



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 4, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "It is not the reapers who decide what the harvest is going to be like, but the sowers" (John Stott).

PRELUDE	<i>Chamber Suite in D Major</i> (Adagio & Allegro)	Handel/Neuen-Rabinowitz
	'Aria' from <i>XERXES</i>	Handel/L. Latham
	String Quartet	

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH		Dr. Walker
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CHORAL INTROIT	<i>This Is the Day</i> (Psalm 118:24)	arr. E. Butler
	Summer Choir	

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION	(8:00) Rev. Collins, (11:00) Rev. Light
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I Sing the Almighty Power of God #119

1. I sing th'almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; he formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed whe'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky.
3. There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known; and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne; while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care, and everywhere that man can be, you, God, are present there.

CONFESSION OF SIN * (Based on a prayer from *Prone to Wander* by Barbara Duguid & Wayne Houk)

Mighty God, you rule with power and wisdom over the entire universe, and yet you delight in us. In the light of your favor, the world and all its pleasures are infinitely poor, yet we continue to be drawn to them in so many sinful ways. Forgive us for relying on our own wisdom and strength rather than yours; for holding on to things in this world when you have given us an eternal inheritance in your Son; and for frantically pursuing our agendas and our earthly successes instead of trusting you to lead us according to your perfect will.

Holy Spirit, comfort us in our weakness by showing us Christ. Make it our chief pleasure to study him, gaze at him, delight in him, trust him, rest in his arms, and follow him. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Romans 8:31–34

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 for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, Hymn 164, stanza 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

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.

Summer Choir

Oh, the Deep, Deep Love

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, is the current of your love; leading onward, leading homeward, to your glorious rest above.

REFRAIN: Oh, the deep, deep love; all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from shore to shore; how he came to pay our ransom through the saving cross he bore; how he watches o'er his loved ones, those he died to make his own; how for them he's interceding, pleading now before the throne. *REFRAIN*

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest; it's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of ev'ry test; oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious friend; you will bring us home to glory, where your love will never end. *REFRAIN*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 6:6–10 (Pew Bible Page 975)

SERMON

***Sowing and Reaping:
What Is Your Eternal Produce?***

Dr. Chris Walker

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

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted #257

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he! 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord; by his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his? Friends thro' fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress; many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save; but the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE LORD'S TABLE (Our communion bread is gluten-free.)

When the elements are passed, we partake of the bread individually to signify our personal relationship with Christ. Please hold the cup, so we may partake together, as one body in Christ.

3. Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate. Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load; 'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
4. Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who in him their hope have built.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *

POSTLUDE

Postlude on DARWALL'S 148th

B. Portman

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

String Quartet: Iva Yen *, Isaac Yen, Sandy Johnston, Mandy Sheetz *

(* 2024 Music Scholarship Recipients)

Overleaf Pianist: Jessica Sheetz

Child of the Covenant

The rosebud announces our newest Child of the Covenant:

Rebekah Elaine, daughter of Courtney & Kelby Carlson, born July 23, 2024.

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 Bob and Jean Gibb in loving memory of Jean's mother, Thelma Kummer.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in *memory* of a loved one or in *honor* of a 50th, 55th, or 60th wedding anniversary, there is availability in September. Please contact James L. Adams (610.406.3229 or flowers4505@aol.com). The cost is \$35.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Rev. Steve Light preaches on Genesis 31, *Jacob's Exodus*, #17 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 Paul Rogers and Donna Mongeau.

Plan to attend the Missions Roundup next Sunday, August 11, during the evening service to hear testimonies from our summer short-term teams to Colombia, London, Kenya, Lancaster, Easton, and Yakama. Displays and refreshments will follow the service.

Ministry Highlights

- **Ladies of all ages are invited** to an informational meeting about a new mentor program **TODAY**, during the Sunday school hour (9:30–10:30 AM), **room 210**.
- **Students in completed grades 6–12 are invited to attend the Youth Group’s annual game of Mission Impossible** on Friday, August 9, 8:30–11:30 PM, at Westminster. Pick up and drop off on the gym side of the church. Email Jillian Rogers (jillian@westpca.com) with questions.
- **The Young Adults group will meet at Boulder’s Mini Golf** in Mountville **THIS Friday, August 9**, 6:45 PM. RSVP online at westpca.com/events/young-adults-mini-golf.
- **Join us for Eden Night, a night of praise and worship music**, on Saturday, August 10, 7 PM, Reformation Room. While all are welcome to attend, this event is geared towards high schoolers and young adults. Questions? Call Wesley Rogers (717.917.8309).
- **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.
- **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!
- **We are excited to announce that Kelly Robinson** is our new young adult intern. She is the daughter of Dan and June Robinson and grew up attending Westminster. Kelly graduated from Bethany Global University this past spring with a degree in Intercultural Ministry Studies and Bible & Theology and hopes to return to the mission field for long-term work in the future.
- **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. Find the full job description at westpca.com/job-opportunities. 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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