

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide! Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.
6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin! Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

CONFESSION OF SIN * (Led by Pastor)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Psalm 130:3–8

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

** The word catholic means universal*

SONG OF PRAISE * *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, Hymn 194, Stanza 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (Hymn 193) arr. R. A. Hobby
(8:00) Matins Choir (11:00) Sanctuary Choir & Westminster Ringers

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 10:5–34 (Pew Bible Pages 574–575)

SERMON ***Who Is in Control?*** Dr. Chris Walker
 #12 in a Series on Isaiah—
Hope for Sinners from a Holy God through a Promised Redeemer

Of the Father's Love Begotten #162

- 1. Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!**
- 2. O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.**
- 3. This is he whom heav'n-taught singers sang of old with one accord, whom the Scriptures of the prophets promised in their faithful word; now he shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!**

4. O ye heights of heav'n, adore him, angel hosts his praises sing; all dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring, ever more and evermore!
5. Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

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.

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for every sinner slain; thousand thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
2. Every eye shall now behold him robed in glorious majesty; those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree. Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall their true Messiah see.
3. Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears, cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers. With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Savior, take the pow'r and glory, claim the kingdom as thine own. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(8:00) *Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes*

M. Larkin

(11:00) *In Excelsis Gloria*

Trad. English

POSTLUDE

(8:00) *Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 599*

J. S. Bach

(11:00) *Tell Out, My Soul* (Hymn 26)

arr. D. Bédard

*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: Patricia Bleecker, Jody O'Neal, Paula Smith, Nora Waldo, Carolyn Bauer, Sherry Haverstick, Jan Schutsky, Audrey Epps, Kris Kroll, Peter Achor, Karen Koch, Jay Waldo; Frank Dodd, *director*

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 Mr. and Mrs. Anson Loose in memory of their parents and their daughter, Carlene; and by Robert and Jean Gibb in loving memory of Jean's father, George Kummer, Sr.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Rev. Matt Collins preaches on 2 Corinthians 8:1–15, *Why Christians Give*, #12 in a Series on 2 Corinthians—*Power Through Weakness*. There will also be a musical offering by the Youth Choir.

Christmas Eve Service Times

6 PM (prelude begins at 5:40) *tableaux, childcare available*

10 PM (prelude begins at 9:30) *candle lighting service*

Session has designated the 2024 Christmas offering for Mission to North America's Disaster Response ministry, which provides support to PCA churches in disaster-affected communities. In hurricane-affected areas, funds are currently being used to provide mission-critical supplies and equipment to impact areas and recovery sites, operate recovery sites, assist with meeting insurance deductibles, assist severely impacted congregations to meet payroll and budget commitments, etc.

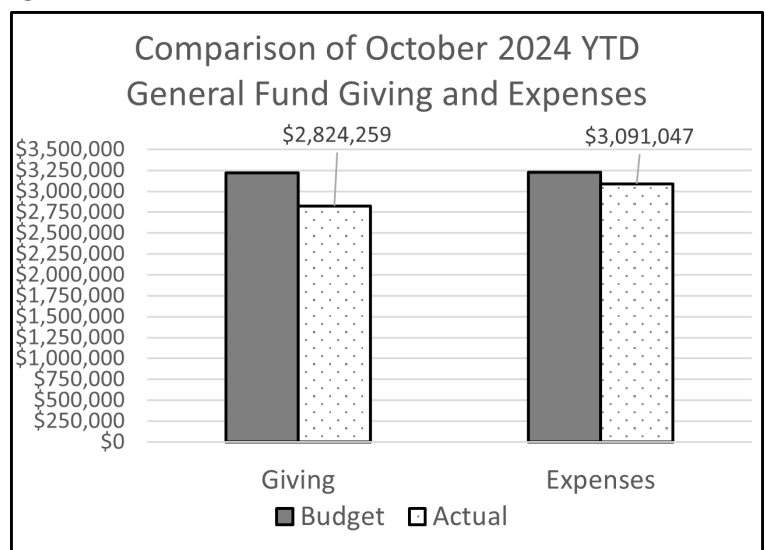
Please prayerfully consider giving generously—disaster response is expensive to undertake but vital. Use the "Christmas Offering" envelope, mark a pew envelope "Christmas," or give online at westpca.com/give.

Christmas Eve volunteers are needed for nursery. See the announcement sheet for more information or contact Amanda Geib (geib@westpca.com).

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Year-to-Date Through October 2024

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Budget	\$3,218,330	\$3,228,642
Actual	\$2,824,259	\$3,091,047



Ministry Highlights

- **The winter Sunday School quarter begins TODAY.** See the sign at the Information Desk or visit westpca.com/sunday-school to locate the class you would like to attend.
- **TODAY is the last day to submit short-term missions trip applications** and ID in person in the church office from 9:15–10:45 AM.
- **Advent services begin TODAY.** Pick up an Advent Schedule flyer at the Information Desk or at westpca.com/church-events or the WPC App. **Join us NEXT Sunday, December 8, 6 PM, for the Service of Lessons & Carols**, a glorious night of Christmas music and worship featuring the Westminster Choir, soloists, chamber orchestra, and readers in a presentation of Part 1 of Handel's *MESSIAH*.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is soup: chicken noodle and tomato basil.** 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
The last fellowship night for the year is this Wednesday, December 4. Wednesday evening dinner, kids clubs, and Bible study groups will resume on January 8.
- **Westminster will host a regional women's conference** in partnership with P&R Publishing on May 30–31, 2025. Author Megan Hill will be the plenary speaker with the theme being *Contentment*. **Priority registration for Westminster ladies will be open next Sunday, December 8, until Sunday, December 22** (with early bird discount) before opening to the public.
- **The Youth Group hosts its annual Cookie Bake** on December 11, 5–8 PM, in the church kitchen area. RSVP by Monday, December 9, at westpca.com/events/cookie-bake.
- **The 55+ Film & Finger Food Event** occurs on Thursday, December 12, 1–3:30 PM in the Reformation Room. Sign up at westpca.com/events or at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. Questions? Call Tom Hawk (717-355-6838) or Ann Deschler (717-581-5659).
- **Young Adults (single and married, ages 18–29) are invited to a Christmas party** on Saturday, December 14, 6 PM, at the Rogers' home (3926 Marietta Avenue, Columbia). Sign up at westpca.com/events.

Get more information on these and other announcements in any of the following ways: our Westminster Announcement Sheet, online at 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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