



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 12, 2026

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "I rejoice in the hope of that glory to be revealed, for it is no uncertain glory that we look for. Our hope is not hung upon such an untwisted thread as, 'I imagine so,' or 'It is likely,' but the cable, the strong tow of our fastened anchor, is the oath and promise of him who is eternal verity. Our salvation is fastened with God's own hand, and with Christ's own strength, to the strong stake of God's unchangeable nature" (Samuel Rutherford).

PRELUDE *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* arr. H. A. Matthews
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. H. A. Matthews
Alleluia: O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! arr. T. Dubois
 Ross Ellison, organ

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Collins

CALL TO WORSHIP * *Doxology (with Alleluias), Hymn 733* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host,
 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION (8:00) Mr. Freer, (11:00) Rev. Light,

HYMN 274 * *Thine Be the Glory* MACCABAEUS
Hymn words on Pg 5

CONFESSION OF SIN * From *Pulpit Prayers* by Alexander Maclaren

O Lord, our gracious and merciful God! We pray for thy pardon, for all that has been defective and less pure and good than it might have been in our daily lives and our habitual thoughts and attitude towards thyself. Cleanse our hearts, O Lord! And may we not be intolerant of thy cleansing processes, nor may we ever shut our hearts against the entrance of thy cleansing grace. By thy discipline of us in daily life, and by thy communication to us of thine own gracious Spirit, make us more completely what thou wouldst have us to be. We pray in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Titus 2:11–13

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Questions 1, 57, & 58

1. Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

57. Q. What comfort does the resurrection of the body offer you?

A. Not only shall my soul after this life immediately be taken up to Christ, my Head, but also this my flesh, raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.

58. Q. What comfort do you receive from the article about the life everlasting?

A. Since I now already feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, shall after this life possess perfect blessedness, such as no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived—a blessedness in which to praise God forever.

SONG OF PRAISE * *Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing!*, Hymn 270, stanzas 1 & 4



1. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph of our King! To all the
4. Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, and sing to-day with one ac-cord the life laid



world glad news we bring:
down, the life re-stored: *Al-le-lu-ia!* _____ *Al-le-lu-ia!* _____ *Al-le-lu-ia!*

ANTHEM (11:00)

Sing Hallelujah! (Jesus Lives Today)

arr. M. Burrows

*Sing Hallelujah! Sing Hallelujah! Sing Hallelujah! Jesus lives today.
Sing Hallelujah! Sing Hallelujah! Sing Hallelujah! Jesus lives today.*

Hallelujah, the King of Kings, drives our darkness and doubt away.
Hallelujah, the Lord of Lords, Prince of Peace, Light of the world, Jesus lives today.

We sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord for blessings without end.
We sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord for Jesus, Savior, friend.
God's world is always filled with hope, God's love can never die.
We sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, Christ Jesus reigns on high.

Primary & Junior Choirs

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)

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Getty, Kendrick

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.
My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul;
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by,
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.
I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light,
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness;
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

Emma Barry & Julianna Sensenig, guitar & vocals Frank Dodd, piano

OFFERTORY (11:00)

O Savior, Blessed Savior

J. Biery

O Savior, blessed Savior, listen while we sing; hearts and voices raising praises to our King;
All we have we offer, all we hope to be, body soul, and spirit, all we yield to thee.

Great and ever greater are thy mercies here; true and everlasting are the glories there,
Where no pain or sorrow, toil or care is known, where the angel legions circle round thy throne.

Clearer still and clearer dawns the light from heav'n, in our sadness bringing news of sins
forgiv'n; life has lost its shadows, pure the light within; thou hast shed thy radiance within.

O brighter still and brighter glows the western sun, shedding all its gladness o'er our work that's
done; time will soon be over, toil and sorrow past;
May we, blessed Savior, find a rest at last. Amen.

Sanctuary Choir Jessica Sheetz, *piano*

HYMN 641 *

How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me

ANGEL'S STORY

Hymn words on Pg 6

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 8:18–25 (Pew Bible Page 944)

SERMON

The Power of Hope

Rev. Matt Collins

HYMN 706 *

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT

Hymn words on Pg 7

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *Alleluia, Amen*

ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today'

D. Bish

Ross Ellison, *organ*

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

Primary & Junior Choirs: Bethany Hardin, *conducting*; Beth Peazzoni, *piano*

Thine Be the Glory #274

1. **Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay. *Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***
2. **Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting. *Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***
3. **No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life; life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love; bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above. *Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***

