



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 4, 2022

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "Our Lord does not declare his promises and plans to us, his agenda for the security of his people, so that we can allow it all to sit in cold print. Rather we must welcome his words, revel in his plans, delight in his promises, exulting in their Maker and pleading for their fulfillment...Yahweh's declarations stirred David's devotions; his promises ignited David's praises and prayers. That's how it should be" (Dale Ralph Davis).

PRELUDE	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i> (Hymn 193)	arr. L. Larson
	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> (Hymn 214)	arr. R. Belliston
	<i>Sussex Carol</i> (Hymn 227)	arr. M. Ham
	Katie Zappitella, piano	

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Walker

CHORAL INTROIT:	(8:00) <i>Festival Gloria</i>	P. Drennan
	(11:00) <i>Gloria, Sing Gloria</i>	C. Berry

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION (8:00) Rev. Collins, (11:00) Dr. Kieffer

## **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #194**

- 1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***
- 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny, from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*
4. O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*
5. O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

CONFESSION OF SIN \* Adapted from John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543

**Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good in your sight. Because of sin, we endlessly violate the law of Christ.**

**But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, grant us also the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: \* Isaiah 49:5–6

**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 \* *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, Hymn 196, stanza 1

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

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)

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

arr. J. Overall

Matins Choir

OFFERTORY (11:00)

*Of the Father's Love Begotten* (Hymn 162) arr. W. Chenoweth

Sanctuary Choir

## **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #193**

- 1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for which blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**
- 2. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.**
- 3. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.**
- 4. At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

### 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.*

## Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come #195

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

### BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE \*

(8:00) *A Christmas Prayer*

L. Larson

(11:00) *All Is Well*

M. W. Smith, W. Kirkpatrick

### POSTLUDE

*'Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts'*

C. Saint-Saëns

from CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

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\*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

## At the Morning Worship Service:

**8 AM Organist:** Jonathan Humbert

**11 AM Organist:** Frank Dodd

**Choral Director:** Floyd Rawleigh

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## Evening Worship Service: 6 PM

Rev. Matt Collins preaches on Revelation 22:6–21, *There's a New World Coming!* This evening's music will include a 20-minute advent concert featuring Nathaniel Rohal, *trumpet*; Camille Rohal, *flute*; Adeline Rohal, *piano*; and the Youth Choir.

## Child of the Covenant

**The rosebud announces** our newest Child of the Covenant: **Emma Sylvia**, daughter of Ellen and Matthew Barley, born November 22, 2022.

### Christmas Service Times

#### Christmas Eve

6 PM (prelude begins at 5:40) *childcare available*

10 PM (prelude begins at 9:30) *candle lighting service*

#### Christmas Day

11 AM service *ONLY*

## 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 library** (*library is 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 Mr. and Mrs. Anson Loose in memory of their parents and their daughter, Carlene; and by Robert and Jean Gibb in loving memory of Jean's father, George Kummer, Sr.

**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.

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# Ministry Highlights

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- **The winter Sunday school quarter** begins **TODAY**. See the sign at the Information Center or visit [westpca.com/adults](http://westpca.com/adults) to locate the class you would like to attend.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is chicken patties**. 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.
- **2023 offering envelopes** will be available next Sunday, December 11, in the Narthex (the area between the Sanctuary and Gathering Space). To request envelopes, please contact our financial coordinator, June Robinson, at [robinson@westpca.com](mailto:robinson@westpca.com).
- **Westminster Music presents *Soli Deo Gloria: Carols for Christmas*** NEXT Sunday, December 11, at 6 PM. This traditional service of nine lessons and carols will feature scripture readings, congregational hymns, and the adult choirs of Westminster Church as they present Alice Parker's *Seven Carols for Christmas*, all accompanied by full orchestra.
- **Come join us for a night of praise and worship music** on Friday, December 16 at 7 PM in Reformation Room. Everyone is welcome and families are encouraged to attend together.
- **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** (youth and adults for nursery, tableaux, candlelighting and ushering). See the announcement sheet for more information.
- **Home Fellowship Members:** In January, as part of your regular meeting, your Home Fellowship leader will be guiding you through a questionnaire as a group. We invite your participation to give you and our team a better understanding of how your group is doing and how we might further strengthen your blessed bonds of fellowship.

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).**

## 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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