



May 5, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "It would be enough for God to release us from slavery, to rescue us from our captivity to the law, and so to redeem us from its curse. But God did not stop there. Once Christ had gained our freedom, he gathered us into his family. He went beyond redemption to adoption, turning slaves into sons" (Dr. Phil Ryken).

PRELUDE	<i>Sheep May Safely Graze</i>	J. S. Bach/arr. Halferty
	<i>'Presto' from Divertimento No. 12</i>	W. A. Mozart/arr. Hervig
	<i>Steal Away</i>	arr. D. Marlatt
	Clarinet Choir	

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Walker

CHORAL INTROIT	(8:00) <i>O Taste and See</i>	S. C. Lance
	(11:00) <i>God Himself Is with Us</i>	E. Butler

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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation #343

- 1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.**
- 2. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.**
- 3. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today: with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray; and thy fullest benediction shed within hits walls away.**

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain, what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.
5. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One. One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

CONFESSION OF SIN *

Heavenly Father, we were without God and without hope in this world, lost and empty from trying to be satisfied by the things of this world that cannot satisfy. Yet you pursued us at the cost of your own Son in order to adopt us as your children. Now, we have all the privileges of being sons and daughters of God.

But we confess that we often respond as if those privileges were not true: as if we did not have your open ear ready to hear our prayers; as if we do not have the assurance of your sovereign love surrounding us and holding us up; as if we cannot trust your promises to us in Christ.

Father, forgive our anxiety, our fear, our desperate search for a tidy life in this world. Comfort us again in the confidence of Christ's death and resurrection for us and your Holy Spirit's presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * 1 Peter 2:24–25

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *Westminster 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 a 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 * *In Christ Alone*, stanza 1

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

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) *I Will Lift My Eyes* M. Hayes
Matins Choir Sue Ressler, *clarinet* Victoria Mitchell, *cello*

OFFERTORY (11:00) *And Can It Be* arr. E. Nelson
(Hymn 455, Stanzas 1, 3–5)
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 4:1–7 (Pew Bible Page 974)

SERMON ***Adopted as Sons*** Dr. Chris Walker
#11 in a Series on Galatians—*Redeemed by Christ to Walk in the Spirit*

The Power of the Cross

1. O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood. *This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.*
2. O to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin, ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow. *This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.*
3. Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows his head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life—"finished!" the victory cry. *This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.*
4. O to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suff'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through your selfless love! *This the pow'r of the cross; Son of God—slain for us, what a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE LORD'S TABLE (Our communion bread is gluten-free.)

When the elements are passed, we partake of the bread individually to signify our personal relationship with Christ. Please hold the cup, so we may partake together, as one body in Christ.

My Hope Is in the Lord #523

1. My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me, and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary. For me he died, for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.
2. No merit of my own his anger to suppress, my only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness. For me he died, for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.
3. And now for me he stands before the Father's throne. He shows his wounded hands, and names me as his own. For me he died, for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.
4. His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe, and recognize his work of love and Christ receive. For me he died, for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(8:00) *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

P. C. Lutkin

(11:00) *God Be with You*

arr. E. Butler

POSTLUDE

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

arr. A. L. Travis

(May Hymn of the Month)

*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

Clarinet Choir: Mallory Brennan, Cindy Field, Joel Mumma, Jody O'Neal, Sue Ressler, Sophia Schmalhofer

Today marks the end of the Matins Choir season. We thank them for their ongoing ministry of music at the 8 AM service.

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 contributed by Doris Lownsbury in loving memory of her parents, Romaine and Lester Garner; by Paul and Mary Reynolds in loving memory of Paul's mother, Della Reynolds; and in loving memory of Frank Cascarella by his wife, Marion, and family, and in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Come support our Youth Ministry and be blessed this evening as our youth lead the worship service. Hear testimonies of how God has worked in their lives and a message from God's Word from youth group member Ryan Sensenig. There will be an opportunity to sign up as a prayer partner for a student. Prelude music by a variety of youth musicians begins at 5:50 PM.

The Easter offering received \$42,246.66. Thank you for your generous giving! The offering will be used 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 summer Sunday school elective sheet** is available at the information counter, on the website at westpca.com/adults, and on the WPC app under events.
- **THIS Wednesday, May 8**, is the last Wednesday Fellowship Night: meal, clubs, men's & women's Bible studies, and youth group conclude. *Choir rehearsals and Drama Club continue*. Beginning May 15, the library will be open on Wednesdays from 10 AM–12 PM, and Sundays from 9–9:30 AM and 10:30–11 AM.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is pulled pork**. 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!
- **It's time for the Sanctity of Life Ministry's annual Mother's Day Shower** to benefit our local pregnancy centers, A Woman's Concern and Align Life Ministries, as well as North Star Initiative. Visit our display in the Gathering Space **today** to choose items to donate. Bring them unwrapped next Sunday, May 12, to be distributed to the local centers.
- **Westminster members whose children attend Christian schools** may apply for scholarship funds for the 2024–2025 school year. Scholarships are for tuition support only. **The deadline for applications is TODAY**. Find detailed information on the announcement sheet.
- **Trailblazer and Pathfinder boys are having a campout** at Camp Hebron, June 7–8. For more information and to register, visit westpca.com/events/campout by **this Wednesday, May 8**.

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Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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