



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 1, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "The Lord is my light, to guide me; my salvation, to deliver me; and the stronghold of my life, in whom I take refuge" (John Stott).

PRELUDE *Organ Sonata IV in B-flat Major, Op. 65* F. Mendelssohn  
I. *Allegro con brio* II. *Andante religioso* III. *Allegretto*  
Frank Dodd, organ

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Walker

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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. Collins, (11:00) Dr. York

## All Creatures of Our God and King #115

1. **All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
2. **Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye light of evening, find a voice, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
3. **Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4. And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**5. Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

CONFESSION OF SIN \* (Based on a prayer by Augustine of Hippo, 5<sup>th</sup> Century)

**Lord of mercy, we confess that we often do not consider our sin with the grief that we ought. We become used to our sin, and constant familiarity leads us to tolerate sin and practice sin. We do not meditate on your Word as we ought, so your will is far from our minds. Remind us of your holiness, O Lord! Remind us of the price you paid in the death of your Son to cover our sin! Renew in us a desire for righteousness. Give us a godly grief over our sin that we might be quick to repent and quick to live for your glory. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: \* Ephesians 2:1-5

**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 \* *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*, Hymn 76, Stanza 1

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.**

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 (8:00)

*Just as I Am, I Come*

arr. M. McDonald

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. *Just as I am, I come! O Lamb of God, I come. Now to be thine and thine alone, just as I am, I come.* Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come....Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now, to be thine and thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Elizabeth Marsch & Emily Dodd, vocal duet

OFFERTORY (11:00)

*Sing Ye Praise* from *LOBGESANG*

F. Mendelssohn

Sing ye praise, all ye redeemed of the Lord, redeemed from the hand of the foe, from your distresses, from deep affliction, who sat in the shadow of death and darkness. All ye that cry in trouble unto the Lord, sing ye praise! Give ye thanks, proclaim aloud his goodness. *He counteth all your sorrows in the time of need. He comforts the bereaved with his regard....Sing ye praise. Give ye thanks, proclaim aloud his goodness.*

Kelby Carlson, tenor

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 27 (Pew Bible Page 460)

SERMON

***The One Thing I Desire***

Dr. Chris Walker

#2 in a Series on Psalms—*Psalms From My Summer*

## Behold the Lamb

- 1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us—and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**
- 2. The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**
- 3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you—drink and remember he drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**
- 4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth. As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.**

### 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.*

## What Wondrous Love Is This #261

1. **What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wonderous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**
2. **To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!**
3. **And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE \*

POSTLUDE

*Organ Sonata IV in B-flat Major, Op. 65*  
IV. *Allegro maestoso e vivace*

F. Mendelssohn

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\*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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### **At the Morning Worship Service:**

**Organist:** Frank Dodd

**Overleaf Musicians:** Frank Dodd, *piano*; Christina Ragonesi, *violin* (11 AM)

**Note:** *There is no evening service tonight due to the holiday.*

## 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.

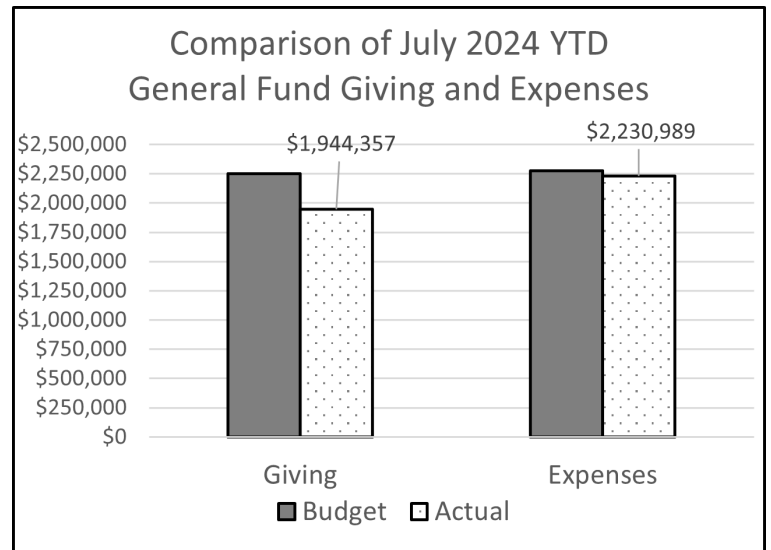
**Sanctuary flowers** are contributed by Mike and Jean Gallagher in loving memory of their son, Michael V. Gallagher, End of Watch September 2, 2010; and by Kris Kroll, to the glory of God, in memory of husband James Kroll and parents Oscar and Laverne Olson.

