



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 17, 2023

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "The 'fear of the Lord' is an oft-repeated refrain in Proverbs. To the unredeemed, this 'fear' is the terror of having fallen into the hands of the living God. To the child of God, this 'fear' is not terror, but a reverential awe that holds his heavenly Father in highest honor. At its heart is an attitude of submissive worship. This heart attitude is 'the beginning of wisdom'" (John Kitchen).

PRELUDE

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!
(Hymn 535)

arr. D. Funderburk

How Great Thou Art (Hymn 44)
String Quartet Frank Dodd, *piano*

Tidings of the Church

Dr. Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP * *Doxology* (Hymn 731)

**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. Kieffer, (11:00) Rev. Collins

My Hope Is in the Lord #523

- 1. My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me, and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary. For me he died, for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.**
- 2. No merit of my own his anger to suppress, my only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness. For me he died, for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.**

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OVER

3. And now for me he stands before the Father's throne. He shows his wounded hands, and names me as his own. For me he died, for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.
4. His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe, and recognize his work of love and Christ receive. For me he died, for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.

CONFESSION OF SIN * Responsive Reading from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

People: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Leader: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Hebrews 10:19–23

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The word catholic means universal*

SONG OF PRAISE * *Nothing but the Blood*, Hymn 307, stanza 1

What can wash away my sin? nothing but the blood of Jesus; what can make me whole again? nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

ANTHEM (11:00)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

M. Andrews

(Hymn 77, stanzas 1, 3, 5)

Sanctuary Choir

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. J. Rutter

(Hymn 116, stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5)

Jane Oehme & Cynthia Taylor, sopranos Beth Peazzoni, piano

Hymn (overleaf) *

How Blest the Man

(September Hymn of the Month)

Take My Life, and Let It Be #585

- 1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.**
- 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.**
- 4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**
- 5. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.**
- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.**

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *3-fold Amen*

S. Haverstick

POSTLUDE

Ceremonial March

H. Sumsion

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

String Quartet: Melody Cliff, Tara Kenkelen, John Hamilton, John Caldwell

Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. John Light preaches on Colossians 1:9–14, *Walking Worthy of the Lord: What that Looks Like and the Importance of Praying for It*, #2 in a series on Colossians—In Christ All Things Hold Together. Songs of Praise will be led by Elsa Rogers and Justus Rogers.

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 in loving memory of Warner Strube by his wife, Joanna Strube; and in loving memory of Al Cacciapouti by Elaine Cacciapouti and family.

Overleaf Hymn

How Blest the Man

1. How blest the man who does not walk where wicked men would guide his feet, who stands not in the sinners' ways nor sits upon the scorners' seat. The law of God is his delight, his meditation day and night.
2. For he is like a growing tree, which planted by a flowing stream, in season yields its finest fruit; its leaves are always fresh and green. In all he does he finds success; prosperity will he possess.
3. Not so the wicked! Like the chaff, the wind will blow them all away. The judgement they will not withstand, nor sinners with the righteous stay. God knows the way of righteous ones; the wicked way will be undone.

Ministry Highlights

- **Water Street Mission is sponsoring Reverberate TODAY**, 6–8 PM, at Long's Park. This is a time for local Christians to come together to worship God and give thanks for all that He has done in Lancaster County. Food trucks will be open 4–6 PM. Learn more at reverberatelancaster.com.
- **Youth Choir begins TODAY, 12:30–1:45 PM**, in Music Room 203. A light snack is provided. Contact Floyd Rawleigh (rawleigh@westpca.com) for more information or to register.
- **Children's ministry seeks to hire an event assistant.** Mallory Brennan is stepping down from the event assistant position at the end of September. The event assistant position averages ten hours per week throughout the year with more hours required for seasonal events such as the Missions & Me project and VBS. Find the job description at westpca.com/job-opportunities. Interested applicants may submit a resume to Mary Jo Rizzo (rizzo@westpca.com) by **TODAY**.
- **Westminster is partnering with Love Life**, a ministry that aims to mobilize the church to help bring an end to abortion and the orphan crisis. Join us for prayer meeting this Wednesday, September 20, 6–6:30 PM, in room 126. On Saturday, September 23, 9–11 AM, there is a morning worship and prayer walk from Christ Alone Fellowship Church (41 Caroline Street, Lancaster) to Planned Parenthood. Visit lovelife.org to register for the walk and for more information. Contact Sarah@lovelife.com with any questions.
- **This week's dinner entrée is lasagna.** Dinner is available 5–6:20 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, aged 6 and older, maximum \$15 per household.
- **A helper is needed in the 3-year-old Sunday School class** to be a one-on-one buddy. Contact Mary Jo Rizzo with questions or to volunteer (rizzo@westpca.com).
- **The children's ministry is seeking a volunteer to recruit and schedule** Sunday school teachers and assistants as needed throughout the year. The time commitment is a few hours per week and serving on Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour. Contact Mary Jo Rizzo for more details or to volunteer.



UPDATE FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Westminster's Session is convening a meeting on **Sunday, October 15, during the Sunday School hour, 9:30–10:30 AM**. Adult Sunday School classes won't be held that day. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the congregation with an update on building the Fellowship Hall, our capital campaign, and our overall progress in building our master plan. The time will also include prayer for God's continued wisdom and leading in this process. Additionally, **following the 11 AM service**, we will hold a brief groundbreaking ceremony and prayer for the Fellowship Hall beginning around 12:30 PM.

Pastoral Staff

Dr. Christopher Walker
Senior Pastor

Dr. John Light
Senior Associate Pastor

Dr. Tucker York
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Dr. David Kieffer
*Associate Pastor/Discipleship &
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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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