



July 7, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "The place for the ship is in the sea, but God help the ship if the sea gets into it" (D. L. Moody).

"Flooding Christian communities today is the anarchic worldliness of the post-Christian west. The gigantic corporate immoralism called 'permissiveness' has broken over us like a tidal wave" (J. I. Packer).

PRELUDE	<i>Overture from 'The Occasional Oratorio'</i>	G. F. Handel
	<i>Song of Peace</i>	C. Phillips
	Frank Dodd, organ Corbin Walter, timpani	

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. Collins, (11:00) Rev. Light

Come, Christians, Join to Sing #302

- 1. Come, Christians, join to sing *Alleluia! Amen!* loud praise to Christ our King; *Alleluia! Amen!* let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. *Alleluia! Amen!***
- 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, *Alleluia! Amen!* let praises fill the sky; *Alleluia! Amen!* he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end, *Alleluia! Amen!***
- 3. Praises yet our Christ again, *Alleluia! Amen!* life shall not end the strain; *Alleluia! Amen!* on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, "*Alleluia! Amen!*"**

CONFESSION OF SIN * Responsive prayer based on Psalm 143

Leader: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

People: Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

Leader: Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

People: Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

Leader: Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

People: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

Leader: For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

People: And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * I John 1:9–2:2

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 * *Before the Throne of God Above*, stanza 1

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:

A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.

I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

COMMISSIONING OF SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TEAMS (11:00)

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 *Praise to the Holy One/Joy in the Journey* S. Fry/M. Card

Praise to the Holy One who leads us on in triumph. Praise to the Rock of Freedom, Judah's mighty Lion! Jesus is our King! Praise to the Rock of Life, he's Jesus Christ our King! Praise to the King of Glory, coming Son of David. Who is the First, the Last, the Alpha and Omega! Jesus is our King! Praise to the Rock of Life, he's Jesus Christ our King!

There is a joy in the journey, there's a light we can love on the way. There is a wonder and wildness to life, and freedom for those who obey. All those who seek it shall find it, a pardon for all who believe. Hope for the hopeless and sight for the blind. To all who've been born of the Spirit and who share incarnation with him; who belong to eternity, stranded in time, and weary of struggling with sin. Forget not the hope that's before you, and never stop counting the cost. Remember the hopelessness when you were lost?...

Mike McKeever, *baritone* Frank Dodd, *piano*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 5:19–21 (Pew Bible Page 975)

SERMON ***The Spirit Versus the Flesh,*** Dr. Chris Walker ***Part 2: The Works of the Flesh***

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

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed #254

- 1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die! Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!**
- 2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!**
- 3. Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.**
- 4. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.**
- 5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe; here,
Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.**

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.

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood #253

- 1. There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains: lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains, and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.**
- 2. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away; washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away; and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.**
- 3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die: and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.**
- 4. Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save, when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave: lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave: when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.**
- 5. Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r, till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more: be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more; till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *

POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'How Firm a Foundation' (Hymn 94)

C. Phillips

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Percussionists: Corbin Walter, Koen Allgyer

Evening Service: 6 PM

Rev. Matt Collins preaches on Genesis 26:34–28:5, *In God's Providence*, #14 in a Series on Genesis—*God's Promises to Israel's Patriarchs: The Lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. Songs of Praise will be led by Elsa Rogers and Justus Rogers.

Communion will be observed at the evening worship service next Sunday, July 14.

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 Dr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Denlinger in loving memory of their parents; in honor of Westminster Presbyterian Church's 56th anniversary (July 7, 1968) and in loving memory of its founding pastor, Rev. Wilbur A. R. Siddons, and the charter members who have gone home to glory; and in loving gratitude for the faithful lives of Robert (1932–2020) and Claire (1936–2011) Wichterman, who became Westminster members in 1970.

United in Marriage

The marriage of members Bernadeta Walengamina and Mukenge Tchinkenke took place in our Sanctuary on June 29, 2024. Pray for the couple as they begin their new life together.

At Home With the Lord

Westminster member Marie M. Pierce passed into glory on Thursday, June 27, 2024. A private service will be held.

Westminster member P. Harlan Wolf, Jr. passed into glory on Monday, July 1, 2024. A funeral service will be held at The Chapel at Garden Spot Village on Tuesday, July 9, 10:30 AM. There will be a visitation from 9:30–10:30 AM. A burial will follow the service.

Please keep the Pierce and Wolf families in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

The Kingdom Builders, Easton, and Yakama short-term mission teams are commissioned at the 11 AM service today.

Kingdom Builders, July 10–13, is designed to introduce junior high youth to short-term missions at the local level. Participants will have opportunities to put their faith into action by engaging in service projects throughout Lancaster and Westminster Church while receiving ministry training. Matt Collins, Jillian Rogers, and youth summer interns Isaiah Martin and Evy Park lead: Koen Allgyer, Heidi Barrall, Kaitlyn Barrall, Emma Barry, Anna Bodene, Haleigh Fanus, Talia Groff, Thomas High, Michael Kieffer, Adeline Moses, Hudson Rogers, Nathaniel Rohal, Marina Scotten, Emma Stiles, Andrew Walker, Ben Walker, Luke Wenger. (Student leaders: Bella Krueger, Silas York).

