Pillars of a Healthy Church*

Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore #352

1. Renew thy church, her ministries restore: both to serve and adore. make her again as salt throughout the land, and as light from a stand. 'Mid somber shadows of the night, where greed and hatred spread their blight, O send us forth with pow'r endued: help us, Lord, be renewed!
2. Teach us thy Word, reveal its truth divine; on our path let it shine. Tell of thy works, thy mighty acts of grace; from each page show thy face. As thou has loved us, sent thy Son, and our salvation now is won, O let our hearts with love be stirred: help us, Lord, know thy word!
3. Teach us to pray, for thou art ever near; thy still voice let us hear. Our souls are restless till they rest in thee: this our glad destiny. Before thy presence keep us still, that we may find for us thy will and seek thy guidance every day: teach us, Lord, how to pray!
4. Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, everyone, all mankind. Break down old walls of prejudice and hate; leave us not to our fate. As thou hast loved and giv'n thy life to end hostility and strife, O share thy grace from heav'n above: teach us, Lord, how to love!

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *Fill Our Hearts*

D. Wood

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D

G. Dyson

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

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 the first and second Sunday of each month. 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 (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 Bill and Patty Ziegler in loving memory of H. Clay and Esther Eshleman, Patty's 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 February. Please contact James L. Adams (610.406.3229 or flowers4505@aol.com). The cost is \$35.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. Dave Kieffer preaches on Colossians 3:22–4:1 & 9 (and Philemon), *The Gospel's Impact on the Institution of Slavery*, #14 in a Series on Colossians—*In Christ All Things Hold Together*. There will also be a hymn sing.

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.

Westminster's finance booklet will be available next Sunday, January 28.

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) to volunteer in K–Grade 6. or Amanda Geib (geib@westpca.com) to volunteer in the nursery.

Ministry Highlights

- **Today is Sanctity of Life Sunday:** In 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as Sanctity of Human Life Day. Since then, the church has regularly used the third Sunday in January to draw attention to God's concern for human life, created in his image, and God's call to his people to value, protect, and speak for human life at all stages, with particular emphasis on the unborn who are cast aside in the millions annually.
- **The 2024 Breakaway winter retreat is February 16–18,** at Blue Mountain Christian Retreat. Registration deadline is **TODAY**. Visit westpca.com/youth or the WPC App for more information and to register.
- **The Missions & Me project is here!** Books are available today in K–Grade 6 Sunday school classrooms and the children's ministry office. This year's theme is *Living Water for a Dry and Thirsty Land*. The Missions & Me books and videos provide a fun way for children to learn about missions, connect with our missionaries, and participate in the annual Missions Conference. Find videos at westpca.com/m-and-m.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is chicken curry.** 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.
- **Homebuilders is hosting a pickleball tournament!** Join us at Westminster on January 27, 9 AM. For more information and registration, visit westpca.com/events/pickleball. **Registration deadline is this Wednesday, January 24.**
- **This Friday, January 26, 7 PM, join the Young Adults Group** at Leisure Lanes for a night of bowling! Participants will pay for their ball/shoe rental individually. RSVP online at westpca.com/events/bowling.

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 (outside the Sanctuary), 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.
- **The Information Desk** is now located in the Gathering Space.

A Time to Greet the Lights

We invite you to express your appreciation to Dr. John and Patty Light next Sunday, January 28. This will be Dr. Light's last Sunday before retirement. He will preach at both morning services as he officially concludes his nearly 29 years of service at Westminster. Dr. Light and Patty will be in the Gathering Space to greet people between services. There will also be a basket available where notes and cards can be placed. We are grateful to the Lord for them and their ministry, and we rejoice that they will be staying among us as part of our congregation after retirement!

Christmas Offering

Session has designated the 2023 Christmas offering to be split between:

- **Korah Kids School**, recently renamed Bridge School, where missionary Molly De Bruin serves. Located in a trash dump community in Ethiopia, the school serves at-risk children who would otherwise receive no education. Morning devotions and weekend Bible clubs with the children are an essential part of the school's ministry.
- **A partnering seminary's highly sensitive "Project M,"** which will enable believers in a closed country to receive theological training in their own heart language.

Use the "Christmas Offering" envelope, mark a gold pew envelope "Christmas," or give online at westpca.com/give. **Today is the last day to give.**



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Church Office Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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