



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 11, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young" (Isaiah 40:10-11).

PRELUDE

*Nimrod
Pastoral*

E. Elgar
J. Rheinberger

Victoria Mitchell, cello Daniel Huang, organ

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. York

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) Dr. Cureton, (11:00) Rev. Collins

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art #168

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place: so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
3. Thou art the Life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive; O comfort us in death's approaching hour, strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.
4. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness, no harshness hast thou and no bitterness; make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

5. Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free; O grant to us such stronger hope and sure that we can boldly conquer and endure.

CONFESSION OF SIN * (Adapted from Daniel 9:4–6, 18–19)

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name.

O my God, incline your ear and hear. We do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake. 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: * 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 * *Gloria Patri* * (Hymn 735)

GREATOREX

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.

MISSIONS MOMENT

Alyssa Davies

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

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

arr. K. Johnson

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. *Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, when we shall leave this place.* There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe. You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way...."

Mark Espenshade, *baritone* Tom Elliott, *trombone*
String Quartet

Fairest Lord Jesus #170

- 1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**
- 2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.**
- 3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.**
- 4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 36–37 (Pew Bible Page 596–598)

SERMON

The King's Reign Over a World in Turmoil

Dr. Tucker York

Jesus Calls Us #591

1. Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me."
2. As of old, apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
5. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *

POSTLUDE

Grand Chœur

T. Dubois

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Daniel Huang

String Quartet: Lydia Talbott, Daniel Huang, Cheryl Elliott, Victoria Mitchell

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 Pennie and Jerry Flury in memory of loved ones; and by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Shea in loving memory of Barbara and Ron Shea.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Plan to attend the Missions Roundup TONIGHT, during the evening service to hear testimonies from our summer short-term teams to Colombia, London, Kenya, Lancaster, Easton, and Yakama. Songs of Praise will be led by Justus Rogers and Wesley Rogers. Displays and refreshments will follow the service.



Written by Kathleen Walter

On Monday, July 22, over 420 “athletes” gathered in our Sanctuary to kick off *Olympion*, this year’s Vacation Bible School (VBS). Preparations for the four-day event began last August and intensified in May. VBS Coordinator Alyssa Davies, Intern Nadia Walter, Events Coordinator Tia Spykstra, and Acting Children’s Ministry Director Sue Moses teamed up to ensure that the more than 200 volunteers were well equipped to lead the children, ages 4 through 6th grade, on the Race of Life.

Mr. and Ms. VBS kicked off each morning reporting on the day’s events at *Olympion* as a chosen athlete would light the torch. The athletes cheered on Rhonda Roadrunner who lugged an unusually heavy backpack slowly toward the finish line of her race. Exhausted, Rhonda fainted and was close to death until Christiana Jogger offered her the bread of life and living water. It was then that Rhonda realized she could let go of her heavy burden. Unexpectedly, Dirty Dave tripped Rhonda near the end of the race! Thankfully, Judge Chris Walker disqualified Dirty Dave and gave the win to Rhonda Roadrunner. More importantly, the observant athletes learned the need to confess their sin and rely on the Lord’s strength to complete the Race of Life.

Jam-packed days at VBS included a daily explanation of the Race of Life (gospel) by Coach Matt Collins, the Maranatha Marathon, awarding of the Gold Ribbon Award for best behavior, announcing of funds raised to purchase soccer balls for children in war-torn countries (nearly \$6,000 was raised!), loads of

spirited singing, and various costumed story tellers presenting the lessons of Joshua... including Joshua himself! It was delightful to see children with their arms around each other swaying and singing to the glory of the Lord in the Sanctuary.

In the classroom, teachers and helpers discussed the day’s Bible lesson, taught memory verses, prayed and completed a fun, activity-filled logbook. The craft team brought exciting projects to the classroom, the recreation team got the kids outside for riveting games, and snacks were enjoyed by all. Observing the teen helpers, an adult volunteer commented, “I must say, this church has an amazing group of really friendly teenagers!”

An eight-year-old child was overheard asking a VBS volunteer, “Why isn’t VBS five days?” Considering that 18 children that we know of chose to believe in or reaffirm their commitment to Jesus, maybe it should be! Exhaling after a week of *Olympion*, we praise God for a safe and exciting week of growing closer to Him, our God who is far superior to a gold medal. Don’t miss the excitement next year, July 21–24, as we are *Upward Bound!*



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.
- **Ladies, register TODAY** for our fall trip to the Bible Museum in Washington DC, Saturday, October 26. After today, we will open registration to friends and family of WPC members. **There are only 14 spaces left!** After these spaces are filled, you will be added to a waitlist. If there is enough interest, we will take a second bus. For information and to register, visit westpca.com/events/biblemuseum.
- **Rescheduled: The Young Adults group will meet at Boulder's Mini Golf** in Mountville **on Tuesday, August 20, 6:45 PM**. RSVP at westpca.com/events/young-adults-mini-golf.
- **The 55+ picnic is Friday, August 23**, 11:30 AM–1 PM in the gym. Find more information and sign up at the Information Counter or at westpca.com/events/picnic. Contact Tom Hawk (717.355.6839) or Ann Deschler (717.581.5659) with questions.
- **Join Dr. Walker for a time of corporate prayer on Sunday, August 25**, during the Sunday school hour, 9:30 AM, in the Sanctuary. Adult Sunday school classes will not be held that morning.
- **The fall Sunday school elective sheet** is available at the Information Counter, on the website at westpca.com/adults, and on the WPC App under events.
- **New Members Class begins September 8, 9:30 AM**. For ten weeks we consider the basics of the Christian faith and Reformed doctrine, what it means to be a member of a church, and how to get involved here at Westminster. The classes are required for church membership, but you are not obligated to join by taking them. Please sign up by filling out the Sunday school elective sheet and return it to the tray on the Information Counter; or you may register at westpca.com/adults or on the WPC App under events.
- **Registration is open for many fall church activities**. See the Announcement Sheet for information about: Kids' Clubs, Women's Bible Studies, Men's Bible Studies, Men's Fall Retreat, and Choirs!

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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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