



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 29, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "Isaiah was not blind to present realities. He spoke out against injustice, faithless politics and hypocritical religion with a passion that few could match today. But it was this vision of the future which inspired him. Religion for him was never an escape from reality, but the source from which he drew the strength he needed to face it squarely. It is how we must live too" (Barry Webb).

PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace* (Hymn 460)  
*Fairest Lord Jesus* (Hymn 170)  
*Wonderful Grace of Jesus* (Hymn 467)  
Ross Ellison & Patricia Bleecker, *pianists*

arr. H. E. Singley

arr. J. Raney

arr. R. Bonam

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP: \* Psalm 107:1–3, 31–32 (UNISON)

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and  
gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and  
from the south.**

**Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the  
children of man! Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise  
him in the assembly of the elders.**

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

(8:00) Dr. York, (11:00) Rev. Johnston

## **Thy God Reigneth! #69**

- 1. Trembling soul, beset by fears, "Thy God reigneth!" Look above and dry thy tears: "Thy God reigneth!" Though thy foes with pow'r assail, naught against thee shall prevail; trust in him—he'll never fail: "Thy God reigneth, thy God reigneth!"**

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OVER

- 2. Sinful soul, thy debt is paid, "Thy God reigneth!" On the Lord thy sins were laid, "Thy God reigneth!" On the cross of Calvary, Jesus shed his blood for thee, from all sin to set thee free: "Thy God reigneth, thy God reigneth!"**
- 3. Seeking soul, to Jesus turn; "Thy God reigneth!" None that seek him will he spurn: "Thy God reigneth!" Wand'ring sheep the Shepherd seeks, and when found he ever keeps, for "he slumbers not nor sleeps": "Thy God reigneth, thy God reigneth!"**
- 4. Join, ye saints, the truth proclaim, "Thy God reigneth!" Shout it forth with glad acclaim, "Thy God reigneth!" Zion, wake! the morn is nigh, see it break from yonder sky; loud and clear the watchmen cry: "Thy God reigneth, thy God reigneth!"**
- 5. Church of Christ, awake, awake! "Thy God reigneth!" Forward, then, fresh courage take: "Thy God reigneth!" Soon, descending from his throne, he shall claim thee for his own; sin shall then be overthrown: "Thy God reigneth, thy God reigneth!"**

**CONFESSON OF SIN \* Based on a Puritan Prayer (UNISON)**

**Lord God Almighty, your understanding is unsearchable and infinite. Holy is your wisdom, your power, your ways, and your works. How can I stand before you, with my numberless offenses? I have broken your commands and trampled your Word underfoot. Only by your mercy and compassion am I not consumed every day!**

**Lead me to real repentance; save me from despair. I hope in your grace that flows to the chief of transgressors. May my soul rest secure in the work of your great Son, Jesus, the friend of sinners. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: \* 1 Timothy 1:15-17

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 \* *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*, Hymn 4, Stanza 5

**Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory! Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory! All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God! To God all praise and glory!**

INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(8:00) John Barry (11:00) 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)

*Psalm 23*

arr. P. Creston

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil. My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Jane Oehme, *soprano*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hath taught me to say, it is well, it is well, with my soul. *It is well, with my soul. It is well, it is well, with my soul.* Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul....He liveth, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!...Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul....

Sanctuary Choir

## **Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right #108**

- 1. Whate'er my God ordains is right: his holy will abideth; I will be still whate'er he doth, and follow where he guideth. He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me that I shall not fall; wherefore to him I leave it all.**
- 2. Whate'er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive me; he leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me. I take, content, what he hath sent; his hand can turn my griefs away, and patiently I wait his day.**
- 3. Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking, may bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking. My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.**
- 4. Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken; though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken. My father's care is round me there; he holds me that I shall not fall: and so to him I leave it all.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 2:1–22 (Pew Bible Pages 567–568)

SERMON

***Lifted Up and Brought Low:  
The Coming Work of the Lord***

Dr. Chris Walker

#3 in a Series on Isaiah—

*Hope for Sinners from a Holy God through a Promised Redeemer*

## Before the Throne of God Above

1. Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea: a great High Priest whose name is Love, whoever 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.
2. When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free. For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me; to look on him and pardon me.
3. Behold him there, the risen Lamb! My perfect spotless righteousness, the great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of Grace. One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God; with Christ, my Savior and my God.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE \*

(11:00) *Go Forth with Thanksgiving*

A. Whitworth

POSTLUDE

*Toccata in Seven*

J. Rutter

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\*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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### **At the Morning Worship Service:**

**Organist:** Frank Dodd

**Choral Director:** Floyd Rawleigh

**Communion will be observed** at both morning worship services next Sunday, October 6.

## 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. *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 Craig and Valerie Hise in loving memory of Craig's father, Ted Hise; and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Fred and Cynthia Barley.

## Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. John Light preaches on 2 Corinthians 2:12–17, *Adversity and the Advance of the Gospel*, #4 in a Series on 2 Corinthians—*Power Through Weakness*. There will also be a congregational hymn medley.

**Join us for Food & Fellowship after tonight's evening service.** In an effort to foster more fellowship together, we will periodically offer snacks after the evening service. We encourage you to join us for worship tonight at 6 PM and to stay for Food & Fellowship afterwards!

## Children of the Covenant

**The rosebuds announce** our newest Children of the Covenant:

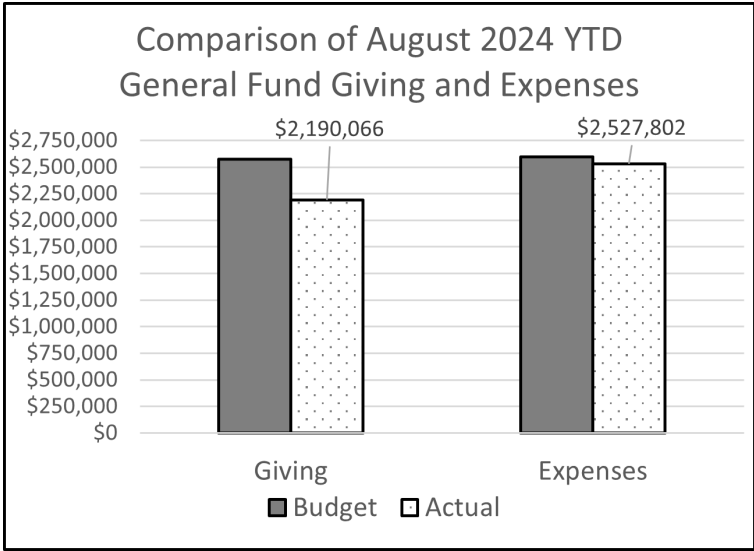
**Eden Moriah Maye**, daughter of Allie & James Hayward, born September 20, 2024.

**Daniel Bruce**, son of Lexi & Micah Sneller, born September 25, 2024.

# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Year-to-Date Through August 2024

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Budget	\$2,574,664	\$2,595,951
Actual	\$2,190,066	\$2,527,802



## Congregational Update

**Westminster’s Session will give a congregational update** NEXT Sunday, October 6, 10:15–10:35 AM, in the Sanctuary. We continue to praise God for his abundant provision and faithful leading through this process, and we are excited to share an update on the Capital Campaign and future building plans. Adult Sunday School classes will dismiss at 10:10 AM.

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# Ministry Highlights

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- **This Monday, September 30, Kathleen Walter begins her new role** as Children's Ministry Director! Reach Kathleen at [walter@westpca.com](mailto:walter@westpca.com). Sue Moses resumes her role as Children's Ministry Assistant. *We are so thankful for Sue's leadership and faithful ministry as our Interim Children's Ministry Director over the past four months.* Reach Sue at [moses@westpca.com](mailto:moses@westpca.com).
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is beef and broccoli.** 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](http://westpca.com/wednesday)) by **noon on Monday**. Help us have an accurate count!
- **The nursery needs** volunteers during the 11 AM worship services. Help is also needed on Tuesday mornings, 9–11:15 AM, during Women's Bible Study, either weekly or bi-weekly. This position offers a small stipend. Contact Amanda Geib to help ([geib@westpca.com](mailto:geib@westpca.com)).
- **Join us THIS Saturday, October 5, 4 PM, in our Sanctuary, to hear the National Christian Choir** in concert. This choir of 175 singers is from the greater Washington D.C. metropolitan area and connects with audiences through their powerful performances sung from memory.
- **To RSVP** for these and other events, go to [westpca.com/events](http://westpca.com/events):
  - ⇒ **The Young Adults will celebrate fall with a bonfire party** at the Rogers' home (Columbia, PA), THIS Saturday, October 5, 6–9 PM.
  - ⇒ **Homebuilders Family Fun Night, THIS Saturday, October 5, 5 PM:** Families, join us for this event at the Horst home. RSVP by this Wednesday, October 2.
  - ⇒ **Youth Fall Retreat is November 8–10, at High Point Camp.** The early registration deadline is Wednesday, October 9.

Get more information on these and other announcements in any of the following ways: our Westminster Announcement Sheet, online at [westpca.com/bulletin](http://westpca.com/bulletin), or on the WPC App.



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

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Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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