



April 14, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:8-15).

PRELUDE

Revive Us Again (Hymn 179)

arr. R. Bonam

Like a River Glorious (Hymn 699)

arr. R. Bonam

This Is My Father's World (Hymn 111)

arr. D. Ream

Piano Quartet

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Doxology (with Alleluias)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

Dr. Walker

Worship Christ, the Risen King! #286

- 1. Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell. Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!**

2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares: "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares." Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r; all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour. He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!
4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer; but the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer. He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!
5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory; sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free. Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

CONFESSION OF SIN * Adapted from John Calvin's *Geneva Liturgy of 1543*

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father; we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good in your sight. Because of sin, we endlessly violate the law of Christ.

But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow, we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And in removing our guilt, grant us also the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Psalm 103:8–12

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 * *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, Hymn 32, stanza 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

ANTHEM (11:00)

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling
Primary & Junior Choirs

arr. R. A. Nelson

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 God, beyond All Praising (Hymn 660)
Jill Holm & Priscilla Humbert, violins Jonathan Humbert, piano

arr. L. Larson

OFFERTORY (11:00)

Psalm 96
Sanctuary Choir

K. Lee Scott

At the Name of Jesus #163

1. At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now. 'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
2. At his voice creation sprang at once to sight, all the angel faces, all the hosts of light, thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heav'nly orders in their great array.
3. Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.
4. In your hearts enthrone him, there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true: crown him as your captain in temptation's hour: let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.
5. Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 11:14–23 (Pew Bible Page 869–870)

SERMON

A Time for Choosing

Dr. John Currie

All Glory Be to Christ

1. Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive; unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive. To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me, what is your life? A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ! All glory be to Christ, our King, all glory be to Christ! His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

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2. His will be done, his kingdom come, on earth as is above; who is himself our daily bread, praise him the Lord of love. Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price; we'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ! All glory be to Christ, our King, all glory be to Christ! His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!
3. When on the day the Great I AM, the Faithful and the True; the Lamb, who was for sinners slain, is making all things new. Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light, and we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ! All glory be to Christ, our King, all glory be to Christ! His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *I Will Bless the Lord*

D. S. Bortniansky

POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on *'Thine Be the Glory'*

A. Guilmant

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

Piano Quartet: Jessica Sheetz, Jonathan Humbert, Beth Peazzoni, Patricia Bleecker

Primary & Junior Choirs: Stephanie Magaro, *conducting*; Beth Peazzoni, *piano*

Please welcome guest preacher Dr. John Currie. Dr. Currie is professor of pastoral theology at Westminster Theological Seminary. His academic interests include expository preaching and pastoral leadership. Dr. Currie has extensive pastoral experience and is an ordained minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He has been a guest in our pulpit in previous years and we are thrilled to welcome him back.

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 lower level, room LL5** (on the right side and past the library), 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 in loving memory of Heather Leinbach, granddaughter of Carol Boyer; and by Cindy Mott Rust and family in loving memory of their beloved husband and father, David Mott.

The Missions Conference offering received \$23,969.92. The offering was split equally between Streams of Living Water's general fund and production costs for Christian video programs in North Africa.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. Barry Cureton preaches on Genesis 16, *The Lord Who Sees and Hears*, #6 in a Series on Genesis—*God's Promises to Israel's Patriarchs: The Lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. There will be a musical offering by the Jubilate Ringers.

Join us for Food & Fellowship after tonight's evening service. In an effort to foster more fellowship together, we will periodically offer snacks after the evening service. We encourage you to join us for worship tonight at 6 PM and to stay for Food & Fellowship afterwards!

Ministry Highlights

- **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.
- **Nursery and Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed.** There will be a table in the Gathering Space **TODAY** between services with information on ways to serve and sign-up sheets. Stop by to learn how you can help in our growing Children's Ministry. You can also sign up at westpca.com/children. *All volunteers must have attended Westminster for one year or be a member.*
- **Alyssa Davies has been hired as the 2024 VBS Coordinator** while we continue to search for a Children's Ministry Director. Contact her at davies@westpca.com.
- **CPR/AED life-saving training is offered this Thursday**, April 18, from 6–8:30 PM, in the Reformation Room. Learn how to use CPR techniques and operate an AED for someone in cardiac arrest. Certification is offered to those who complete the course. Recertification is required every two years. **Register at westpca.com/events/cpr by TODAY.**
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is meatball subs.** Dinner is available 5–6:20 PM. RSVP is needed each week if you plan to attend. RSVP by completing your Connect Card or online form (westpca.com/wednesday) by **noon on Monday**. Help us have an accurate count!
- **Ladies, we have a special night of performances planned** and you don't want to miss it! Come to *Artistry Unplugged* this Friday, April 19, 6:30 PM, in the Gathering Space. **Register by this Tuesday, April 16** (westpca.com/events/artistry) to let us know you are attending and to sign up for your potluck item.
- **Later this spring, Session will begin to approach** men to serve as elders and deacons and women to serve as deaconesses beginning in 2025. Use the officer recommendation form found at westpca.com/about/officers to **submit names for consideration by this Thursday, April 18.**
- **Thank you for helping us make the transition** in a timely manner to our new electronic giving platform in Breeze. For those who occasionally give online, we ask that you find the

WOMEN'S COUNSELOR POSITION

Westminster's Session announces the hiring of Stephanie Hubach as our new Women's Counselor. Steph is a member of our sister church, Ephrata Reformed PCA, and will begin her new role in mid-July. See the Announcement Sheet for a full biography.

Pastoral Staff

Dr. Christopher Walker
Senior Pastor

Dr. Tucker York
Executive Pastor/Missions

Dr. David Kieffer
*Associate Pastor/Discipleship &
Outreach*

Dr. Barry Cureton
Associate Pastor/Counseling

Rev. Scott Johnston
Assistant Pastor/Visitation

Rev. Matthew Collins
Associate Pastor/Youth

Dr. Michael Rogers
Pastor Emeritus



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

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Church Office Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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