

April 7, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "Paul references Abraham to show that already at the very beginning of Israel's history it is clearly evident that God had chosen this one nation in order that in and through its great 'seed' it might not only receive a blessing but also become a blessing to the world; and [also that] from the very beginning the divinely appointed means of receiving this blessing...was faith, not works" (William Hendrickson).

Prelude

Trio Concertant No. 1 in F-sharp minor, Op. 1

1. Andante con moto

Daniel Huang, violin Victoria Mitchell, cello Frank Dodd, piano

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Walker

C. Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Doxology (with Alleluias)

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OVER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

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

Thine Be the Glory #274

- 1. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.
- 2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting. Thine be the glory, risen, conquiring Son, endless is the victiry thou o'er death hast won.

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love; bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast

CONFESSION OF SIN*

Heavenly Father, we lift our voices to praise you for your salvation in Jesus Christ. But despite such a great salvation, we continue to wrestle with our sin day by day. You tell us not to love the world, yet our eyes continue to delight in the world's pleasures. You tell us to have the mind of Christ, in humility considering others better than ourselves, yet selfishness and anger still stir our hearts. You call us to hate our sin, yet we often test how close we can get to sin rather than how far we can run from it.

Oh God, please forgive us for Christ's sake. Convict us and change us by the power of your Spirit, that we might be shaped more and more into your image. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Zephaniah 3:14-17

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 * Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Hymn 32, stanza 1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

ANTHEM (11:00) Concertato on 'O God, beyond all Praising' arr. R. Proulx Sanctuary Choir

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

Jesus, Be My Shield
P. Mock, C. McCartha
Youth Choir
Marcia Blome, flute Jessica Sheetz, piano

HYMN (overleaf) *

Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 3:1-9 (Pew Bible Page 973)

SERMON

Father Abraham Has Many Sons Dr. Chris Walker #8 in a Series on Galatians—Redeemed by Christ to Walk in the Spirit

I Know Whom I Have Believed #705

- 1. I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known, nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own. But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."
- 2. I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart, nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart. But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."
- 3. I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin, revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him. But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.
- 4. I know not what of good or ill may be reserved for me, of weary ways or golden days, before his face I see. But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."
- 5. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noonday fair, nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air." But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) I Will Bless the Lord

D. S. Bortniansky

POSTLUDE

This Joyful Eastertide (April Hymn of the Month)

arr. A. Bullard

^{*}Worshipers, please stand if physically able.

At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

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 lower level, room LL5 (on the right side and past the library), 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 Arthur Maser, Raelene Maser, and Sherry Haverstick in loving memory of their wife and mother, Ruby Maser; and by Judith and Dutt Read, in loving memory of Judy's parents, Marjorie and James Mattson.

Evening Prayer Service: 6 PM

Dr. Chris Walker will lead in a time of prayer in the Reformation Room.

Child of the Covenant

The rosebud announces our newest Child of the Covenant:

Brooks Alan Horst, son of Janel & Landon Horst, born March 31, 2024.

If you desire to have a baby baptized, please contact Kris Martin at the church office to schedule (kris@westpca.com).

At Home With the Lord

Westminster charter member Nancy Frankenfield passed into glory on Saturday, March 30. A grave-side service was held on Thursday, April 4.

Westminster member Ken Brenneman passed into glory on Saturday, March 30. Graveside service details are pending.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

Overleaf Hymn

Holy Spirit

- 1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul; bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see. Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.
- 2. Holy Spirit come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
- 3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made. Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

- Ministry Highlights -

- The Saturday, April 27, concert featuring Andrew & Skye Peterson is now sold out. Questions? Contact Nancy Kuch (kuch@westpca.com).
- Nursery and Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed. TODAY and next Sunday, April 14, there will be a table in the Gathering Space between services with information on ways to serve and sign-up sheets. Stop by to learn how you can help in our growing Children's Ministry. You can also sign up at westpca.com/children. All volunteers must have attended Westminster for one year or be a member.
- Harvest USA, a 40-year-old ministry offering the truth and grace of Jesus Christ to sexual strugglers, is presenting a seminar, Shattered Dreams/New Hope, this Saturday, April 13, 9 AM—3:30 PM, at Westminster. Workshop sessions and panel discussion will give biblical insight and support for parents, family members, and friends of those who embrace LGBTQ+ lifestyles. Cost is \$12/person; \$20/couple. Lunch is not provided. Register online by TODAY at westpca.com/harvest. Questions? Contact Joan McConnell (joan@harvestusa.org).
- •This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is pizza. Dinner is available 5–6:20 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!
- Ladies, we have a special night of performances planned, but we need audience members! You don't want to miss this event, *Artistry Unplugged*, on Friday, April 19, 6:30 PM, in the Gathering Space. **Register by Tuesday**, **April 16** (westpca.com/events/artistry) to let us know you are attending and to sign up for your potluck item.
- •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.
- We would like to direct your attention to a serious safety concern. Our contractor made us aware that there have been multiple instances of church members ignoring coned-off areas of the parking lots and driveways, and entering areas under construction. Please do not cross through any cones or barriers. These are in place to ensure the safety of our contractors and staff who are working on the project. Thank you for your cooperation!

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