



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 10, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "The door of faith is open anywhere and everywhere that Christians accept one another on the same basis that God has accepted them: by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ" (Dr. Phil Ryken).

PRELUDE

Sonata No. 3

F. Mendelssohn

I. *Con moto maestoso* (based on Hymn 554)

II. *Andante Tranquillo*

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

(8:00) Rev. Johnston, (11:00) Rev. Collins

HYMN 298 *

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

ST. MAGNUS

CONFESSION OF SIN * Based on a prayer by Gregory Nazianzus

We have sinned, Lord, and have gone astray. We have forgotten your commands and chased our own evil thoughts. We have behaved in a way unworthy of the calling and gospel of your Christ, who suffered and was humiliated for us. Together we have turned in the wrong direction, turning from your kindness and your mercies and to our sins and to temptations of the world.

But do not turn away, Lord. Forgive us. We are your people. Correct us in your goodness, not in your anger. Cleanse us in the blood of Christ and fill us with the fruits of righteousness through the Spirit of Christ. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Romans 8:1-4

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 * (Psalm 22:1–3, 27–29, 29b–31)

KINGSFOLD



1. My God my God, O why have you for - sak - en me? O why are you so far from
10. Let those that fear the Lord sing praise! To him give glo - ry now, all Jac - ob's seed, all
11. All ends of earth will turn to him, re - mem - ber - ing the Lord, all fam' - lies of the



sav - ing me and from my groan ing cry? By day and night, my God, I call; your
Is - rael's seed, in awe be - fore him bow. For he did not de - spise nor spurn the
earth shall come and wor - ship and a - dore. Do - min - ion to the Lord be - longs; he



an - swer still de - lays, and yet you are the Ho - ly One who dwells in Is - rael's praise.
grief of one op - pressed, nor did he shun his cry for help, but heard and gave him rest.
rules the na - tions well. The proud of all the earth will bow be - fore him where he dwells.

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) *My Song Shall Always Be* F. Mendelssohn
My song shall always be Thy mercy, singing Thy praise, Thou only God, my tongue ever speaks the goodness Thou hast done unto me. I wander in night and foulest darkness, and mine enemies stand threatening around; yet called I upon the name of the Lord, and He redeemed me with watchful goodness....
Rebecca Forbes & Elissa Morgan, sopranos

OFFERTORY (11:00) *Nearer, My God, to Thee* arr. D. Forrest
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee, even though it be a cross that raiseth me. Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God to Thee. Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee. Oh, let the way appear, leading to heaven, all that Thou sendest me, in mercy given. Thy Spirit beckons me, nearer, my God to Thee....There in my Father's home, safe and at rest, there in my Savior's love, perfectly blest. Age after age to be nearer, my God to Thee!...
Sanctuary Choir Janet Rawleigh, english horn

HYMN (overleaf) * *Before the Throne of God Above*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 2:11–16 (Pew Bible Page 973)

SERMON ***Out of Step with the Gospel*** Dr. Chris Walker
#6 in a Series on Galatians—Redeemed by Christ to Walk in the Spirit

HYMN 459 * *I Am Not Skilled to Understand* GREENWELL

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *
(11:00) *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* arr. D. Schwobel

POSTLUDE *'Chorale' from Sonata No. 3* F. Mendelssohn

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

Overleaf Pianists: Jonathan Humbert, 8 AM; Jessica Sheetz, 11 AM

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863

Music and alt. lyrics by Vicki Cook

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -
3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb! My per - fect spot - less right - eous -

plea: a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my
ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glor - y and of

me. My name is grav - en on His hands. My name is
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful
Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not die; my soul is

writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
soul is count - ed free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on
pur - chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me; to look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God; with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

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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 given in loving memory of David Swartz by his wife, Verna, and family; and by Dick Yeskoo in loving memory of his wife, Georgia Yeskoo.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Rev. Scott Johnston preaches on Genesis 14:11–24, *Indistinct Temptation, Intentional Homage, and Inherent Loyalty*, #4 in a Series on Genesis—*God's Promises to Israel's Patriarchs: The Lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. There will be a musical offering by Christina Ragonesi, *violin*, and Tom Berdos, *piano*

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!

