



August 18, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "Every time we look at the cross, Christ seems to say to us, 'I am here because of you. It is your sin I am bearing, your curse I am suffering, your debt I am paying, your death I am dying.' Nothing in the history of the universe cuts us down to size like the cross. All of us have inflated views of ourselves, especially in self-righteousness, until we have visited a place called Calvary" (John Stott).

PRELUDE	<i>Praise Waits for Thee in Zion</i> (Hymn 372) arr. Jerry Westenkuehler	
	<i>Cantilene</i>	Malcom Archer
	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> (Hymn 642)	arr. Dale Wood
	Jonathan Humbert, organ	

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP: * Psalm 71:12–15 (UNISON)

"O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!...I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge."

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

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

This Is My Father's World #111

- 1. This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**
- 2. This is my father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.**

**3. This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler
yet. This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n
be one.**

CONFESSION OF SIN * (Prayer of Confession based on Psalm 38)

**O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! For your
arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me. There is no
soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones
because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden,
they are too heavy for me.**

**But for you, O Lord, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer. I confess my
iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from
me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Matthew 11:28–30

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 * *O Worship the King*, Hymn 2, Stanzas 1 & 5

**O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded
with praise.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend!**

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

My Soul Finds Rest

S. McCracken

Oh my God hear my cry, from the depths I call out to you. You give your mercy and light in the dark, in the wilderness. *My soul finds rest in God alone, my salvation comes from him. My soul finds rest, God is my home. I will not be shaken, I will not be shaken.* You are my shield and my strength, train my feet for this battle. Our God is mighty to save; I will wait, I will wait for him....O my strength, I sing praise to you. In joy or pain, I sing praise to you. Night or day, I sing praise to you....(based on Psalm 62–63)

Johanna Rogers, vocals Paul Rogers, vocals & guitar

Liesel Rogers, piano Corbin Walter, percussion

In Christ Alone

- 1. In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**
- 2. In Christ alone! Who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save; 'til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**
- 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.**

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; 'til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 6:11–18 (Pew Bible Page 975)

SERMON

The Cross of Christ:

Dr. Chris Walker

The Beginning, the Middle, and the End of Paul's Letter to the Galatians

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

Take My Life, and Let It Be #585

- 1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.**
- 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.**
- 4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**
- 5. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.**
- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign (Hymn 441)

arr. Lana Kelley

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Jonathan Humbert

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 by Eleanor Isaacson in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Pauline Isaacson, born August 20; and in loving memory of Al Cacciapouti by Elaine Cacciapouti and family.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Rev. Matt Collins preaches on Genesis 32, *Wrestling With God*, #18 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 Allyson Caddick.

**SEARCH FOR ASSISTANT PASTOR
OF MISSIONS AND OUTREACH**

Westminster has begun a search for a full-time Assistant Pastor of Missions and Outreach to equip, encourage, and lead the congregation in cross-cultural missions, evangelism, and outreach. Find the job description, church profile, and application at westpca.com/job-opportunities. Send completed application to Bob Hivner, Search Committee Chairman, c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 or email to bob.hivner@westpca.church.

Ministry Highlights

- **RESCHEDULED: This Tuesday, August 20, the Young Adults** group will meet at Boulder's Mini Golf, Mountville, 6:45 PM. RSVP at westpca.com/events/young-adults-mini-golf.
- **The 55+ picnic is THIS 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 NEXT 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. Register by NEXT Sunday, **August 25**.
- **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.
- **The Music Ministry will host an information table** in the Gathering Space the next two Sunday mornings: August 25 and September 1. We will be distributing *Hymn of the Month: Volume 4* booklets and *Westminster Music Series 2024–25* posters and bookmarks. Choir sign-ups for all ages are available now on our website at westpca.com/music and on the WPC App.
- **We are very happy to say, “Karibu! (Welcome!)”, to Jean Malumalu** as our new Congregational Care Associate. Jean's responsibility will be to assist Ruling Elders Jim O'Connor and John Mwaura in visitation and service to the 60 families in our Swahili ministry. He and his wife, Eliza, were married at Westminster and have two young sons, Malu and Donat. He is very happy to be part of our church. Bwana asifiwe! (Praise the Lord!) Find a more detailed bio in this week's Announcement Sheet.

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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