



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 26, 2023

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: “Young man, be of good courage. Care not for what the world says or thinks—you will not be with the world always. Can man save your soul? No. Will man be your judge in the great and dreadful day of account? No. Can man give you a good conscience in life, a good hope in death, a good answer in the morning of resurrection? No! no! no! Man can do nothing of the sort. Then ‘fear not the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their revilings, for the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool,’ Isaiah 51:7–8”
(J.C. Ryle, *Thoughts for Young Men*).

PRELUDE

<i>Pièce d'Orgue</i> , BWV 572	J. S. Bach
<i>Blessed Jesus, at Your Word</i> , BWV 731	J. S. Bach
(Hymn 303)	
Jaden Espenshade, organ	

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Chris Walker

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

**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

Dr. Walker

HYMN (overleaf) *

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
(November Hymn of the Month)

HELMSLEY

CONFESSION OF SIN *

Almighty God, when exposed by the searchlight beam of Scripture, we are shocked to see how far we stray from you. With the gospel of grace ringing in our ears from Sunday, we still bow before idols of gold on Monday. We claim that you seem distant, though we are the ones who are lazy about prayer. We have trusted our own senses more than sure promises of your Word. Father—thank you for substituting Christ’s faithfulness in place of our poor performance! We rest in Jesus’ cleansing blood and powerful resurrection. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE: * 1 Timothy 1:15–16

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)

GREATOREX

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.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, Hymn 359, 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.

ANTHEM (11:00)

Ubi Caritas
Sanctuary Choir

O. Gjeilo

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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Mark Espenshade, baritone Jaden Espenshade, piano

arr. A. L. Page

O Father, You Are Sovereign #75

1. O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made; your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed. Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore, sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.
2. O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man; no pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan. All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space, you hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.
3. O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain, transmuted earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain. All evil overruling, as none but conqu'ror could, your love pursues its purpose—our soul's eternal good.
4. O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now, but soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow. With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew: our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Proverbs 29:25

SERMON

In God We Trust

Rev. Matt Collins

#19 in a Series on Proverbs—*Wisdom: Living Life in the Fear of the Lord*

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus #679

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word; just to rest upon his promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord." Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!
2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood; just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

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OVER

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

Joy and Peace Surround You

G. Grier, L. Everson

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymn 53)

J. G. Walther

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organists: Jaden Espenshade, Jonathan Humbert

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. Chris Walker preaches on Colossians 3:16–17, *Thanks Giving...All the Time!*, #12 in a series on Colossians—*In Christ All Things Hold Together*. A musical offering will be played by Tom Elliott, *trombone*.

Please note: Communion will be observed at both morning worship services next Sunday, December 3.

Child of the Covenant

The rosebud announces our newest Child of the Covenant:

Florence Eleanor Klazinga, daughter of Sarah & Justin Klazinga, born November 10, 2023.

(Overleaf Hymn)

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!

New Members Fall 2023



Cheryl Barron



Bobbie Braksator



Carson Brandon



Kirsten Brandon



David Christner



Ruth Christner



Jacob Huntington



Hannah Inion



Bobby Johnson



Celeste Johnson



Andrew Lefever



Anne Lefever



Angie Lohr



Tom Lohr



Mo Michalski



Holly Olsen

New Members Fall 2023



Steve Olsen



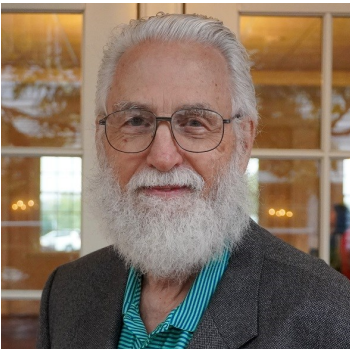
Janice Pletscher



Mike Ressler



Sue Ressler



Gordon Stamper



Marion Stamper



Marvin Trim



Willem
van Harskamp

Not pictured:

Liz Liu

Patrick Wang

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 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 by Kevin and Nancy Snoke in memory of Nancy's parents, Charles and Naomi Hoffman, her sister, Beth Ann Hoffman, and Kevin's mother, Ingeborg Snoke; and by Tom and Beth Peazzoni in loving memory of their parents, Tom and Amy Peazzoni and Carl and Darlene Huber.

Special Offerings

Westminster's Session has designated the 2023 Thanksgiving Offering to support the Benevolence Fund. This fund is drawn upon to meet confidential needs of members in our congregation. Use the "Thanksgiving Offering" envelope, mark a gold pew envelope "Thanksgiving," or give online at westpca.com/give.

Session has designated the 2023 Christmas offering to be split between:

- **Korah Kids School**, where missionary Molly De Bruin serves. Located in a trash dump community in Ethiopia, the school serves at-risk children who would otherwise receive no education. Morning devotions and weekend Bible clubs with the children are an essential part of the school's ministry.
- **A partnering seminary's highly sensitive "Project M,"** which will enable believers in a closed country to receive theological training in their own heart language.

Use the "Christmas Offering" envelope, mark a gold pew envelope "Christmas," or give online at westpca.com/give.

Ministry Highlights

- **The Kieffers are hosting a REFRESH lunch after the 11 AM service TODAY**, at their home (2634 Beechwood Road, 17601). All college-age young adults are welcome. We will make it a quick meal for those who need to head back to school, but you are welcome to stay longer and fellowship.
- **This week's dinner entrée is meatball subs.** Dinner is available 5–6:20 PM. Tell us on your Connect Card or RSVP online by noon on Monday (www.westpca.com/wednesday) if you plan to attend. Cost is \$5 per person, aged 6 and older, maximum \$15 per household. **The last fellowship night for the year is next Wednesday, December 6.** Wednesday evening dinner, kids clubs, and Bible study groups will resume on January 10.
- **The winter Sunday school elective sheet** is available at the information counter, on the website at westpca.com/adults, and on the WPC App under events. **Please register by TODAY.** The winter quarter begins December 3.
- **Advent services begin Sunday, December 3.** Pick up a flyer at the information center or kiosk for information on the upcoming Advent service series. You may also visit westpca.com/church-events or the WPC App.

SEARCH FOR PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Westminster seeks a full-time Pastor of Congregational Care. The new pastor will fill many of Pastor Cureton's duties as he transitions to cover Pastor Light's counseling responsibilities. Pastor Light will retire at the end of January 2024. Please help us spread the word and direct interested candidates to our job description and application found at www.westpca.com/job-opportunities. Inquiries and recommendations may be sent to Pastor York (york@westpca.com).

SEARCH FOR WOMEN'S COUNSELOR

Westminster seeks a part-time Women's Counselor to provide biblically based counsel for women and to assist the pastoral staff with counseling needs. The job description and application can be found at www.westpca.com/job-opportunities. Inquiries and applications may be sent to Dr. Walker (walker@westpca.com). The deadline to apply is January 15, 2024. Dr. Joan McConnell is devoting the majority of her time to serve Harvest USA, a supported ministry of Westminster, but will continue to provide counseling to the women of our church during this season of transition. We are grateful for Dr. McConnell's faithful service to Westminster!

Pastoral Staff

Dr. Christopher Walker
Senior Pastor

Dr. John Light
Senior Associate Pastor

Dr. Tucker York
Executive Pastor/Missions

Dr. David Kieffer
*Associate Pastor/Discipleship &
Outreach*

Dr. Barry Cureton
*Associate Pastor/Shepherding &
Visitation*

Rev. Matthew Collins
Associate Pastor/Youth

Dr. Michael Rogers
Pastor Emeritus



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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