



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "This union [with Christ] guarantees that everything our Lord purchased on the cross is the certain possession of all those united to Him. When Christ was crucified, He satisfied God's righteousness, secured the forgiveness of sin, and severed the connection to sin's doom and dominion....[And] union with His death not only provides certain security in our knowing that we are the partakers of all He purchased, [it] also generates both the motive and the power for holy living. A united life leads to a transformed life" (Michael Barrett).

PRELUDE	<i>Toccata on KING'S WESTON</i> (Hymn 163)	M. Compton
	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i> (Hymn 248)	arr. M. Compton
	<i>Fanfare on 'All Glory, Laud, and Honor'</i>	M. Burkhardt
	Westminster Ringers Frank Dodd, organ	

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Walker

CHORAL INTROIT	(8:00) <i>O Splendor of God's Glory Bright</i>	Music Camp 2015
	(11:00) <i>Let Us Worship</i>	E. DeWitt

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION (8:00) Rev. Collins, (11:00) Rev. Johnston

All Glory, Laud, and Honor #235

1. All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!
2. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present: to thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
3. Thou didst accept their praises: accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

CONFESSION OF SIN * Based on a prayer by Clement of Rome (a first-century church leader)

Lord, you who are good and faithful toward those who trust in you...you who show pity and compassion...forgive us our sins, our unrighteousness, our transgressions, and our shortcomings. Do not hold us to account for every sin we commit but cleanse us in the blood of Christ who died for us. By your Holy Spirit within us, guide our steps to walk in holiness, righteousness, and singleness of heart. Help us to do those things that are good and pleasing in your sight. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Titus 3:4-7

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 * *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*, stanza 1

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

ANTHEM (11:00)

He Is Coming

P. L. Delmonte

Primary Choir

MISSIONS MOMENT

Kim Seldomridge

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)	<i>Hosanna, Rejoice and Sing!</i>	J. Holstein
	Matins Choir	
OFFERTORY (11:00)	<i>'Lift Up Your Heads'</i> from <i>MESSIAH</i>	G. F. Handel
	Sanctuary Choir	

We Come, O Christ, to You #181

- 1. We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man, by whom all things consist, in whom all life began: in you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.**
- 2. You are the way to God, your blood our ransom paid; in you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid. Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.**
- 3. You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you, the Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE! O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.**
- 4. You only are true Life, to know you is to live the more abundant life that earth can never give: O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!**
- 5. We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King, to you our youth and strength adoringly we bring: so fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.**

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting #188

- 1. Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art; I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart. Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul, for by thy transforming power, thou has made me whole. Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art, I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.**
- 2. O how great thy lovingkindness, vaster, broader than the sea! O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me! Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine, know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine. Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art, I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.**
- 3. Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art, and thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart; satisfied its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need, compasseth me round with blessings thine is love indeed. Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art, I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.**
- 4. Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee; resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee. Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face, keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace. Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art, I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.**

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(8:00) *Go Now in Peace*

arr. D. Besig

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

ST. CLEMENT

POSTLUDE

(8:00) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

arr. R. J. Root

(11:00) *Toccata on 'All Glory, Laud, and Honor'*

M. Burkhardt

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organists: Jonathan Humbert, 8 AM; Frank Dodd, 11 AM

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

Westminster Ringers: Eva Train, Jody O'Neal, Paula Smith, Nora Waldo, Heidi Barrall, Sherry Haverstick, Jan Schutsky, Audrey Epps, Kris Kroll, Peter Achor, Karen Koch; Frank Dodd, *director*

Primary Choir: Bethany Hardin, *director*; Rachel Sidebothom, *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 Joanne Ferguson by her husband, Bob, and her son, Dan; and by Grant and Jennifer Martzall in loving memory of their daughter, Paisley Faith, who was born still on March 30, 2018.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. Dave Kieffer preaches on Genesis 15, *God's Covenant Ceremony with Abram*, #5 in a Series on Genesis—*God's Promises to Israel's Patriarchs: The Lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. There will also be a Holy Week hymn sing.

Holy Week

Join us for a Holy Week themed hymn sing TONIGHT at the 6 PM service. Hymn selections will span Palm Sunday through the crucifixion and will be accompanied by an orchestra made up of Westminster musicians.

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

Good Friday Concert: this Friday, 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 Condry, *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

- **Wednesday evening dinner, library hours, children's choirs, clubs, youth group, and Bible studies will not be held** this week, March 27. These activities resume on Wednesday, April 3.
- **Invest in your marriage at the Homebuilders Couples Retreat**, located at Linck Inn in Morris, PA, April 5–7. For information and to register visit westpca.com/homebuilders. **Register by TOMORROW**. Questions? Email Dave Kieffer (kieffer@westpca.com).
- **The Nursery needs volunteers on Easter Sunday, March 31!** We have opportunities during both worship services (8 and 11 AM) and the Sunday school hour (9:30 AM). There will be an extra room open (0–12 months) during the 8 AM service. Check the schedule to see if you are able to help. Contact Amanda Geib (geib@westpca.com) with questions.
- **Next Sunday, March 31, is the last day to give to the Missions Conference Offering.** The offering benefits both Streams of Living Water Ministry and the production of new Christian video programs in North Africa.
- **Later this Spring, Session will begin to approach** men to serve as elders and deacons and women to serve as deaconesses beginning in 2025. The congregation has the responsibility to nominate godly, qualified men and women in the congregation for these positions, respectively. We desire and take seriously any nominations that come from the congregation. Please consider using the officer recommendation form found at westpca.com/about/officers to submit names for consideration by Thursday, April 18.

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 next Sunday, 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 next Sunday, 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 TODAY**.

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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