



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 25, 2022

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "To liken Jesus to John, Elijah, or a prophet was to rank him among the stellar figures in Israel's long and illustrious history. That is an indication of Jesus' preeminent standing in the popular mind. Yet even these comparisons are inadequate...[they] simply designate him as the reemergence of an earlier prototype...[To do so] may seem like an honor and compliment, but it is ultimately to deny his uniqueness and to press him into the service of old categories" (James Edwards).

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 547
Frank Dodd, organ

J. S. Bach

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. Kieffer

O Worship the King #2

1. 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.
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, almighty, your pow'r has founded of old; has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Our bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain; and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
5. 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!
6. O measureless might! Ineffable love! While angels delight to hymn you above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

CONFESSON OF SIN *

Great and glorious Father, your praise is our highest joy. When sin clouds our fellowship with you, help us to quickly fly to the cross. When suffering makes us blind to your goodness, let your Word be our strength and stay. When the world allures us, keep us by the power of your sanctifying Spirit.

We are prone to wander; give us deeper longings for Christ's will and Christ's glory. We are quick to lose heart; strengthen us with Spirit-implanted joy. We are distracted with cares and pleasures; fill us anew with the love of Jesus. Give us grace this day to turn to you with true repentance and to stand anew in Christ alone. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * 1 John 1:9–2:2

Pastor: This is the grace of God for our salvation.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Questions 29 & 31

29. Q. Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Savior?

A. Because He saves us from all our sins, and because salvation should not be sought or found in anyone else.

31. Q. Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A. Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

SONG OF PRAISE: * *We Come, O Christ, to You*, Hymn 181, stanza 1

We come, O Christ to you, true Son of God and man, by whom all things consist, in whom all life began: in you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

ANTHEM (11:00)

Let This Mind Be in You

P. Liljestränd

Sanctuary Choir

COVENANT BAPTISMS (11:00)

Jane Elizabeth Bredin, daughter of Lauren and Michael Bredin, born February 15, 2022.

William Earl Steinmetz, son of Danika and Adam Steinmetz, born April 19, 2022.

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.

Be Thou My Vision #642

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art—thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 8:22–30 (Pew Bible Page 844)

SERMON

Seeing Clearly

Dr. Chris Walker

#21 in a Series on Mark—*Take Up Your Cross: Jesus' Sacrifice, Our Calling*

HYMN (overleaf) * *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *Gloria*

R. G. McMurrin

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals
Organ and Percussion

S. Karg-Elert

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

Percussionists: Dave Yarnall, *timpani*; Kieran McFall, *cymbals*

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 library (located across the Gathering Space), 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, Elsie Steimle, who passed away on September 25, 2009; and by Jim and Dori Baggs in memory of Dori's father, Terry L. Seitz, who became a Christian and met his Savior on the same day, September 22, 1995.

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 on October 23 & 30. Please contact James L. Adams (610.406.3229 or flowers4505@aol.com). The cost is \$35 for each memorial or anniversary arrangement.

Evening Worship Service: 6 PM

Dr. Tucker York preaches on Revelation 6–7, *Wrath, Redemption, and Refuge*. There will be a hymn sing this evening.

Child of the Covenant

The rosebud announces our newest Child of the Covenant:

Arwyn Elimere, daughter of Melissa & Andrew White, born September 19, 2022.

