



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 12, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "If ministers wish to do any good, let them labor to form Christ, not to form themselves, in their hearers" (John Calvin).

PRELUDE

*Love & Grace* (Hymns 597 & 460)

J. W. Krug

*We Adore Thee!* (Hymn 122)

J. W. Krug

Westminster Ringers

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, alleluia!**

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

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

## Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise #290

1. Hail the day that sees him rise *Alleluia!* to his throne above the skies; *Alleluia!* Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, *Alleluia!* enters now the highest heav'n. *Alleluia!*
2. There for him high triumph waits; *Alleluia!* lift your heads, eternal gates, *Alleluia!* he hath conquered death and sin, *Alleluia!* take the King of glory in! *Alleluia!*
3. See, he lifts his hands above! *Alleluia!* See, he shows the prints of love! *Alleluia!* Hark! his gracious lips bestow *Alleluia!* blessings on his church below. *Alleluia!*
4. Lord, beyond our mortal sight, *Alleluia!* raise our hearts to reach thy height; *Alleluia!* there thy face unclouded see, *Alleluia!* find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! *Alleluia!*

CONFESSION OF SIN \* Based on a prayer from *Streams of Mercy* by Barbara Duguid

**O Lord, we are stubborn, blind people who repeatedly and willfully stray from you. Like children who don't want their parents to hold their hands while walking through a dangerous city, we will not stay near you. Even our words of confession are often spoken out of habit, duty, or appearance rather than from an awareness of our great need and your great love.**

**But Christ has acknowledged our helpless estate and has shed his own blood for our souls. Loving Father, by the power of your Spirit, create in us clean hearts that are truly broken for our remaining struggles with sin, yet are utterly confident that your love is more than enough to cleanse every sinner who trusts in you. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: \* Isaiah 43:1-3a

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 \* *In Christ Alone*, stanza 3

**There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

ANTHEM (11:00)

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

arr. J. Rutter

(Hymn 120, stanzas 1–3, 5)

Primary & Junior Choirs

MISSIONS MOMENT

Mike Stahl

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)

*Lead Me, Lord*

arr. F. Bock

Lead me, Lord; lead me in thy righteousness. Make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord; thou, O Lord only that makest me to dwell in safety. Teach me, Lord....Keep me, Lord....Lead me, Lord.

Vocal Trio: Paula Smith, LuAnne Yeager, Joel Yeager

OFFERTORY (11:00)

*Jesus Loves Me*

arr. J. Furguson

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, *Jesus loves me...the Bible tells me so*. Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in....Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way. He calls children to his side, saying, "Come with me abide."

Sanctuary Choir

### **O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus! #535**

- 1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love; leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.**
- 2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore; how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore; how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.**

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best: 'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me up into glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 4:8–20 (Pew Bible Page 974)

SERMON

***Paul's Cause for Anxiety***

Dr. Chris Walker

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

### **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #521**

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. *On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*
2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood, when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found; dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE \*

(8:00) *God Be with You*

arr. E. Butler

POSTLUDE

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

arr. C. Phillips

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\*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

## At the Morning Worship Service:

**Organist:** Frank Dodd

**Choral Director:** Floyd Rawleigh

**Westminster Ringers:** Eva Train, Patricia Bleecker, Paula Smith, Nora Waldo, Heidi Barrall, Sherry Haverstick, Jan Schutsky, Audrey Epps, Kris Kroll, Peter Achor, Karen Koch; Frank Dodd, *director*

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

**Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise** is one of two *Hymns of the Month* for May. This ascension hymn focuses on Jesus' heavenly coronation as the King of Kings and his confirmation at God's right hand as our heavenly High Priest. In the church year, Ascension Day is always observed on a Thursday, 40 days after Resurrection Sunday (Acts 1:3).

## 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 contributed by Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Armstrong in loving memory of Theresa Armstrong, Daniel's mother, and Gordon and Verna Chilcote, Shelley's parents; and in memory of Dr. Jerry Baldwin and to the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior.

## Evening Service: 6 PM

Rev. Matt Collins preaches on Genesis 21, *The Faithfulness of God*, #9 in a Series on Genesis—*God's Promises to Israel's Patriarchs: The Lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. There will also be a hymn sing.

## **Child of the Covenant**

**The rosebud announces** our newest Child of the Covenant:

**Charles Robert Steinmetz**, son of Danika & Adam Steinmetz, born May 6, 2024.

## **At Home With the Lord**

**Westminster member Barry E. Packard** passed into glory on Saturday, May 4, 2024. A funeral service was held yesterday, May 11, in our Sanctuary.

**Westminster member Rebecca J. Buckwalter** passed into glory on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Service details pending.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

# 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.
- **Learn tools for sharing your faith:** Develop the art of small talk and learn how to effectively transition to gospel talk. Join us Wednesdays, May 15 and 22, 7–9 PM, and select evenings in June and July. For more information and to **register by TOMORROW**, visit [westpca.com/events/tools-for-sharing-your-faith](http://westpca.com/events/tools-for-sharing-your-faith).
- **Beginning this week, the library** will be open on Wednesdays from 10 AM–12 PM, and Sundays from 9–9:30 AM and 10:30–11 AM.
- **The summer Sunday school quarter begins on June 2.** For detailed information on the classes and to register, go to [westpca.com/sunday-school](http://westpca.com/sunday-school) or look for the elective sheet on the Information Counter. **Register by Sunday, May 26.**
- **Stephen and Susan Beck** will be with us next Sunday, May 19, during the evening worship service to bring a message of thanks to the Westminster congregation and to share about the fruit of their ministry over the last 30 years. Since transitioning to part-time ministry with Greater Europe Mission, the Becks no longer have need of missionary financial support. Stephen continues to serve as Professor of Practical Theology (Freie Theologische Hochschule in Giessen, Germany) and as Intercultural Church Planting Coach at MosaiXmultiply, an online academy for individuals without a formal theological education that provides training and coaching in biblical knowledge from a reformed perspective, church planting, and servant-hearted leadership.
- **We are pleased to have Evy Park and Isaiah Martin** serving as interns for the youth ministry this summer.  
**We are also happy to announce that Nadia Walter** will return for another year as VBS intern.  
Find their bios in this week's Announcement Sheet.

## 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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Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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