**If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary** in memory of a loved one, there is availability on the following dates: September 29, October 13. If you would like to place flowers in honor of a 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, or 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, there is availability most Sundays in September and October. Contact James L. Adams (610.406.3229 or flowers4505@aol.com). The cost is \$35.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Year-to-Date Through July 2024

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Budget	\$2,252,831	\$2,275,967
Actual	\$1,944,357	\$2,230,989



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# Ministry Highlights

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- **The Children's Ministry Director Search Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of Kathleen Walter** as Westminster's next Children's Ministry Director! Kathleen has served our children's ministry faithfully for many years in various volunteer and paid positions. She has a particular passion for making the gospel of Jesus Christ known and accessible to children of all ages. Kathleen will join our staff on September 30, 2024.
- **The fall Sunday School quarter begins TODAY.** See the sign at the Information Desk or visit [www.westpca.com/adults](http://www.westpca.com/adults) to locate the class you would like to attend.  
**Children and youth advance to the next grade level TODAY.**
- **Visit the Music Ministry information table** in the Gathering Space TODAY between worship services. We will be distributing *Hymn of the Month: Volume 4* booklets and *Westminster Music Series 2024–25* posters and bookmarks. Choir and instrumental sign-ups for all ages are available at [westpca.com/music](http://westpca.com/music) and on the WPC App. **Registration deadline is TODAY** for adult choirs and next Sunday, September 8, for children's choirs and instrumentalists.
- **Wednesday evening activities**, including dinner, clubs, youth group, children's choirs, and Bible studies, **begin NEXT Wednesday, September 11.** Adult choirs **begin THIS Wednesday, September 4.**
- **New Members Class begins NEXT Sunday, 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 calling the church office (717.569.2151).
- **This Saturday, September 7, 10 AM–12 PM, Westminster hosts a PCA Foundation seminar** covering the topic of smart giving. Find details and register at [westpca.com/events/pca-foundations-seminar](http://westpca.com/events/pca-foundations-seminar).
- **From September 8–14, Westminster is partners with Love Life**, a ministry that aims to mobilize the church to help bring an end to abortion and the orphan crisis. There will be an informational session and time of prayer on Wednesday, September 11, 6–6:30 PM, in the Narthex. See the Announcement Sheet for more events and other details.
- **Ladies Mentor Program:** A second informational meeting for all who missed the first mentor meeting is **rescheduled to Sunday, September 15, 9:30 AM**, room LL4. Find details on the Announcement Sheet.
- **New prayer resource:** weekly missionary prayer sheets featuring two missionaries are now available at the kiosk and will be used by adult Sunday school classes to supplement our *monthly* missionary prayer requests.

**The church office is closed for the holiday this Monday, September 2.**

Regular church office hours resume Tuesday, September 3: Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

## North Parking Lot Driveway Closed:

**The driveway leading to the upper parking lot is closed**, effective immediately, due to the retaining wall needing to be replaced in the north parking lot. This work also closes the row of parking spaces in the main lot in front of the wall for safety purposes. The upper parking lot can still be accessed through the small adjacent parking lot. We anticipate this section of driveway and parking area to be closed for 1–2 weeks. Thank you for your patience.

### 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](http://westpca.com/job-opportunities). Send completed application **by October 15** to Bob Hivner, Search Committee Chairman, c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 or email to [bob.hivner@westpca.church](mailto:bob.hivner@westpca.church).



Worship: 8 AM & 11 AM, 6 PM Sunday School: 9:30 AM

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Church Office Summer Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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