



April 28, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "Not until the law has bruised and smitten us will we admit our need of the gospel to bind up our wounds. Not until the law has arrested and imprisoned us will we pine for Christ to set us free. Not until the law has condemned and killed us will we call upon Christ for justification and life. Not until the law has driven us to despair of ourselves will we ever believe in Jesus. Not until the law has humbled us even to hell will we turn to the gospel to raise us to heaven" (John Stott).

PRELUDE

SUITE GOTHIQUE

L. Boëllmann

I. Introduction-Choral II. Menuet III. Prière

Jaden Espenshade, organ

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

(8:00) Dr. Kieffer, (11:00) Dr. Cureton

Crown Him with Many Crowns #295

- 1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own: awake, my soul and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**
- 2. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear the sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways from pole to pole that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise: his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time; Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime: all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me: thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

CONFESSION OF SIN *

Glorious God, we marvel at the splendor of your holiness and the beauty of your incarnate Son, Jesus Christ. Yet we confess our failure to honor and adore you as we ought. We grieve over our little faith and our lack of love. Forgive us for the pride of heart that keeps us from prayer. Forgive us for our laziness in spiritual things. Forgive us for our harshness with others and our quickness to justify ourselves. May the power of the Holy Spirit work the mind of Christ in us this week, that in all things we may bring you glory, through Jesus Christ, amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Romans 5:1-2

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 * *Gloria Patri* (Hymn 735)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

ANTHEM (11:00) *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* arr. R. Erickson
Sanctuary Choir Frank Dodd, conducting

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 *His Love* S. Peterson
Skye Peterson

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #304

- 1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**
- 2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**
- 3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all you day be bright." I looked to Jesus and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.**

SERMON

Law and Promise:

Dr. Chris Walker

More Evidence for Justification by Faith

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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me #499

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
2. Not the labor of my hands, can fulfil thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgement throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *God Be with You*

arr. E. Butler

POSTLUDE

'Toccata' from SUITE GOTHIQUE

L. Boëllmann

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organists: Frank Dodd & Jaden Espenshade

We welcome singer-songwriter Skye Peterson. Skye is the daughter of Andrew Peterson and joined her dad in concert here at Westminster last evening. Although she has been writing and recording since high school, she began her career as a musician after studying theology and being inspired by biblical history and hermeneutics. Now writing hymns for Getty Music and the local church, Skye is also performing her own concerts and hoping to tell the world that they are not alone and that there's a King who's worth singing about.

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 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 by Mr. and Mrs. George DeLong, to the glory of God in memory of loved ones; by Bill and Patty Ziegler, in loving memory of Bill's youngest brother, Todd P. Ziegler; and by Fred and Ruth Buch in memory of loved ones.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Rev. Scott Johnston preaches on Genesis 18, *Abraham, the Friend of God*, #8 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 Bethany Hardin, *soprano* and Sharon Neal, *alto*.

Next Week's Worship Services:

Communion will be observed at both morning worship services.

The evening service will feature our Youth Ministry as they lead us in worship through personal testimonies, preaching and music. Prelude music begins at 5:50 PM. There will also be an opportunity to sign up as a prayer partner for a student.

At Home With the Lord

Westminster member Judith A. Waltman passed into glory on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Service details pending.

Please keep the Waltman family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

New Members Spring 2024

We are happy to welcome these new members who are joining our church today at the Swahili worship service.



Adija Ally



Veronique Ally



Pendeza Amisi



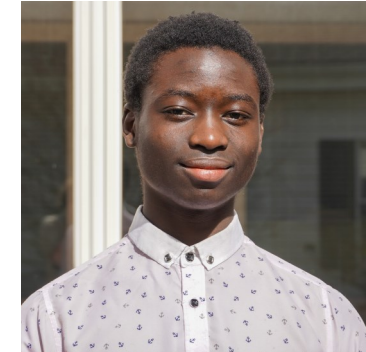
Amisi DiBandje



Naomi Elekamo



Imani Evariste



Joel Fataki



Julienne Deward



Odila Iddi



Mary Kariuki



Gretta Kubembeleza



Jeremie Maki

New Members Spring 2024



Christina Mathayo



Ezekiel Mmeswa



Ramazani Shabani



Bernadeta
Walengamina

COVENANT BAPTISMS

Alvin Kamau, born December 4, 2017

Brian Kariuki, born May 7, 2022

Gaspard Robert Heesen, born February 6, 2024

Ministry Highlights

- **Next Wednesday, May 8**, is the last Wednesday Fellowship Night: meal, clubs, men's & women's Bible studies, and youth group conclude. Choir rehearsals and Drama Club continue.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is fiesta chicken.** 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!
- **It's time for the Sanctity of Life Ministry's annual Mother's Day Shower** to benefit our local pregnancy centers, A Woman's Concern and Align Life Ministries, as well as North Star Initiative. Visit our display in the Gathering Space **today or May 5** to choose items to donate. Bring them unwrapped on Sunday, May 12, to be distributed to the local centers.
- **The next Men's Breakfast is this Saturday, May 4**, 8–9:30 AM. Boys 10 years and older are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian. Rev. Keith Irvine will be speaking. **Register at westpca.com/events/mens-breakfast by this Wednesday, May 1.** Contact Dr. Cureton (cureton@westpca.com) with questions.
- **Westminster members whose children attend Christian schools** may apply for scholarship funds for the 2024–2025 school year. Scholarships are for tuition support only. The amount will vary depending upon the number of applications received. **The deadline for applications is next Sunday, May 5.** Find detailed information on the announcement sheet.
- **The ESL Ministry is looking for volunteers** to help in multiple ways with a variety of commitment levels during the 2024–2025 school year. Please contact Rachel Bleecker (rachelb@westpca.com) for more information or **to observe the program on a Tuesday night through May 14.** This is a great opportunity for those interested in reaching out to immigrants in our own neighborhoods, coming from more than 30 different countries around the world.



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Church Office Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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