How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me #641

- 1. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, thou God of grace? How long shall fears beset me, while darkness hides thy face? How long shall griefs distress me and turn my day to night? How long shall foes oppress me and triumph in their might?**
- 2. O Lord my God, behold me, and hear my earnest cries; lest sleep of death enfold me, enlighten thou mine eyes; lest now my foe insulting should boast of his success, and enemies exulting rejoice in my distress.**
- 3. But I with expectation have on thy grace relied; my heart in thy salvation shall still with joy confide; and I with voice of singing will praise the Lord above, who, richest bounties bringing, has dealt with me in love.**

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I #706

- 1. Jesus lives, and so shall I, Death! thy sting is gone forever! He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sever. He shall raise me from the dust; Jesus is my hope and trust.**
- 2. Jesus lives and reigns supreme; and his kingdom still remaining, I shall also be with him, ever living, ever reigning. God has promised; be it must: Jesus is my hope and trust.**
- 3. Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving, I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living. Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.**
- 4. Jesus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sever, life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever. None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust.**
- 5. Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory. Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee; thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is the Christian's trust.**

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 Library** (across the Gathering Space), 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 in loving memory of Heather Leinbach, granddaughter of Carol Boyer; in memory of Dr. Jerry Baldwin and to the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior; and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Bob and Jean Gibb, from their daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Dan Bleecker, and grandchildren Elliot, Simon, Zana, and Abel.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. Tucker York preaches on Proverbs 6:16–19 and James 1:12–15, *A Panoramic View of Sin*, #1 in a series—*The Seven Deadly Sins*. There will also be a musical offering by Julia Tsai and Beth Peazzoni, pianists.

Ministry Highlights

- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée** is chicken cordon bleu, available 5–6:20 PM. Gluten free meals are available upon request. RSVP on your Connect Card or at westpca.com on the Events page by noon on Monday. Cost is \$7 a person, age 6 and older, maximum \$20 per household.
- **Session will meet this spring** to begin the process of identifying and evaluating men to serve as elders and deacons and women to serve as deaconesses beginning in 2027. The congregation has the responsibility to nominate godly, qualified men and women in the congregation for these positions, respectively. Session desires and takes seriously each nomination that comes from the congregation. Use the officer recommendation form found at westpca.com/about/officers to submit names for consideration **by TODAY**.
- **Join WPC's first 55+ short-term mission trip**, led by Scott Johnston, September 26–October 3. **Early bird application deadline is TODAY**; applications accepted through April 26, provided spots are available. Find more information on the Events page at westpca.com.
- **Westminster's final concert of the season**—Live with Sandra McCracken—will take place on Saturday, May 9, 7 PM. Go to the Events page at westpca.com to purchase tickets.
- **CPR/AED life-saving training is offered May 11**, 6–8:30 PM, in the Reformation Room. Certification is offered to those who complete the course. Re-certification is required every two years. Registration is required. Go to the Events page at westpca.com.
- **The boys' clubs, Guardians and Knights**, grades 3–6, are going to Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA, May 29–30. Dads are encouraged but not required to attend.
The girls' clubs, Axios!2 and Axios!3, grades 3–6, are going to Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA, May 30–31. Moms are encouraged but not required to attend.
Register for either campout on the Events page at westpca.com. Cost is \$35 with a max \$55/family/campout. Contact Chad (boys) or Andrea (girls) Fox with questions (chad.andrea.fox@gmail.com).
- **Get ready to blast off for Space Mission VBS**, July 20–23, 9 AM–noon. Register your astronauts now or sign up to join the Space Crew on the Events page at westpca.com. Childcare is provided for volunteers! All VBS-related questions may be directed to VBS Coordinator Alyssa Davies (davies@westpca.com).
- **We aim to fill the following part-time staff positions** by June in anticipation of the departure of our current staff for missionary service:
ESL Coordinator: this 16 hour/week position leads the Tuesday night ESL Ministry with over 200 students and 30 volunteers during the school calendar year.
Missions Assistant: this 10 hour/week position assists the Great Commission Coordinator with many of the responsibilities of WPC's Missions Ministry.
For both positions, find job descriptions at westpca.com/job-opportunities. Send inquiries and a resume to Pastor York (york@westpca.com) **by April 30**.

Pastoral Staff

Dr. Christopher Walker
Senior Pastor

Rev. Steven Light
*Associate Pastor/
Congregational Care*

Rev. Scott Johnston
*Assistant Pastor/
Visitation*

Dr. Tucker York
Executive Pastor

Rev. Eric N.
*Associate Pastor/
Missions & Outreach*

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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Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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