



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

HYMN 455 *

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

SAGINA

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

O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with thy tender love, my soul's delight. Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, my comfort by day and my song in the night. Oh, why should I wander an alien from thee, or cry in the desert thy face to see? My comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night. Nearer still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art! Fold me, oh, fold me close to thy breast. Shelter me safe in that haven of rest. My comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.

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

Have you ever seen a mother seek her erring son, and find him deep in sin, doing what he should not have done? Then she falls down on her knees and prays he'll be made whole. Asks the Dove to come into his soul. *Oh, when the Dove* enters in and the light is revealed, your sins are forgiven and your sorrows are healed. On the pathway to glory, new wonders begin. With prayer as the healer, when the Dove enters in.* Have you ever seen a father seek his wandering girl, and find her deep in sin, a prisoner of this world? Then he falls down on his knees and prays she'll be made whole. Asks the Dove to come into her soul... Do you have a sinful brother lost outside the fold, wasting all his talents in a world so bleak and so cold? Then just fall down on your knees and pray he'll be made whole. Ask the Dove to come into his soul....

**As at Jesus' baptism, the description of a dove is used to represent the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:13-17)*

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

HYMN 252 *

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *Fill Our Hearts*

D. Wood

POSTLUDE

"Allegro assai vivace" from Sonata No. 1

F. Mendelssohn

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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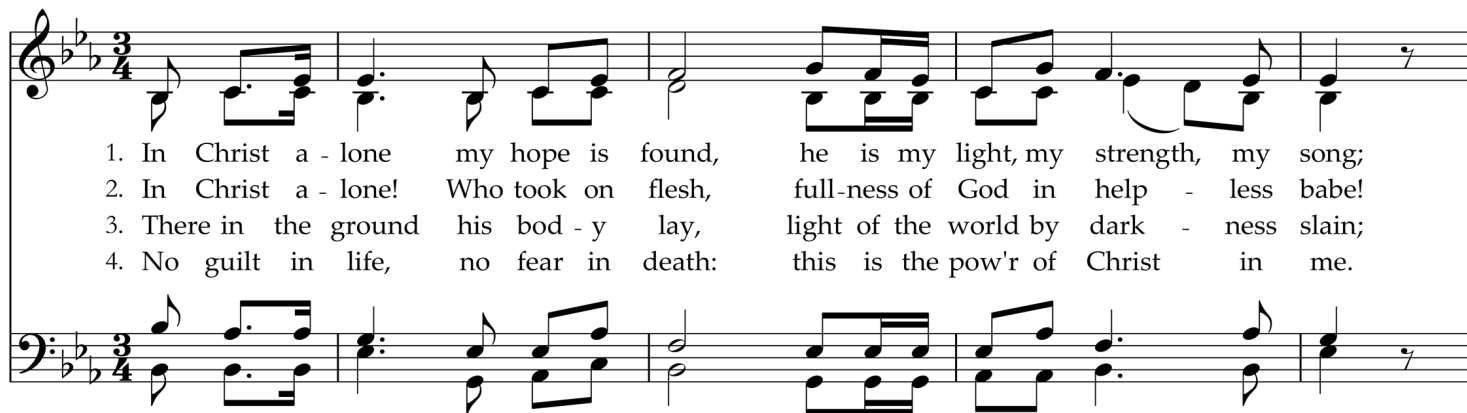
At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

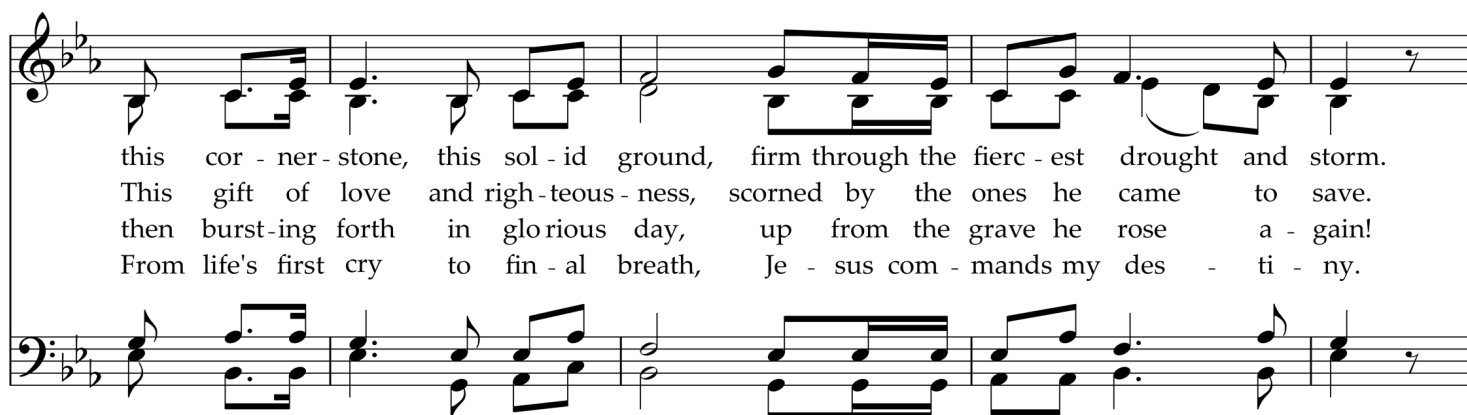
Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

