



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 27, 2022

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help! Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation!'....Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord, exulting in his salvation. All my bones shall say, 'O Lord, who is like you, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, the poor and needy from him who robs him?'" (Psalm 35:1-3, 9-10)

PRELUDE

Chorale No. 2 in B minor

C. Franck

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them a light has shined (Isaiah 9:2).

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) Dr. York, (11:00) Dr. Cureton

HYMN (overleaf) *

Savior of the Nations, Come

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

Heavenly Father, forgive us for our many sins. Like Eve, we are easily captivated by the objects that our eyes desire. We live each day with hearts full of our own desires, minds full of our own agendas, and plans for our own self-promotion.

Jesus, you are our strong salvation. Thank you for fulfilling God's promise of a Savior by invading our world to rescue us from ourselves. We cannot fathom the humility, love, and commitment to your Father's glory, which led you to give up heaven for us. Holy Spirit, cause us to cherish Christ above all our other desires so that we will be satisfied in him for all eternity. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Romans 5:6-9

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The word catholic means universal*

SONG OF PRAISE * *In Christ Alone*, stanza 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 every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

ANTHEM (11:00) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. M. Shepperd

(Hymn 196, stanzas 1 and 4)

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Sanctuary Choir

Janet Rawleigh, oboe Victoria Mitchell, cello Kieran McFall, percussion

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.

Of the Father's Love Begotten #162

- 1. Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!**
- 2. O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.**
- 3. This is he whom heav'n-taught singers sang of old with one accord, whom the Scriptures of the prophets promised in their faithful word; now he shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!**
- 4. O ye heights of heav'n, adore him, angel hosts his praises sing; all dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring, ever more and evermore!**

5. Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 3:1–24 (Pew Bible Pages 2–3)

SERMON

The Promise Launched

Dr. Chris Walker

#1 in an Advent Sermon Series—*Anticipation: Waiting for the Promise*

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates! #198

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.
2. A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility, his kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.
3. O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed! O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!
4. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

OVER



5. Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide! Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.
6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin! Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *All Is Well*

M. W. Smith, W. Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 661

J. S. Bach

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

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 Kevin and Nancy Snoke in memory of Nancy's parents, Charles and Naomi Hoffman, her sister, Beth Ann Hoffman, and Kevin's mother, Ingeborg Snoke; and by Tom and Beth Peazzoni in loving memory of their parents, Tom and Amy Peazzoni and Carl and Darlene Huber.

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 December 11 and January 15. Please contact James L. Adams (610.406.3229 or flowers4505@aol.com). The cost is \$35 for each memorial or anniversary arrangement.

Savior of the Nations, Come



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, vir - gin's Son, make here thy home!
 2. Not of flesh and blood the Son, off - spring of the Ho - ly One;
 3. Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the vir - gin un - de - filed!
 4. From the Fa - ther forth he came and re - turn - eth to the same,



- Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 born of Ma - ry ev - er blest, God in flesh is man - i - fest.
 Though by all the world dis - owned, still to be in heav'n en - throned.
 cap - tive lead - ing death and hell, high the song of tri - umph swell!



5. Thou, the Father's only Son,
 hast o'er sin the vict'ry won.
 Boundless shall thy kingdom be;
 when shall we its glories see?

6. Praise to God the Father sing,
 Praise to God the Son, our King,
 Praise to God the Spirit be
 ever and eternally.

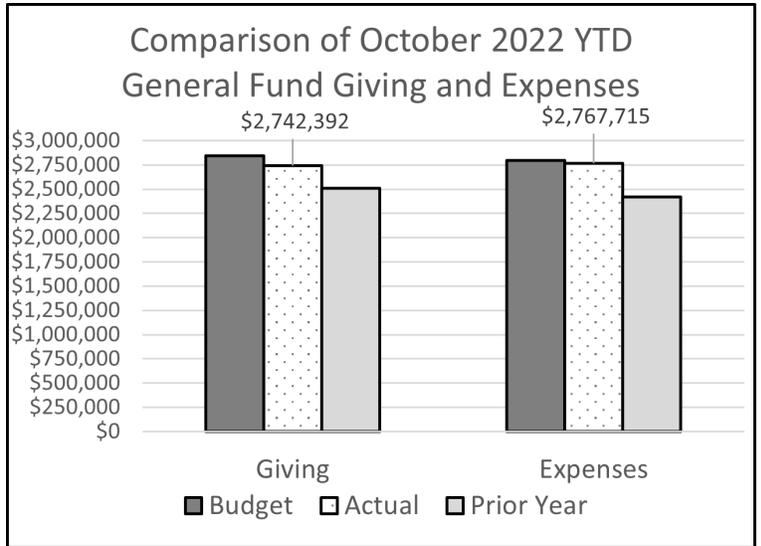
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Evening Worship Service: 6 PM

Dr. Barry Cureton preaches on Revelation 21:1–22:5, *There's a New World Coming*. The evening's music will include a 20-minute advent concert featuring Abigail Martin and Elsa Rogers, sopranos; Analiese Rendon, alto; Daniel LaRue, tenor; Jeffrey Martin, baritone; Frank Dodd, organ; Tom Berdos, piano; Deborah Berdos, organ; Christina Ragonesi, violin.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Year-to-Date Through October 2022

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Budget	\$2,845,000	\$2,795,443
Actual	\$2,742,392	\$2,767,715
Prior Year	\$2,508,904	\$2,417,339



Ministry Highlights

- **The winter Sunday school elective sheet** is available at the information counter, on the website at westpca.com/sunday-school, and on the WPC App under events. Please register by **TODAY**.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is fiesta chicken.** Dinner is available 5–6:30 PM. Tell us on your Connect Card or RSVP online by noon on Monday (westpca.com/wednesday) if you plan to attend. Cost is \$5 per person, age 6 and older, maximum \$12 per household.
- **Advent services begin TODAY.** Pick up a flyer on your way out from the worship service for information on the upcoming Advent service series. You may also visit westpca.com/events/advent or the WPC App under "Events."
- **All Giving Tree tags have been taken! Thank you!** Please ship your gift directly to Sacred Road Ministries, ensuring that it ARRIVES by December 7. Instructions and mailing address are on the tag. This ministry enables Sacred Road to share the love and truth of Christ in a tangible way to many who would otherwise have no "Christmas." Contact Jen Barrall (barrall@westpca.com) with questions.
- **Session has designated the Christmas offering** be split equally between Bellefonte PCA, a new church plant of Oakwood PCA (State College, PA), and Westminster Biblical World Mission, for their response to the energy and food crisis in Eastern Europe. Use the "Christmas Offering" envelope, mark a gold pew envelope "Christmas," or give online at westpca.com/give.
- **Christmas Eve volunteers are needed** for tableaux and candle lighting (children in grades 4–12). See the announcement sheet for more information.

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).**

Pastoral Staff

Dr. Christopher Walker
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*Associate Pastor/Shepherding &
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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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