



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 28, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "If we had to stand before God the Father on our own merit, we would never gain his approval, and we would never deserve his affection. But we do not stand before him on our own merit. As soon as we trust in Jesus Christ for our salvation, we stand before the Father on the merit of the Son. Now God the Father looks on us with the same affection and approval that he has for Jesus Christ, his worthy Son. This is our hope when we are lonely, or needy, or fearful, or anxious, or burdened by the great weight of our sin. It is our joy when we feel that no one has ever really loved us the way that we long to be loved. No matter who we are or what we have done, God is not unloving or disapproving but says to every one of his children, 'You are my beloved; with you I am well pleased'" (Philip G. Ryken).

PRELUDE

*O Love of God* (Hymn 81)  
*Let All Things Now Living* (Hymn 125)  
*Voluntary on THAXTED* (Hymn 660)

arr. C. Callahan  
arr. F. Stoldt  
A. L. Travis

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

Dr. Walker

## And Can It Be That I Should Gain (455)

1. And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
2. 'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies; who can explore his strange design? In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine. 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

3. He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!), humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night; thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee. Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
5. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine! Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

#### CONFESSION OF SIN \*

**O Father, we are in awe of your grace. Thank you that “Jesus, and all in him, is mine.” We approach you boldly in Christ and yet humbly and aware of our remaining sin. Forgive us for failing to treasure Jesus Christ above all else. Forgive us for being too caught up with the things of this world. Cleanse us from our pride, our selfishness, our little faith, our lack of love, our dull spiritual desires, our compromises with temptation. We cry out to you to do your good work within us to shape us into the likeness of Christ. We glory in the cross and that in Jesus we are clothed in righteousness divine. In his great name we take refuge. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: \* 1 Peter 2:9–10

**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 \* *To God Be the Glory*, Hymn 55, Stanza 2

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!**

ANTHEM (11:00)

*My Song in the Night*

arr. M. Shepperd

Sanctuary Choir Cheryl Elliott, violin

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

*When the Dove Enters In*

arr. M. Bonds

Richard Dieterle, baritone Patricia Bleecker, piano

**HYMN (overleaf) \***

*In Christ Alone*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 2:4–9 (Pew Bible Page 976)  
2 Corinthians 12:7–10 (Pew Bible Page 970)  
Philippians 3:7–11 (Pew Bible Page 981)

SERMON

***Reflections of the Grace of God in Christ:  
Salvation, Weakness, and Knowing Jesus Christ***

Dr. John Light

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #252**

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE \*

(11:00) *Fill Our Hearts*

D. Wood

POSTLUDE

*“Allegro assai vivace” from Sonata No. 1*

F. Mendelssohn

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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

*Please note: Communion will be observed at both morning worship services next Sunday, February 4.*

*(Overleaf)*

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
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 ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; 'til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## 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 given by Donald Warfel and Joan Tompkins in loving memory of their parents, Norman and Jane Warfel; their brother, Larry Warfel; and Evelyn DeVerter.

### A Time to Greet the Lights

**We invite you to express your appreciation to Dr. John and Patty Light TODAY.** This is Dr. Light's last Sunday before retirement. He officially concludes his nearly 29 years of service at Westminster. Dr. Light and Patty will be in the Gathering Space to greet people between services. There will also be a basket available where notes and cards can be placed. We are grateful to the Lord for them and their ministry, and we rejoice that they will be staying among us as part of our congregation after retirement!

## Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. Tucker York preaches on Colossians 4:7–18, *The Apostolic Fellowship*, #15 in a Series on Colossians—*In Christ All Things Hold Together*. A musical offering will be sung by Sally Krueger and Donna Mongeau.

**Join us for Food & Fellowship after tonight's evening service.** In an effort to foster more fellowship together, we will periodically offer snacks after the evening service. We encourage you to join us for worship tonight at 6 PM and to stay for Food & Fellowship afterwards!

## At Home With the Lord

**Westminster member Bernina H. Danielson** passed into glory on Saturday, January 20, 2024. A funeral service will be held in our Sanctuary tomorrow, January 29, at 11 AM. The viewing begins at 9:30 AM. A luncheon will be served in the activity room following the service. A burial will be held at Landis Valley Church Cemetery at 2 PM.

**Westminster member Dorothy L. Hannaway** passed into glory on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. Service details pending.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Danielson and Hannaway families.

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# Congregational Meeting

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**Per Westminster's bylaws, the annual Congregational Meeting will take place next Sunday, February 4, at 3 PM.** One of the founding principles of our church government is the voice of our members in choosing their leaders and their pastors. Next week, we will hold elections for the offices of elder and deacon, as well as the role of deaconess. We will also vote to approve Dr. Light's retirement. In addition, Westminster's Session will provide updates on our strategic plan, the budget and financial position of the church, our building plan, capital campaign, and more. Childcare will be available during the meeting.

***Westminster's finance booklet is available TODAY. Please take one per family.***

These Westminster members are nominated to serve in the following offices for 3-year terms (\*first time serving, ordained/installed if elected):

**RULING ELDER:** \*Matt Allgyer, \*Mark Bleecker, Rick Frey, Bob Hivner, Michael Mante, Tim Sidebothom, Kevin Snoke (one-year term), Bill Ziegler

**DEACON:** John Davies, \*Aaron Donnachie, \*Ben Hagan, \*Landon Horst (two-year term), Jim Oosting, Tim Sheetz, \*Kyle Wenger

These Westminster members are nominated to serve as deaconesses for 3-year terms (\*first time serving, installed if elected):

**DEACONESS:** Sue Anderson, Shelley Armstrong, Deb Chapin, \*Brenda Fentiman, Dawn Fortna, \*Judith Mattson Read, \*Kathy Newhard (one-year term), \*Doris Nolt, \*Linda Phillips, \*Marge Styer

**Children's Activities and Nursery:** At 3 PM, activities and a light snack will be provided for children in K-Grade 6 in the gym and 4- and 5-year-olds in Room 121. A nursery for infants to age 3 is provided in Room 111. Please **register children** at [westpca.com/church-events](http://westpca.com/church-events) or indicate on your connect card the number of children (with ages or grades) we can expect. **Volunteers needed!** You will still have an opportunity to vote. Contact Children's Ministry to volunteer in K-Grade 6 ([children@westpca.com](mailto:children@westpca.com)) or Amanda Geib to volunteer in the nursery ([geib@westpca.com](mailto:geib@westpca.com)).

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# Ministry Highlights

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- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is ham dinner.** Dinner is available 5–6:30 PM. Tell us on your Connect Card or RSVP online by noon on Monday ([www.westpca.com/wednesday](http://www.westpca.com/wednesday)) if you plan to attend.
- **The deadline for short-term mission trips** to Colombia and LEAP is TODAY. Find details at [westpca.com/outreach/stm](http://westpca.com/outreach/stm), at the kiosk, or in the jr./sr. high Sunday school rooms.
- **Military board:** We have Westminster Church members far from us on active duty in military service. An address list is available at the military bulletin board in the hallway outside the office or in the kiosk near the Reformation Room. If you would like your child or grandchild listed on the sheet or if there has been a change of address for a soldier on the list, please contact Kim Florio (717.406.6338 or [kimlizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:kimlizabeth@gmail.com)).

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).**



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Worship: 8 AM & 11 AM, 6 PM Sunday School: 9:30 AM

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Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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