



March 17, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "By [faith] you are so cemented to Christ that He and you are as one person, which cannot be separated but remains attached to Him forever" (Martin Luther).

PRELUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. T. Marchand
Adagio Albinoni/arr. H. Walker
Meditation on 'Wondrous Love' (Hymn 261) arr. T. Marchand
 Bruce Deisinger, trombone Frank Dodd, organ

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) Dr. Kieffer, (11:00) Dr. Cureton

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus! #176

- 1. Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou agonizing Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By thy merits we find favor; life is given through thy name.**
- 2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid; by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood; opened is the gate of heaven; peace is made 'twixt man and God.**
- 3. Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there forever to abide; all the heav'nly hosts adore thee; seated at thy Father's side. There for sinners thou art pleading; there thou dost our place prepare; ever for us interceding till in glory we appear.**

4. **Worship, honor, pow'r and blessing thou art worthy to receive; loudest praise, without ceasing, meet it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, bring your sweetest, noblest lays; help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!**

CONFESSION OF SIN * From Psalm 25

Leader: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

People: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

People: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Leader: Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he shall choose.

People: Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Psalm 62:5–8

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions 33–36

33. Q. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, in which he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

34. Q. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, by which we are received as sons of God, and have the right to all the privileges of that standing.

35. Q. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, by which we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die to sin, and live to righteousness.

36. Q. What are the benefits that in this life accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

A. The benefits that in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are: assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance to the end.

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)

Amazing Grace
Junior Choir

arr. R. Dillworth

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)

Death in His Grave

J. M. McMillian

Paul Rogers, Justus Rogers, Wesley Rogers, guitar & vocals

OFFERTORY (11:00)

O Thou Who Camest from Above
Sanctuary Choir

arr. K. Smith

HYMN (overleaf) *

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 2:17–21 (Pew Bible Page 973)

SERMON

Crucified with Christ, Alive in Christ

Dr. Chris Walker

#6 in a Series on Galatians—*Redeemed by Christ to Walk in the Spirit*

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder #172

1. Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched mount Sinai's flame; he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies, called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes: he has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.
3. Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down! For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown: he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.
4. Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store; when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more; he who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.
5. Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high; here they trusted him before us now their praises fill the sky: "You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!"

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *So Be It, Lord*

ST. CLEMENT

POSTLUDE

'Fiddle' Fugue in D minor, BWV 539b

J. S. Bach

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

Junior Choir: Stephanie Magaro, *director*; Beth Peazzoni, *piano*

Overleaf Instrumentalists: Paul Rogers, Justus Rogers, Wesley Rogers, *guitars*; Frank Dodd, *piano*

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.

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 Dan Brensinger by Marian Brensinger and family; and by Joanna Strube in loving memory of her husband, Warner Strube.

Child of the Covenant

The rosebud announces our newest Child of the Covenant:

Andrew Warren Samuelson, son of Tanya & Lee Samuelson, born March 9, 2024.

Congregational Meeting at 6 PM

The Westminster Session calls for a congregational meeting this evening at 6 PM, to receive the Rev. J. Steven Light Jr. as our new Associate Pastor of Congregational Care. Tonight's service will include an interview with Steve and Loren, a sermon brought by Rev. Light, followed by a ballot vote to approve his terms of call as Associate Pastor. Terms of call are available to pick up in the Narthex after this morning's service. One per household, please.

(Overleaf Hymn)

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

1. What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
2. The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior he will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed. To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever, is my plea. Oh, the chains are released, I can sing I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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.

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 next Sunday, March 24.

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

Ministry Highlights

- **The Library reopens TODAY in its new location in the basement, room LL2** (9–9:30 and 10:30–11 AM) and resumes regular weekday hours. *Story-Time with Mrs. Rogers* (4–8 year olds, Wednesdays, 5:45–6:15 PM) resumes this Wednesday, March 20, at its new location, room 114.
- **Young Adults St. Patrick's Day Party TODAY**, 2:30 PM. Gather at the Barry's home (1259 Belle Meade Dr, Lancaster), then head to Stoner Park (1280 Winchester Dr, Lancaster, PA 17601) if the weather permits.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is chicken cordon bleu.** 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 for the final Lenten worship service** this Wednesday, 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.
- **Come and meet some of our adult English students at our first ESL Game Night** this Friday, March 22! From 7–8:30 PM, we will be playing a mixture of games, many with easy instructions that don't require a lot of language. We would love to have you join us even if you have never served in the ministry before. *Adults and teens are welcome.* Contact Rachel Bleecker (rachelb@westpca.com) to participate.

Dr. Dave Kieffer's Call to Reformed Presbyterian Church

Last Sunday, the pastoral search committee of Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ephrata (RPC) recommended Dr. Dave Kieffer to their congregation and he has accepted their offer to be their pastoral candidate. Dr. Kieffer will preach at RPC on Sunday, April 21, 2024, and the congregation, Lord willing, will vote to receive him as their next pastor. If approved, Dr. Kieffer will remain at Westminster through mid-July and begin at RPC in August. Westminster's Session is considering our pastoral needs and will plan to form a search committee for Dr. Kieffer's replacement after his call is confirmed. Please pray for Ephrata RPC (the church has been without a pastor for nearly two years), the Kieffer family, and for the future pastoral needs of Westminster.



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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