



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 2, 2025

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "The words [of these chapters] spoken against the nations are actually for Israel's ears. They are spoken to remind Israel that no matter what the nations do to her, her final destiny is secure, because it is the Lord, not they, who shapes the course of history. He is Lord of the nations, and his judgment on them has as its ultimate goal the salvation of his people" (Barry Webb).

PRELUDE	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	arr. M. Hayes
	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> (Hymn 642)	arr. V Halberg
	<i>Variations on 'Foundation'</i> (Hymn 94)	arr. J. M. Martin
	Jessica Sheetz, piano	

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Walker

CHORAL INTROIT	(8:00) <i>O Sing Unto the Lord</i>	N. Rawsthorne
	(11:00) <i>Speak for Thy Servant Heareth</i>	S. Stucky

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

HYMN 12 *	<i>Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim</i>	CREATION
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CONFESSION OF SIN * Adapted from a Puritan Prayer

O Savior of sinners, your name is excellent, your compassions unending and your mercies tender. Yet in many things I have offended you and fallen short of your glory. Pardon my iniquity, for it is great!

I come in Jesus' blessed name, pleading for you to impress his image upon my soul. Make me hate whatever grieves your Spirit in me. Assist me to shun a careless life and to be gentle and patient with any who oppose me. Raise me above merely existing for the smiles or frowns of this world. Your approval is my great aim and your Word my unending guide. I ask this for Christ's sake, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Psalm 91:14-16

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 * *Gloria Patri* (Hymn 735)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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

O Great God

arr. J. Hoelscher

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart. Own it all, and reign supreme, conquer ev'ry rebel power. Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war. You have loved and purchased me; make me yours forevermore. I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice; did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me, through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace. Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me...

(8:00) Matins Choir (11:00) Sanctuary Choir & Christina Ragonesi, violin

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 13:1–14:23 (Pew Bible Pages 576–578)

SERMON

The Lord of the Nations

Dr. Chris Walker

#16 in a Series on Isaiah—

Hope for Sinners from a Holy God through a Promised Redeemer

HYMN 243 *

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

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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.

HYMN 242 *

Not All the Blood of Beasts

FESTAL SONG

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(8:00) *Let the Words of My Mouth*

A. Whitworth

(11:00) *Peace Be to This Congregation*

POSTLUDE

(8:00) *A Celebration Fanfare*

S. H. Best

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

A. Bullard

*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

There is no worship this evening due to the Congregational Meeting at 3 PM.

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 Barry and Faith Roberts in loving memory of Barry's parents, Edward and Mildred Roberts, and Faith's father, Jay Miller.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in *memory* of a loved one or in *honor* of a 50th, 55th, or 60th wedding anniversary, contact James L. Adams (610.406.3229 or flowers4505@aol.com). The cost is \$35. There is availability on February 9 and 23.

At Home With the Lord

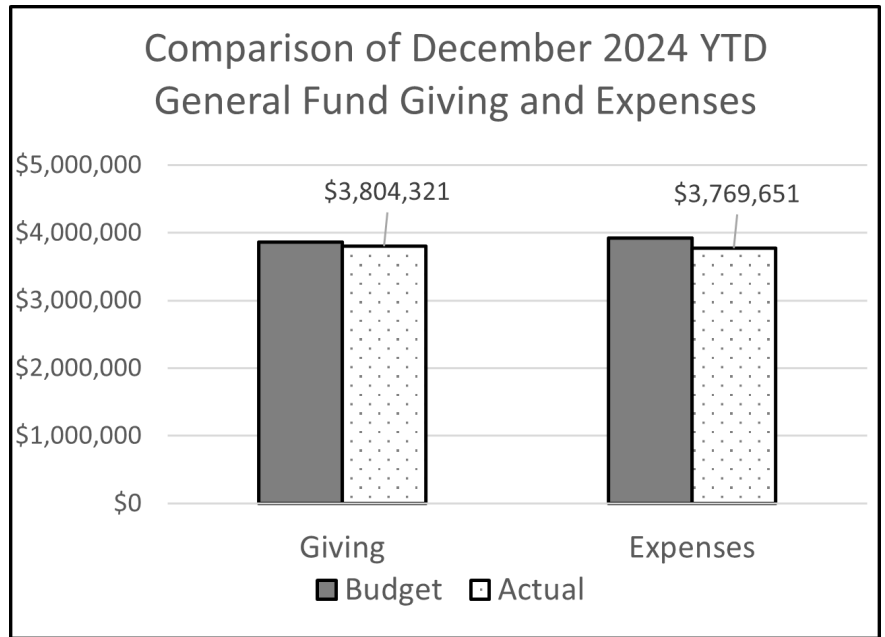
Westminster member Everett L. Balmer passed into glory on Friday, January 24, 2025. A memorial service was held yesterday, February 1, at the Brethren Village Chapel.