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO RECOMMEND:

REV. J. STEVEN LIGHT, JR. as Westminster's next Associate Pastor of Congregational Care! The Westminster Session calls for a congregational meeting NEXT **Sunday, March 17**, at 6 PM, to meet Steve and Loren, hear Steve preach, and vote on his call as Associate Pastor.

EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday Communion service is Thursday, March 28, at 7 PM. Dr. Chris Walker will be preaching.

Good Friday Concert: March 29, 7 PM. Our Sanctuary Choir presents *The Crucifixion*, the timeless choral masterwork, by John Stainer. Featured soloists include Timothy Bentch, *tenor*, and Steven Condy, *bass*.

Easter Sunday, March 31:

6:30 AM Sunrise Service in the cemetery, weather permitting (Rev. Johnston)

8 AM & 11 AM Worship Services (Dr. Walker)

This year's Easter breakfast is at 7 AM, as supplies last, in the gym, immediately following our Sunrise Service. Donation is \$5/adult and \$2/child (3–10 years old), max. \$15/family

Session has designated the 2024 Easter offering for operating expenses of the *Westminster and China Reformed Theological Conference*, held each fall in Hong Kong. This conference is organized by a Westminster partner in a sensitive field and strategically serves hundreds of Asian pastors.

Ministry Highlights

- **The spring Sunday school quarter begins TODAY.** See the sign at the Information Desk or visit westpca.com/adults to locate the class you would like to attend.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is lasagna.** Dinner is available 5–6:30 PM. RSVP is needed each week if you plan to attend. RSVP by completing your Connect Card or online form (westpca.com/wednesday) by **noon on Monday**. Help us have an accurate count!
- **Join us this Wednesday for the 2024 Lenten Series, *The Glory of Christ*, Wednesdays**, through March 20, 6:45–7:30 PM. Look for a flyer at the Information Desk, in the kiosks, online at westpca.com/lent or on the WPC App.
- **CPR/AED life-saving training is offered** Thursday, April 18, 6–8:30 PM, in the Reformation Room. Certification is offered to those who complete the course. Re-certification is required every two years. Registration is necessary (westpca.com/events/cpr-aed-training).
- **Dr. Tucker York** began his sabbatical this past week. He plans to read multiple books on missions and leadership, work on his book project with hopes for publishing soon in the future, and begin work to update Westminster's Missions Philosophy & Policy Manual. He will be back in the office on May 28. (Sabbaticals of 10–12 weeks are offered to full-time ministry staff every seven years.)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Full-Time Children's Ministry Director to coordinate all programs for infants through Grade 6. A vision to communicate Christ to children and strong skills in organization, communication, and recruiting volunteers are needed. Send resume to Paul Rogers, Search Committee Chairman, (paul.rogers@westpca.church) by March 31.

Refugee Coordinator to administrate transportation for children coming to the church for tutoring on Wednesdays and a few families on Sundays, among other responsibilities. This is a 5-10 hour/week position. Those interested should send a resume to Bob Hivner (bob.hivner@westpca.church) by March 31.

Youth Interns (one male and one female) to serve as full-time summer interns from May 28–August 16. Contact Matt Collins (collins@westpca.com) for an application or go to westpca.com/youth. The application deadline is Sunday, March 24.

Job descriptions can be found at westpca.com/job-opportunities.

Pastoral Staff

Dr. Christopher Walker
Senior Pastor

Dr. Tucker York
Executive Pastor/Missions

Dr. David Kieffer
*Associate Pastor/Discipleship &
Outreach*

Dr. Barry Cureton
Associate Pastor/Counseling

Rev. Scott Johnston
Assistant Pastor/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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