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

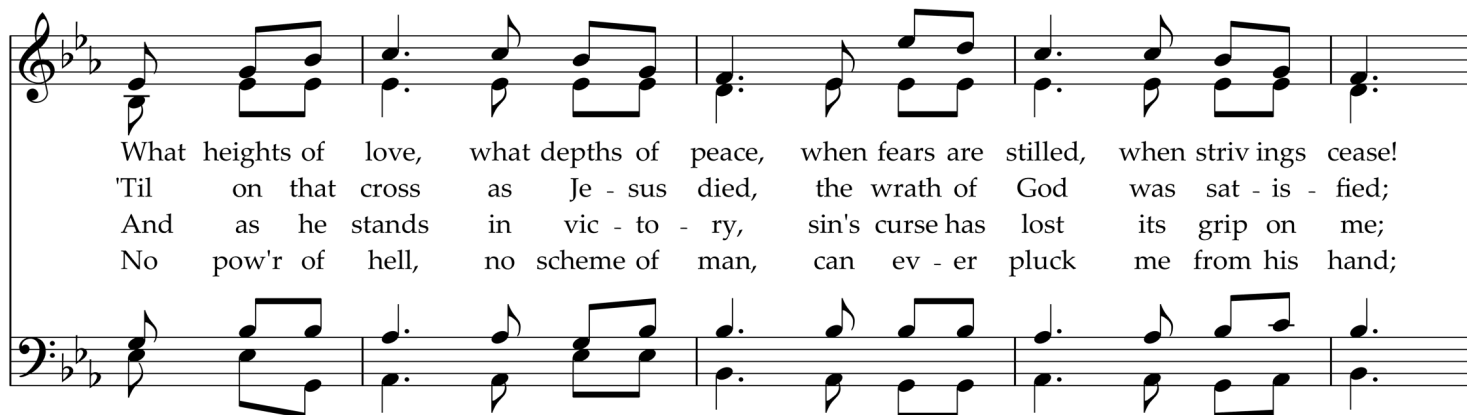
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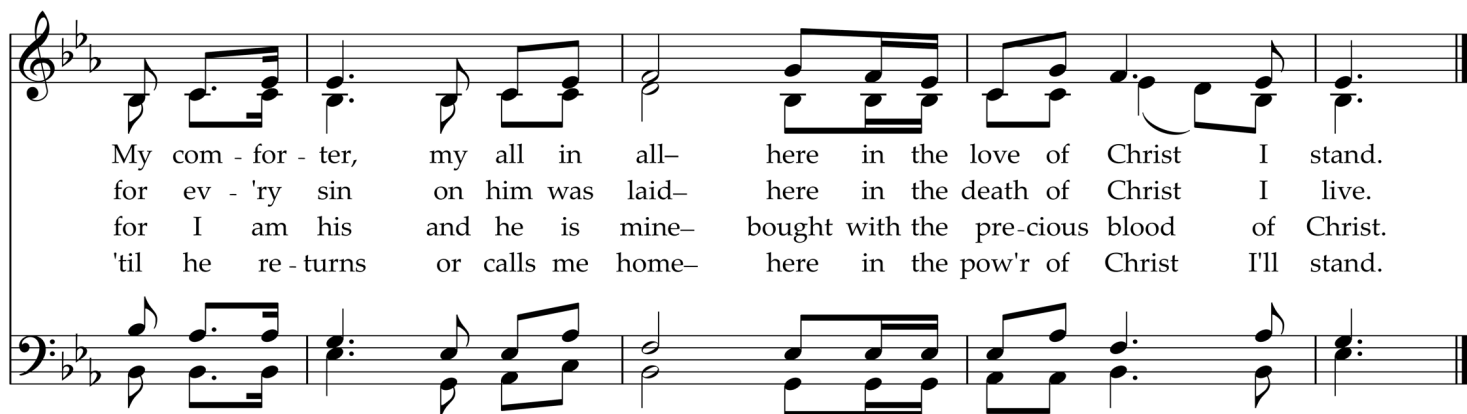
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
 2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less babe!
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain;
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
 then burst - ing forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv ings cease!
 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all- here in the love of Christ I stand.
 for ev - 'ry sin on him was laid- here in the death of Christ I live.
 for I am his and he is mine- bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 'til he re - turns 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.

Congregational Meeting

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 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) or Amanda Geib to volunteer in the nursery (geib@westpca.com).

Ministry Highlights

- **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) 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, 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).

*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

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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