The Easton team, July 14–20, will work with Kids in Motion sports and arts camp, an urban outreach ministry of Bridge Community Church in Easton, PA. Our team will serve as counselors to elementary-age children as they seek to build relationships and assist them in arts, crafts, and various sports. Matt Allgyer and Lynn Wenger lead: Avena Allgyer, Bennett Allgyer, Elena Barrall, Luke Bodene, Bethany Helms, Emily Helms, Lauren Helms, Moses Katembo, Margo Kieffer, Michael Kieffer, Elliott Park, Nora Waldo, Luke Wenger.

The Yakama team, July 27–August 3, will participate in various service projects and lead a daily kids' club to continue building relationships with the Yakama Nation and the Sacred Road Ministries team on the Yakama Reservation in Washington State. Mark Thudium and Heidi Weidler lead: Ben Barrall, Lily Barrall, Katey Caddick, Izzy Heisey, David Helms, Joel Kasereka, Bella Krueger, AJ Rodman, Grace Rodman, Harrison Rodman, Dan Rogers, Justus Rogers, Liesel Rogers, Theo Rogers, Lewis Rogers, Wes Rogers, Adeline Rohal, Camille Rohal, Lynn Rohal, Kennedy Scotten, Ryan Sensenig, Rowan Shea, Michelle Thudium, Corbin Walter, Troy Weidler, Christian Wenger, Greta Wenger, Kyle Wenger.

A Time to Greet the Kieffers

We invite you to express your appreciation to Dr. Dave and Marty Kieffer next Sunday, July 14, Dr. Kieffer's last Sunday of ministry here at Westminster. Dr. Kieffer will take time for rest and study before beginning his new call as senior pastor at Ephrata Reformed Presbyterian Church in August. Dr. Kieffer and Marty will be in the Gathering Space to greet people between services. There will also be a basket available where notes and cards can be placed. Please pray for Ephrata RPC, the Kieffer family, and for the future pastoral needs of Westminster. We are grateful to the Lord for them and their ministry!

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.

56th Anniversary



Rev. Wilbur & Beth Siddons

During the pivotal summer of 1968, the Lord called Rev. Wilbur Aaron Roger Siddons to lead a remnant of like-minded believers out of the United Presbyterian Church to begin a new Bible-believing congregation dedicated to Christ-centered, reformed worship, and Biblical inerrancy. These men and women were guided by *reformation, renewal, and revival*.



Church site sign 1970

Remarkably, what God did through this congregation in six short weeks takes most church plants years to accomplish. The Lord enabled Westminster Presbyterian Church to grow from a dozen individuals at the organizational meeting in mid-May 1968 to over 200 people worshipping God at the first worship service at 10 AM **on Sunday, July 7** in a facility at what is now called Lancaster Bible College.



1973 Easter Breakfast

God founded Westminster in a way *antithetical* to the textbook method of church planting. There were no demographic studies, no long-term local Bible studies to gauge community interest, and no extensive financial planning programs. Unlike church plants today who often have afternoon or evening services before establishing their Sunday morning services, Westminster held Sunday morning services from the get-go, complete with hymnals inscribed with the church's name on the covers. As the late Jack Kraft said, "We wanted to show that we were serious about having church."



1992 Mission Trip to Philadelphia

The good work, begun in the summer of 1968, continues today. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

Current Communicant Membership: 1,392
Living Charter Members
(joined October 6, 1968):



Former Sanctuary (1997)

Harry Black
Mary Alice Black
Calvin "Jerry" Flury
Mary Ann Henkel
Nancy Huber

Anson "Skip" Loose
Jackie Loose
Lewis Martin
Ned Sterling, II

Ministry Highlights

- **Reminder for Junior High and Senior High students:** There are no Bible studies this Tuesday, July 9. Bible studies resume on July 16.
- **Men, fellowship together** over BBQ and outdoor games this Saturday, July 13, 9 AM–1 PM, at the Rawlings farm. **RSVP by tomorrow, July 8**, at www.westpca.com/events/mens-bbq-outdoor-games.
- **Olympion training season starts soon!** Vacation Bible School (VBS) is July 22–25, 9 AM–Noon, for children age 5 to completed grade 6. Online registration (for all children) closes next Sunday, July 14.

Volunteers are needed! Consider coming alongside our athletes to help with their Olympic training in the following ways: adult classroom helpers, adult nursery helpers. Additional volunteers are welcome in all areas!

To volunteer your time, contact Alyssa Davies (davies@westpca.com) or go to westpca.com/vbs. **Deadline for all new volunteers** grade 6 and up, is next Sunday, July 14.

VBS staff meetings are this Tuesday, July 9: Required Training for All Volunteers Grade 6–12 , 7 PM, Room LL9; Teachers' Meeting, 7 PM, Room LL11–12; All-Staff Meeting, 7:30 PM, Reformation Room. Please come to receive important information, materials, and for planning and prayer with your co-workers.

VBS Missions Project: Many families around the world have had to leave war-torn homelands to find safety, and now they live in camps, haunted by memories of terror. For these boys and girls, therapeutic play can help them begin to smile again. Samaritan's Purse is creating playgrounds and child-friendly spaces where these children can learn, grow, and enjoy fun with friends. Just \$8 can provide a soccer ball or other equipment that will bring joy to a child and help us tell them about the Lord. We aim to raise \$4,000. That's 500 soccer balls! Help us reach our goal by donating online at westpca.com/vbs or use an offering envelope and mark "VBS Mission Project" on the envelope.



Worship: 8 AM & 11 AM, 6 PM Sunday School: 9:30 AM

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Church Office Summer Hours:

Monday–Thursday, 8 AM–4 PM; Friday, 8 AM–noon

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