Provide a meal at www.takethemameal.com. Last name: White, Password: White5

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery



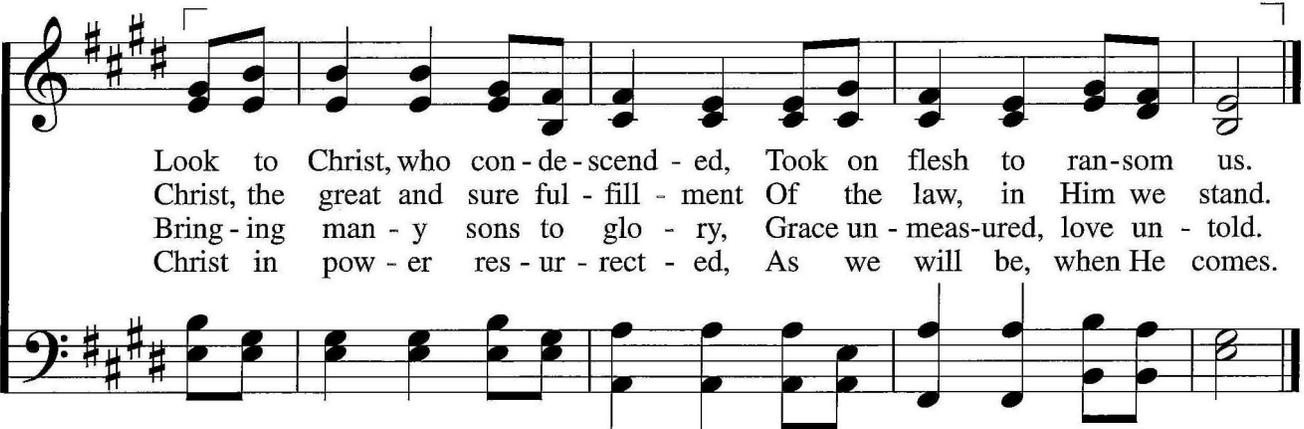
1. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, In the dawn - ing of the King;
2. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man;
3. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree,
4. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Slain by death the God of life;



He the theme of heav-en's prais - es, Robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
In His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring Nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners, Hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.
But no grave could e'er re - strain Him, Praise the Lord, He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, Now the light of life has come;
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, Come to save the hell-bound man;
See the price of our re - demp - tion, See the Fa - ther's plan un - fold;
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, How un - wa - ver - ing our hope;



Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, Took on flesh to ran - som us.
Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment Of the law, in Him we stand.
Bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, Grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, As we will be, when He comes.

Ministry Highlights

- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is meatball subs.** Dinner is available 5–6:30 PM. Tell us on your Connect Card or RSVP online by noon on Monday (www.westpca.com/wednesday) if you plan to attend. Cost is \$5 per person, age 6 and older, maximum \$12 per household.
- **Youth Group's Fall Fun Night** is THIS Saturday, **October 1**, 4–8 PM, at the Olynik's house. Invite your friends and join us for a night of fall fun including a pumpkin carving contest, dinner, s'mores, karaoke, and more. Visit westpca.com/youth or the WPC App to RSVP and to sign up to bring food to share. Email Matt Collins (collins@westpca.com) or Jillian Rogers (jillian@westpca.com) with any questions.
- **Women newcomers!** If you are new to Westminster Church and are looking for ways to connect with Women's Ministry, plan to attend a Women's Connection Dessert on Monday, **October 3**, 7–9 PM, at the home of Brenda Fentiman: 2230 Creek Hill Rd., Lancaster, 17601. Contact Lauren Bredin (laurenbredin@gmail.com, 609.709.2624) for more information or to RSVP.
- **Register to attend the Fall Men's Retreat, October 7–9**, at the Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville. This year's speaker is Pastor Troy De Bruin, lead pastor at Proclamation Presbyterian Church. Cost: \$100 by October 4. Register at westpca.com/church-events.
- **Manheim Township Bible2School seeks volunteers** to teach God's Word to public school children. Commitment is two hours a week during the school day. We have a critical need for teachers and small group leaders on Tuesday mornings. Contact Gwen Marinaro (marinarogwen@gmail.com) if interested.

Get more information on these and other announcements in any of the following ways: our Westminster Announcements sheet, online at westpca.com/bulletin, in the weekly update sent via email, or on the WPC App. To be added to the email update or to get more information on the WPC App, visit the Information Counter or contact the church office (717.569.2151).



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

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Church Office Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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