



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 14, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "Those who were crucified may have died slowly, but they always died, because soldiers ensured that the victims were not taken down from their crosses until they were really and truly dead. The same is true in the Spirit's war against the flesh. God is not fighting a losing battle. The sinful nature already received its mortal blow, and the Spirit will see to it that it remains on the cross until it expires" (Dr. Phil Ryken).

PRELUDE

Concerto in G Major
Jonathan Humbert, organ

A. Vivaldi

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP: * Isaiah 63:7 (UNISON)

I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies #167,

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised. Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised.
2. When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs: May Jesus Christ be praised. When evil thoughts molest, with this I shield my breast: May Jesus Christ be praised.
3. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised. Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised.
4. In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised. The pow'rs of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised.

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OVER

5. Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised. let air and sea and sky, from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised.
6. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised. Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages on: May Jesus Christ be praised.

CONFESSION OF SIN * (Led by Pastor)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Hebrews 9:26b–28

Pastor: This is the grace of God for our salvation.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * From *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Question 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

SONG OF PRAISE * *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*, Hymn 30, Stanzas 1 & 2

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

MISSIONS MOMENT

Penny Clawson

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

Just as Good H. Bentley, C. Renzema, E. Holcomb

I've been here before, my heart feels so weak. Got this weight upon my chest and I can't stop forgetting: my God, that you've never left, you're right here with me. Still I'm convinced you're hiding. Oh God, would You remind me?

That you're still just as good as when I met you. You're still just as kind, don't let me forget that you're still the same God that led me through the fire. You're still the same God who separates the waters. Come do what only you can do; God, I need You.

You've done this before, will you do it again? 'Cause the waves are all around me and it feels like I'm drowning. My God, will you still reach down and give me your hand? 'Cause even when I'm doubting your love, it still surrounds me...

And I will build an altar and stack it stone by stone. 'Cause every Ebenezer says I've never been alone. My faith will surely falter but that don't change what you've done. 'Cause every Ebenezer points to where my help comes from.

Justus Rogers, guitar & vocals Elsa Rogers, vocals

Holy Spirit

- 1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul; bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see. Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.**
- 2. Holy Spirit come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**
- 3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made. Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 5:22–26 (Pew Bible Page 975)

SERMON

***The Spirit Versus the Flesh,
Part 3: The Fruit of the Spirit***

Dr. Chris Walker

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #529

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let
us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest: take away the
love of sinning; alpha and omega be; End of faith, as its
Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly
return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would
be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and
praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be: let us
see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from
glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our
crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *

POSTLUDE

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ (Hymn 524)

arr. H. Willan

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Jonathan Humbert

Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. Tucker York preaches on Genesis 28, *The Stairway to Heaven*, #15 in a Series on Genesis—*God's Promises to Israel's Patriarchs: The Lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*.

Songs of Praise will be led by Emma Cawood and Allie Hayward.

Communion will be observed.

A Time to Greet the Kieffers

We invite you to express your appreciation to Dr. Dave and Marty Kieffer TODAY, Dr. Kieffer's last Sunday of ministry here at Westminster. Dr. Kieffer will take time for rest and study before beginning his new call as senior pastor at Ephrata Reformed Presbyterian Church in August. Dr. Kieffer and Marty 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. Please pray for Ephrata RPC, the Kieffer family, and for the future pastoral needs of Westminster. We are grateful to the Lord for them and their ministry!

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 by Jeanette Lewis in loving memory of family members; and by Joel and Diane Mumma in loving memory of their parents.

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.
- **Westminster's Young Adults meet for lunch TODAY after the 11 AM service**, at the Kieffers' home (2634 Beechwood Rd. 17601). For more information, contact David Kieffer (kieffer@westpca.com) or visit westpca.com/young-adults.
- **Reminder for Junior High and Senior High students:** Bible studies resume this Tuesday, July 16.
- **Youth Group Family Night:** Youth students, their parents, and siblings are invited to join us at Stoner Park (1280 Winchester Dr, Lancaster, 17601) **THIS Wednesday, July 17, 6–9 PM** for fun, games, and fellowship! Last names starting with A–M bring a savory snack to share, and last names starting with N–Z bring a sweet snack to share. Go to westpca.com/youth/#events to RSVP. Email Jillian (jillian@westpca.com) if you have questions.
- **Olympion training season starts soon!** Vacation Bible School (VBS) is July 22–25, 9 AM–Noon, for children age 5 to completed grade 6.

Online registration (for all children) closes TODAY.

Volunteers:

- ⇒ If you were unable to attend the VBS all-staff meeting, please pick up your information packet and t-shirt in the Children's Ministry office TODAY, or in the back hallway NEXT Sunday, July 21.
- ⇒ Register your infants through 4-year-olds for childcare at westpca.com/vbs-volunteer. *Online registration for children 4 and under closes TODAY.*
- ⇒ All volunteers and staff will be commissioned at both services NEXT Sunday, July 21.

Items Needed:

- ⇒ The Athletes are hungry! Snack donations are needed for nourishment. Please pick up the handout at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space or visit the website for a complete list of snack donation items and other needs. Due to food allergies, please donate only the specific snack items requested. Bring items clearly marked "VBS" to the nursery hallway and place them in the labeled bins.
- ⇒ Snack donations for VBS volunteers can be dropped off **July 21–July 25** in the main kitchen. For a complete list of items needed, go to westpca.com/vbs-volunteer.

Pastoral Staff

Dr. Christopher Walker
Senior Pastor

Dr. Barry Cureton
*Associate Pastor/
Counseling*

Rev. Matthew Collins
*Associate Pastor/
Youth*

Dr. Tucker York
*Executive Pastor/
Missions*

Rev. Steven Light
*Associate Pastor/
Congregational Care*

Dr. Michael Rogers
Pastor Emeritus

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

Rev. Scott Johnston
*Assistant Pastor/
Visitation*



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Church Office Summer Hours:

Monday–Thursday, 8 AM–4 PM; Friday, 8 AM–noon

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