Westminster member Daniel Klim passed into glory on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. A memorial service will be held in our Sanctuary on Saturday, February 8, at 11 AM, with a visitation at 10 AM. A luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Year-to-Date Through December 2024

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Budget	\$3,862,000	\$3,927,505
Actual	\$3,804,321	\$3,769,651



Congregational Meeting

The Westminster Session calls for the annual Congregational Meeting to take place TODAY at 3 PM. Pursuant to BCO 25.2, Session calls for the members of the Westminster Corporation to review and vote on a proposed change to the bylaws that would expand the members of the corporation to include the teaching elders employed by the church who are members of the Session. Please review the proposed amendment (at westpca.com on the Events Page) to be voted on during the meeting.

Westminster’s finance booklet will be available after the services today as well as at the meeting. *Please take one per family.*

These Westminster members are nominated to serve in the following offices for 3-year terms (*first time serving, ordained/installed if elected):

RULING ELDER: Rick Anderson, John Barry, Eric Conner, Mark Espenshade, Paul Rogers, Kevin Snoke, Todd Williams

DEACON: Jeff Caddick, Mel Carwile, Quentin Lapp (1-year term), *Duane Miller, Kevin Reed, *Penn Tomassetti

These Westminster members are nominated to serve as deaconesses for 3-year terms (*first time serving, installed if elected):

DEACONESS: *Deloras Ammerman, Lois Bower, Katie Edwards, Jen Helms, *Valerie Hise, Lynn Hivner, Kathy Newhard, Naomi Rizzuti, Carol Warfel (1-year term)

Children’s Activities and Nursery: At 3 PM, activities and a light snack will be provided for children in K–Grade 6 in the gym and 4- and 5-year-olds in Room 121. A nursery for infants to age 3 is provided in Room 111.

Ministry Highlights

- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is pizza.** Dinner is available 5–6:20 PM. RSVP on your Connect Card or at westpca.com on the Events Page by noon on Monday.
- **Join us THIS Friday, February 7, at 7 PM, for the next installment in our Westminster Music Series** as Samuel Metzger, Organist & Director of Music at Covenant PCA in Nashville, performs an organ concert of classical and sacred favorites including a newly commissioned piece written in memory of The Covenant School shooting.
- **Enjoy fellowship with your Westminster family at Supper for Six** on Saturday, February 15, from 5:30–8 PM. Couples and singles may participate. Guests will be asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. Hosts are needed! **Register by THIS Saturday, February 8,** at westpca.com on the Events Page.
- **Applications are now available for the 2025 Music Scholarship.** See the Announcement Sheet for more information. **Deadline to apply is NEXT Sunday, February 9.**
- **The 2025 Missions Conference, *Pouring Ourselves Out for Our Neighbor*,** will be held February 26–March 2, with the Mission Fare on Saturday, March 1, 3:30–7 PM. **Mission Fare volunteers are needed** to assist in the kitchen and with teardown (men and teens are especially needed to reset for Sunday). Visit westpca.com on the Events Page or contact Rachel Bleecker (rachelb@westpca.com) for details and to sign up.

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.

Pastoral Staff

Dr. Christopher Walker
Senior Pastor

Rev. Steven Light
*Associate Pastor/
Congregational Care*

Dr. Tucker York
*Executive Pastor/
Missions*

Rev. Scott Johnston
*Assistant Pastor/
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Dr. Michael Rogers
Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Barry Cureton
*Associate Pastor/
Counseling*

Rev. Matthew Collins
*Associate Pastor/
Youth*



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

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Church Office Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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