



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

HYMN 194 *	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	VENI EMMANUEL
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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

Prepare the way, O Zion, Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley a level way appear. Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story. Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name. He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love. Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name. Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace. His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place. All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him. Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

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Matins Choir

OFFERTORY (11:00) *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (Hymn 162) arr. W. Chenoweth

Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; trans. J.M. Neale, H.W. Baker | Music: 13th century plainsong
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Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Samuel 7:1–29 (Pew Bible Pages 259–260)

SERMON

Raising Expectations

Dr. Chris Walker

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

HYMN 193 *

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

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.

HYMN 195 *

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH

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'
from CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

C. Saint-Saëns

*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

Evening Worship Service: 6 PM

Rev. Matt Collins preaches on Revelation 22:6–21, *The Great Expectation*. 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) *tableaux, childcare available*

10 PM (prelude begins at 9:30) *candlelighting 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 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.

Ministry Highlights

- **The winter Sunday school quarter** begins **TODAY**. See the sign at the Information Center or visit 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) 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.
- **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.
- **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, 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

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Rev. Matthew Collins
Associate Pastor/Youth

Dr. Michael Rogers
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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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