



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 25, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "Let this be then the conclusion of all together, that we will suffer our goods to be taken away, our name, our life, and all that we have; but the Gospel, our faith, Jesus Christ, we will never suffer to be wrested from us" (Martin Luther).

PRELUDE	<i>Fantasia of Praise</i> (Hymns 53 & 100)	arr. S. Pethel
	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i> (Hymn 251)	arr. J. Curnow
	<i>Nothing but the Blood/Jesus Paid It All</i>	arr. J. Anderson
	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> (Hymn 295)	arr. E. Hogan
	Brass Triumphant	

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP: * Hebrews 10:19–25 (UNISON)

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

Rev. Collins

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #38

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
- 2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

3. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CONFESSION OF SIN * (Led by Pastor)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Psalm 18:27–30

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 3

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!

For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.

For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God with me.

To God all praise and glory!

COMMUNICANTS RECEIVED (see page 5)

BELIEVERS' BAPTISM (8:00) Etienne Dillman

(11:00) Haleigh Fanus; Jeremiah Inion; Bienvenue (Ben) Walker;
Camden Gunter

HYMN 359: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*, stanzas 1 & 2

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before the Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (8:00) Todd Williams (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

He Hideth My Soul (Hymn 175)
Brass Triumphant

arr. F. Lopez

God, in the Gospel of His Son #141

1. God, in the gospel of his Son, makes his eternal counsels known; where love in all its glory shines, and truth is drawn in fairest lines.
2. Here sinners of a humble frame may taste his grace, and learn his name; may read, in characters of blood, the wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.
3. The pris'ner here may break his chains; the weary rest from all his pains; the captive feel his bondage cease; the mourner find the way of peace.
4. Here faith reveals to mortal eyes a brighter world beyond the skies; here shines the light which guides our way from earth to realms of endless day.
5. O grant us grace, almighty Lord, to read and mark your holy word; its truths with meekness to receive, and by its holy precepts live.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 2:1–10 (Pew Bible Page 972)

SERMON

Unity and Division under the Gospel

Dr. Chris Walker

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

HYMN (overleaf) *

He Will Hold Me Fast

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *Father Give Thy Benediction*

ALLA TRINITA BEATA

POSTLUDE

'Dorian' Toccata in D minor, BWV 538

J. S. Bach

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

We welcome Brass Triumphant. In 1985, five brass players who regularly played for Youth for Christ musicals in Harrisburg, PA, started a brass ensemble that would minister to churches in the local area. Since then, Brass Triumphant has grown to almost a dozen musicians, including Westminster member Mike Stahl. Players come from different towns and churches throughout the central Pennsylvania area. Their sole purpose in playing is to glorify and honor the Lord Jesus Christ.

2024 Communicant Members

Koen Allgyer, Kaitlyn Barrall, Emma Barry, Pearson Budaj, Stewart Carter, Kaylie Carwile, Rebecca-Pum Thian Cing, William Daughtrey, Etienne Dillman, Haleigh Fanus, Bennett Heisey, Jeremiah Inion, Biangwa Mmbambwa, Barack Mukandama, Hudson Rogers, Nathaniel Rohal, Marina Scotten, Emma Stiles, Jay Waldo, Bienvenue (Ben) Walker, Drew Walker

Also being received into membership: Camden Gunter

Children of the Covenant

The rosebuds announce our newest Children of the Covenant:

Noah Richard Asallam, son of Lee & Patrick Winters, born July 5, 2020, adopted February 12, 2024.

Judah Anderson, son of Lauren & Mike Bredin, born February 16, 2024

Noelle Joanna, daughter of Carrie & Ben Hagan, born February 16, 2024

(Overleaf Hymn)

He Will Hold Me Fast

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1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

REFRAIN: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last; bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *REFRAIN*
3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast 'till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *REFRAIN*

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 library (located across the Gathering

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 Janice Schutsky in loving memory of family members; and in loving memory of Lisa Trois-Cole from James Adams and Aunt JeAnn.

United in Marriage

The marriage of member Cindy Mott and Jonathan Rust took place in our Sanctuary on February 17, 2024. Pray for the couple as they begin their new life together.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Mr. Chase Reed (young adult intern) preaches on Genesis 13:1–18, *Standing on the Promises*, #3 in a Series on Genesis—*God's Promises to Israel's Patriarchs: The Lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. There will also be a hymn sing.

SEARCH FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Westminster has begun a search for a full-time Children's Ministry Director to coordinate all programs for infants through Grade 6. A vision to communicate Christ to children and strong skills in organization, communication, and recruiting volunteers are needed. Send resume to Paul Rogers, Search Committee Chairman, (paul.rogers@westpca.church) by March 31. Job description available at westpca.com/job-opportunities.

