



February 18, 2024

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: 'The Gospel is not man's good news about God; it is God's good news for man" (Philip Graham Ryken).

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Almighty King (Hymn 101)

arr. P. Keveren

At the Cross

arr. R. Coleman

Abide with Me (Hymn 402)

arr. B. Olstad

Iva Yen, violin Frank Dodd, piano

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Kieffer

CALL TO WORSHIP: * *Doxology* (Hymn 731)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

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

Lift High the Cross #263

- 1. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world
adore his sacred name. Come, brethren, follow where our Savior
trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**
- 2. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world
adore his sacred name. Led on their way by this triumphant
sign, the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.**
- 3. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world
adore his sacred name. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou has promised, draw men unto thee.**
- 4. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world
adore his sacred name. Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair
may cease beneath the shadow of its healing peace.**

**5. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world
adore his sacred name. For thy blest cross which doth for us
atone, creation's praises rise before thy throne.**

CONFESSON OF SIN * Adapted from Psalm 25

**To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to
shame. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to
your steadfast love remember me for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

**For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt for it is great. My eyes are ever
toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.**

**May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Isaiah 55:7–11

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSON OF FAITH: * Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 3–4

3. Q. What is the Word of God?

**A. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the
only rule of faith and obedience.**

4. Q. How does it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

**A. The Scriptures show themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and
purity, by the unity of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to
give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert
sinners, to comfort and build up believers toward salvation. But the Spirit of
God, bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of a man, is alone
able to convince it fully that they are the very Word of God.**

SONG OF PRAISE * Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me, Hymn 499, stanzas 2 & 3

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could
my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin
could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked,
come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to
the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

ANTHEM (11:00)

O How Majestic
Primary & Junior Choirs

R. E. Schram

MISSIONS MOMENT

Bob Hivner

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)

Softly and Tenderly (Hymn 479)

arr. D. Holck

Mark Espenshade, baritone Jaden Espenshade, piano

OFFERTORY (11:00)

From the Ends of the Earth

A. Hovhaness

Sanctuary Choir

HYMN (overleaf) *

Speak, O Lord

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 1:11–24 (Pew Bible Page 972)

SERMON

**The Gospel:
Human Invention or God's Revelation?**

Dr. Dave Kieffer

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

The Church's One Foundation #347

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word: from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4. The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend, to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end; though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale, against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *Father Give Thy Benediction*

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POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross (Hymn 263)

arr. C. Hamlin

*Worshipers, 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

(Overleaf Hymn)

Speak, O Lord

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness; that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.
2. Teach us Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths un-changed from the dawn of time, that will echo down thro' eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises. And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. Tucker York preaches on Genesis 12:10–20, Father Abraham's Failure and Deliverance, #2 in a Series on Genesis—God's Promises to Israel's Patriarchs: The Lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **Communion will be served.**

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 Marlene Varner and daughters Sharon Winters and Lynn Shenk, in loving memory of husband and father Gary Varner; and by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swarr, in loving memory of their son, Peter.

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 www.westpca.com/job-opportunities.

Missions Conference

The 2024 Missions Conference, *Living Water for a Dry and Thirsty Land*, will be held February 28–March 3, with the Mission Fare on Saturday, March 2, 3:30–7 PM.

Conference booklets are distributed after the morning worship services today and are also available at the kiosk outside of the Reformation Room. 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 & Me Final Check-In is NEXT SUNDAY, February 25. **Children turn in their books** along with the last activity page at the display. The books can be picked up with any rewards at the Missions & Me table at the Mission Fare Saturday, March 2.

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.

Ministry Highlights

- **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 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.
- **Join us this Wednesday for the 2024 Lenten Series, *The Glory of Christ*, Wednesdays, February 14–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.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is chicken tenders.** Dinner is available 5–6:30 PM. Tell us on your Connect Card or RSVP online by noon on Monday (www.westpca.com/wednesday) if you plan to attend.
- **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 February 25 to receive an early bird discount** of \$25 off. Email Dave Kieffer with questions (kieffer@westpca.com).
- **Westminster Music presents Andrew Peterson live in concert on Saturday, April 27, 7 PM.** To prioritize our members and regular attenders, concert tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Space TODAY and next Sunday, February 25 (AM and PM). Tickets cost \$25 per person, payable by cash or check (make out to WPC). After February 25, any remaining tickets will be made available online to the public and will include a processing fee. Contact Nancy Kuch (kuch@westpca.com) with questions.
- **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 at www.westpca.com/give to make the switch from Subsplash to Breeze. Please contact the church office if you need assistance.

Pastoral Staff

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