



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 28, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer....The prisoner, the sick person, the Christian in exile sees in the companionship of a fellow Christian a physical sign of the gracious presence of the triune God" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer).

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No. 1

H. Howells

(based on Psalm 34:6)

These Are the Holy Ten Commandments,

M. Luther/J. S. Bach

BWV 679

Frank Dodd, organ

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP: * *Doxology* (Hymn 731)

OLD HUNDRETH

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

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

(8:00) Rev. Johnston, (11:00) Dr. Cureton

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim #165

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh—his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
3. Salvation to God, who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore, and give him his right, all glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

CONFESSION OF SIN *

God of Grace, you came to us and died for us while we were still sinners. Your mercy and compassion led you to pour out your love on us when we did not deserve it. How much more, then, should we show grace and mercy to one another, fellow forgiven sinners! And yet, we are so quick to judge one another and so slow to let go of bitterness and offense; so quick to respond with anger and so slow to forgive. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake. Overwhelm us with the gracious, steadfast love of our Savior, and help us to love as he has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Psalm 103:8–13

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*

PSALM OF PRAISE * #145B, Stanzas 1, 2, & 12

DUKE STREET

- 1. I will exalt you, God, my king; I will forever bless your name. I will extol you evermore, day after day your praise proclaim.**
- 2. Great is the Lord and greatly praised, greatness which none can comprehend. Age unto age will tell your deeds, wonders and mighty acts commend.**
- 3. Praise to the Lord my mouth will speak. Praise to the Lord my lips proclaim. Let every creature evermore rise up and bless his holy name.**

COVENANT BAPTISMS (11:00)

Elliot James Henry, son of Colton & Laura Henry, born December 10, 2023.

Noelle Joanna Hagan, daughter of Ben & Carrie Hagan, born February 16, 2024.

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

My God Is All I Need/My God Is So Big

CityAlight

Dark, dark is the valley, faint the light at my feet. But whatever may face me, my God is all I need. *He is my strength when I cannot go on, peace when all my power is gone, hope, although the night is long and deep. He is my song for he has rescued me, joy now he has set me free. Praise! Praise to my Father be. My God is all I need.* Bright, bright are the treasures life may offer to me. But whatever the pleasure, my God is all I need.... My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do....The mountains are his, the valleys are his, the stars are his handiwork too...

VBS Music Team

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

- 1. Christ, the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm; when the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn. In the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few; I will hold fast to the anchor. It shall never be removed.**
- 2. Christ, the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on; when temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won, deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused; I will hold fast to the anchor. It shall never be removed.**
- 3. Christ, the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief; hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary. This my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved. I will hold fast to the anchor. It shall never be removed.**
- 4. Christ, the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death; when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath. We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure; and the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure. *Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true. We will hold fast to the anchor. It shall never be removed.***

SERMON

Church 101:

Dr. Chris Walker

Living Out the Fruits of the Spirit

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

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord #593

- 1. Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray; give us the mind of Christ each passing day; teach us to know the truth that sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.**
- 2. Take thou our hearts, O Christ, they are thine own; come thou within our souls and claim thy throne; help us to shed abroad thy deathless love; use us to make the earth like heav'n above.**
- 3. Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway; have in our inmost souls thy perfect way; guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease; guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.**
- 4. Take thou our selves, O Lord, mind, heart, and will; through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to thee—time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed thy sov'reign call.**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *

POSTLUDE

Carillon

H. Murrill

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service;

Organist: Frank Dodd

VBS Music Team: VBS children; David Hungerford & Julianna Sensenig, *guitars*; Caleb Ploutz, *bass*; Ben Walker, *cajon*; Allyson Caddick, *vocals*; Katie Zappitella, *vocals & piano*

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 contributed in loving memory of Claude Fry by his wife, June, and his daughter, Joan Inners.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Rev. Scott Johnston preaches on Genesis 29:31–30:24, *Does Anybody Have Any Love Here?*, #16 in a Series on Genesis—*God's Promises to Israel's Patriarchs: The Lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. Dr. Walker plans to give a report from General Assembly. Songs of Praise will be led by Jillian Rogers and Allyson Caddick.

Ministry Highlights

- **Thank you to all** who prayed, donated snacks, helped set up and tear down, and volunteered for VBS! Over 400 athletes attended Olympion VBS to run the race of faith!
- **VBS Missions Project:** Many families around the world have had to leave war-torn homelands to find safety, and now they live in camps, haunted by memories of terror. For these boys and girls, therapeutic play can help them begin to smile again. Samaritan's Purse is creating playgrounds and child-friendly spaces where these children can learn, grow, and enjoy fun with friends. Just \$8 can provide a soccer ball or other equipment that will bring joy to a child and help us tell them about the Lord. **As of Thursday, July 25, we have raised over \$4,000. That's more than 500 soccer balls!** You can still donate online at westpca.com/vbs or use an offering envelope and mark "VBS Mission Project" on the envelope.
- **The Youth group will be having an outdoor field night this Wednesday, July 31, 6–8 PM.** Come for a night of water games and fun! No need to RSVP. Dropoff at the gym-side parking lot. We will be up at the grass area behind the church. Email Jillian Rogers (jillian@westpca.com) with questions.
- **Ladies of all ages are invited** to an informational meeting about a new mentor program **NEXT Sunday, August 4**, during the Sunday school hour (9:30–10:30 AM), room 117. Interested mentors and mentees are encouraged to attend. Contact Amy Williams (williams@westpca.com) with questions.
- **The Young Adults group will meet at Boulder's Mini Golf** in Mountville on Friday, August 9, 6:45 PM. RSVP online at westpca.com/events/young-adults-mini-golf.
- **Kirsten Brandon will step down** as our Communications Administrative Assistant in mid-August. Please join us as we thank Kirsten for her faithful service!

We seek to hire a Communications Administrative Assistant. This 24-30 hour/week position will be under the direction of the Office Manager to assist the Design and Media Coordinator with data entry and congregational communications. This includes, but is not limited to: the publication of the weekly announcements, social media content, WordPress website updates, and the weekly e-blast. This person should be a strong team player with required proficiency in Microsoft Office suite. Familiarity with Adobe products is also preferred. Interested applicants should inquire and send a resume to Dr. Tucker York (york@westpca.com) by August 12.

Pastoral Staff

Dr. Christopher Walker
Senior Pastor

Dr. Tucker York
*Executive Pastor/
Missions*

Dr. Barry Cureton
*Associate Pastor/
Counseling*

Rev. Steven Light
*Associate Pastor/
Congregational Care*

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 Summer Hours:

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

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