



# 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.**

OFFERTORY

*Draw Near, All Ye People/  
Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*

F. Mendelssohn

Draw near, all ye people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; this day let it be known that Thou art God, and I am thy servant! Lord God of Abraham! O shew to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; O hear me and answer me: and shew this people that Thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned, Lord, and let their hearts be turned. (I Kings 18:36,37)

Cast Thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee; He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee! (Psalm 55:22; 25:3)

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Anson Loose, *baritone*    Patricia Bleecker, *organ*

**HYMN 162 \***

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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*

**HYMN 198 \***

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*

TRURO

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

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\*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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**At the Morning Worship Service:**

**Organist:** Frank Dodd

**Choral Director:** Floyd Rawleigh

## 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.

## 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 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, or 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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*.

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# Ministry Highlights

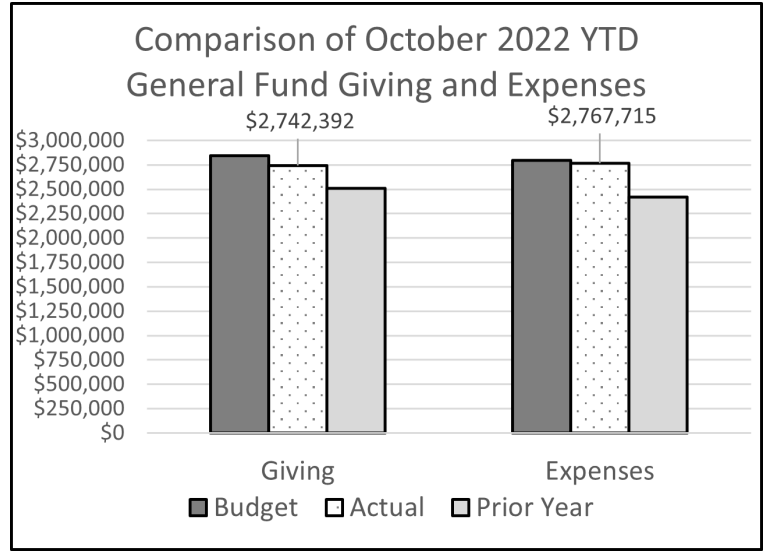
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- **The winter Sunday school elective sheet** is available at the information counter, on the website at [westpca.com/sunday-school](http://westpca.com/sunday-school), and on the WPC App under events. Please register by **TODAY**.
- **This week's Wednesday 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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).***

**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



## Pastoral Staff

Dr. Christopher Walker  
*Senior Pastor*

Dr. John Light  
*Senior Associate Pastor*

Dr. Tucker York  
*Executive Pastor/Missions*

Dr. David Kieffer  
*Associate Pastor/Discipleship &  
Outreach*

Dr. Barry Cureton  
*Associate Pastor/Shepherding &  
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 Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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