LIVING WATER

FOR A DRY AND THIRSTY LAND

Information, Registrations, Complete Conference Schedule:
westpca.com/outreach/mc and on the **WPC App under Events**

Conference Booklets are available at the kiosks. This valuable resource includes detailed information about our conference events and a 2024 missionary directory. Please take one per family and keep throughout the year to acquaint yourself with and pray for our missionary family.

The Missions Conference Offering will be split equally between: **Streams of Living Water's general fund**, with a mission to recruit, train, and send believers from the Middle East and North Africa to reach least-accessed people groups in the Arab world for Christ; and **production costs for seven new Christian video programs in North Africa**, which will serve to teach and encourage believers and evangelize Muslim communities by explaining the Christian faith. Visit the website for further details and to give online. Use the Missions Conference envelope in your box or write "Missions Conference" on a pew envelope for check/cash donations.

Missions & Me project books are due TODAY! Turn them in at the Missions & Me display in the front hallway outside Room 116. Children can pick up their books and mission dollars at the Missions & Me display at the Mission Fare this Saturday, **March 2**. Come to the Mission Fare and participate in the *Where's Water? Course* for a prize! Memorize the Bible verses (John 4:13-15) to recite at the Mission Fare and receive two Mission Dollars. Children's activities and nursery are offered from 6-7 PM.

Inviting ALL Women: The Women's Missionary Fellowship will be held this Thursday, February 29, 9:15-11:15 AM. This is a relaxed opportunity to visit with WPC-supported missionaries over light refreshments. Childcare is available for pre-school children. **RSVP by TOMORROW, February 26, at westpca.com/events/missionary-fellowship.**

The next Men's Breakfast is this Saturday, March 2, 8-9:30 AM. We will fellowship with missionary guests and hear from Rev. J. G. Zoellner. Boys 12 and older are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian. Coffee will be served at 7:45 AM. **Please register by TOMORROW, February 26.** Contact Dr. Cureton (cureton@westpca.com) with any questions.

Don't miss the Mission Fare on Saturday, March 2, 3:30-7 PM! Mission displays, seminars, youth activities for K-12, and a meal (\$8 person/maximum \$30/household, as supply lasts) are planned. Reference the web site or your conference booklet for event times and locations.

Youth Dessert and Discussion for Grades 7-12, during the Mission Fare, 6-7 PM, will be in Room LL11-13. Sam and Elizabeth Goodwin will share about the rewards and hardships of being a missionary, the importance of missions, and practical steps to get involved in missions.

Sunday school classes will host missionary guests next week. Adults should go to their winter quarter Sunday school class. The Reformation Room class meets in the Gym classrooms and Room 103.

Ministry Highlights

- **Invest in your marriage at the Homebuilders Couples Retreat**, April 5–7, at Linck Inn in Morris, PA. The cost is \$375 per couple which includes 5 meals and a private room. **Register at westpca.com/events/retreat by TODAY to receive an early bird discount** of \$25 off. Email Dave Kieffer with questions (kieffer@westpca.com).
- **LAST CALL for Andrew Peterson Concert tickets before they are released to the public.** Get them in the Gathering Space **TODAY** before or after each service, including the evening service. The concert will be held on Saturday, April 27, at 7 PM.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is chicken patties.** Dinner is available 5–6:30 PM. Tell us on your Connect Card or RSVP online by noon on Monday (westpca.com/wednesday) if you plan to attend.
- **Join us this Wednesday for the 2024 Lenten Series, *The Glory of Christ*, Wednesdays**, through March 20, 6:45–7:30 PM. Look for a flyer at the Information Desk, in the kiosks, online at westpca.com/lent or on the WPC App.
- **The spring Sunday school elective sheet** is available at the information counter, on the website at westpca.com/adults, and on the WPC App under events. **Register by next Sunday, March 3.**
- **New Members Class begins March 10, 9:30 AM.** For ten weeks we consider the basics of the Christian faith and Reformed doctrine, what it means to be a member of a church, and how to get involved here at Westminster. The classes are required for church membership, but you are not obligated to join by taking them. Please sign up by filling out the Sunday school elective sheet and return it to the tray on the registration counter; or you may register on the website at westpca.com/adults or on the WPC App under events.
- **We've changed our electronic giving platform back to Breeze.** We ask those that currently use scheduled electronic giving to follow the video instructions found westpca.com/give to make the switch from Subsplash to Breeze. Please contact the church office if you need assistance.



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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