



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 19, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "Those who try to achieve the status of sons and heirs by the righteousness of the law or by their own righteousness are slaves, who will never receive the inheritance even though they work themselves to death with their great effort; for they are trying, contrary to the will of God, to achieve by their own works what God wants to grant to believers by sheer grace for Christ's sake" (Martin Luther).

PRELUDE

*Arioso*

arr. D. E. Gawthrop

*A Festival of Hymns*

R. J. Powell

(Hymns 441, 164, 670, 295)

Chamber Orchestra Jonathan Humbert, organ

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP \*

*Doxology (with Alleluias)*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host,  
 praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

(8:00) Rev. Collins, (11:00) Rev. Johnston

## Holy God, We Praise Your Name #103

1. Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you; all on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.
2. Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord."
3. Lo! the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
4. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name you; while in essence only One, undivided God we claim you, and adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.

CONFESSION OF SIN \* (Led by Pastor)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: \* John 3:14-16

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 \* *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*, Hymn 334, stanzas 1 & 3

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

COMMISSIONING (8:00) Mia Rogers, Naisha Torres

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*, Hymn 359, stanzas 1 & 2

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love: the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before the Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

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)

*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*  
Kara Hartman, soprano Frank Dodd, piano

arr. L. Larson

OFFERTORY (11:00)

*Cantate Domino*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. D. L. Brunner

## Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord

1. Come, my soul, and bless the Lord, all within me bless his name! Come, my soul, and bless the Lord; and forget not all his grace: all your sins the Lord forgives, all your sicknesses he heals. He redeems you from the it; his compassion he reveals.
2. For the Lord is slow to wrath, full of grace. He abounds in steadfast love. Will not chide for endless days. God will not retain his wrath, he will not repay our sins; her will never deal with us as our wickedness demands.
3. As the heav'ns are high above all the earth which God has made, so to those who fear the Lord is his loving-kindness great. Far as east is from west, he removes so far from us, in his great, abounding love, all our guilt and wickedness.
4. His unfailing righteousness shall to children's children be, to the ones who cov'nant keep and his good commandments heed. God the Lord has set his throne; in the heavens it shall stand, and his sov'reign kingdom rules over all at his command.
5. Bless the Lord, you angel hosts, mighty ones who do his word, who obey his voice and word; all his servants, bless the Lord! All his hosts who do his will, all his works in all his world bless the Lord in ev'ry place. Come, my soul, and bless the Lord!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 4:21–31 (Pew Bible Page 974)

SERMON

***Who Is Your Mother?***

Dr. Chris Walker

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

## Amazing Grace! #460

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.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

### BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE \*

(11:00) *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

P. C. Lutkin

### POSTLUDE

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

arr. R. Elliott

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\*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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## New Members Spring 2024

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Carol Baum



Dan Behringer



Matt Bellis



Jess Bird-Bellis



Courtney Carlson



Kelby Carlson



Noah Daigneault



John Eberly



Lea Eberly



Cathy Hecker



Rick Hecker



Ainslee Helsel



Brynnah Helsel



Doug Helsel



Heather Helsel



Beth Hockenberry



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## New Members Spring 2024

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Bill Hummel



Jacob Huntington



Brent Inion



Hadassah Inion



Stacey Inion



Jerry Kilheffer



Sylvia Kilheffer



Brady Lausch



Jenny Lausch



Lauren Lielbriedis



Pete Lielbriedis



Dana Lim



James Lim



Dee Lindsey



Mike Lindsey



Danny Moyer



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## New Members Spring 2024

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Wyatt Pruitt



Heidi Rabinowitz



Jesse Rabinowitz



Lauren Rogers



David Runyon



Kristin Runyon



David Senderling



Steven Steel



Sam Trout



Gail True



Mike True



## At the Morning Worship Service:

**Organists:** Frank Dodd and Jonathan Humbert

**Choral Director:** Floyd Rawleigh

**Chamber Orchestra:** Frank Dodd, *conducting*; Sandy Johnston, *concertmaster*

**Today is Pentecost Sunday in the Church Year.** Occurring fifty days after Resurrection Sunday, Pentecost (Greek for 50th day) marks the promised coming and indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1–13).

**The Sanctuary Choir ends their season today for the summer.** We thank them for their faithful ministry of music at the 11 AM service.

**Naisha Torres and Mia Rogers are commissioned today** at the 8:00 AM worship service for their short-term summer internships. Naisha will serve in Ireland with Serge; Mia will serve in a sensitive field.

## 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.

## Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. Michael Rogers preaches on Genesis 22:1–19, *Where Is the Lamb*, #9 in a Series on Genesis—*God's Promises to Israel's Patriarchs: The Lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. Stephen and Susan Beck bring a message of thanks and a report on the fruit of their ministry over the last 30 years.

**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!

## 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 A. Richard Bard, by his wife, Ellie, and son, Mitch; and by Eleanor Isaacson as she celebrates her arrival in the United States from Germany, alone at 13 years of age, on May 26, 1948.

# Ministry Highlights

- **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 next Sunday, May 26.**
- **The WPC Young Adults will be hiking** at the Turkey Hill Overlook Trail just south of Columbia on Saturday, May 25, 10 AM. For details and to RSVP, go to [westpca.com/events/hiking](http://westpca.com/events/hiking).
- **Youth in rising grades 7–9, register for Kingdom Builders by next Sunday, May 26.** Space is limited for this short-term missions opportunity. For information and an application, visit [westpca.com/outreach/stm](http://westpca.com/outreach/stm). Contact Jillian Rogers ([jillian@westpca.com](mailto:jillian@westpca.com)) with questions.
- **Senior High Retreat** for students completing grades 9–12 will be held at New Beginnings Loft, June 14–15. For more information and to register (by Sunday, June 2), visit [westpca.com/events/senior-high-retreat](http://westpca.com/events/senior-high-retreat).
- **A big thank you to our club leaders** for your investment in the lives of our children this year! We're already looking ahead to the fall and are aware of **several needs:** at least one leader (Kindergarten), at least one co-leader (1 and 2 Grade Girls), and a couple of club helpers. Please contact Sue Moses ([moses@westpca.com](mailto:moses@westpca.com)) for more information.
- **Beginning Friday, May 24, church office hours are adjusted for summer and are as follows:**
  - Monday–Thursday, 8 AM–4 PM
  - Friday, 8 AM–noon





## 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*



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