



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 19, 2023

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: “Proverbs 12:19 uncovers the underlying difference between truthful and false speech. Truthful speech, because it is rooted in the very character of God himself, is eternal. Once spoken, it does not change or decrease in value. But lies change and fade quickly. Like all sin, they may appear true or profitable in the short run (thus their popularity), but that fantasy cannot endure for long” (Anthony Selvaggio).

PRELUDE

Pastorale
O Great God (Hymn 44)
Alleluia
Flute Choir

A. Vivaldi
arr. J. M. Sellers
arr. V. Jicha

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. 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

(8:00) Dr. Kieffer, (11:00) Rev. Collins

Now Thank We All Our God #98

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with
countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. May this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with
ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us
in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all
ills in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son,
and him who reigns with them in highest heaven — the one
eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is
now, and shall be evermore.

CONFESSION OF SIN *

Faithful God, you are true to every word you have uttered. You are perfectly holy, righteous, and just. You keep every promise you have made with perfect faithfulness. When we look at the cross, we see the cost of keeping your promises to redeem your people while still being true to your justice, which demands that sin be punished with death. You took the penalty of my sin in my place, that I might be saved.

And yet, Lord, how quickly I hide the truth or hedge the truth to protect myself or promote my own good. I am easily tempted to turn to lies, exaggerations, half-truths, manipulation, and deceit; how easy it is for me to not uphold my word or to show partiality. Holy Spirit, convict me of sin and bring me right back to the cross of Christ, that I might be forgiven through faith in the one who died for me. I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * 1 Peter 1:17–21

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.

COVENANT BAPTISMS (11:00)

Meara Elyse Cawood, born January 12, 2021, & **Liesel Alice Cawood**, born May 23, 2023, daughters of Nate & Abbie Cawood.

Henry Mitchell Collins, son of Matt & Sue Collins, born August 8, 2023.

Jack Winston Haddon Ortiz, son of Daniel & Cassandra Ortiz, born August 2, 2023.

ANTHEM (11:00)

Prayer to the Trinity

H. Hinnant

Sanctuary Choir Colton Henry, horn

INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(8:00) Ben Barrall, (11:00) Bob Hivner

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

We Plow the Fields and Scatter (Hymn 714)
Frank Dodd, organ

arr. M. Archer

Thou Art the Way #154

- 1. Thou art the Way: to thee alone from sin and death we flee; and he who would the Father seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.**
- 2. Thou art the Truth: thy Lord alone true wisdom can impart; thou only canst inform the mind, and purify the heart.**
- 3. Thou art the Life: the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm, and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.**
- 4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that Way to know, that Truth to keep, that Life to win, whose joys eternal flow.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Proverbs 12:19–20

SERMON

Truth: Wisdom's Compass

Dr. Chris Walker

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

HYMN (overleaf)* *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *The Grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ* J. Mitcheltree

POSTLUDE *'Sinfonia' from Cantata 29: 'We Thank Thee, God'* 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

Flute Choir: Tanya Belousov, Marcia Blome, Heidi Hendrix, Lynn Rohal, Amy Sears, Jill Trimbath

Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. Dave Kieffer preaches on Colossians 3:12–15, *Dressed Like Royalty*, #11 in a series on Colossians—*In Christ All Things Hold Together*. A musical offering will be played by the Jubilate Ringers.

Join us for Food & Fellowship after tonight's evening service. In an effort to foster more fellowship together, we will periodically offer snacks after the evening service. We encourage you to join us for worship tonight at 6 PM and to stay for Food & Fellowship afterwards!

Child of the Covenant

The rosebud announces our newest Child of the Covenant:

Calvin Isaiah Herdter, son of Beth & Garrett Herdter, born November 10, 2023.

There will be no fellowship dinner, clubs, Bible studies, or Library hours (morning or evening) on November 22. Wednesday Fellowship Nights will be held November 29 and December 6, and then take a break until January 10.

(Overleaf Hymn)

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

1. My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain; who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again; who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in his light, and wrote his law of righteousness with power upon my heart.
2. My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside; who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly; whose every promise is enough for every step I take; sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.
3. My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above; whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love. For every day I have on earth is given by the King. So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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 Doris Lownsbery in loving memory of her husband, Charles Lownsbery, and her daughter-in-law, Lora Lownsbery; and by Ross and Sharon Ellison in loving memory of their parents, Edward and Irma Ellison and Paul and Selena Henny.

Truth: Wisdom's Compass

Proverbs on Truth, Honesty, and Justice

Wisdom is an attentiveness to God's Word, God's character, and God's created order in order to live life knowledgably and well as God intended it to be lived.

- 6:16–19 There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.
- 11:1 A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is his delight.
- 12:19–22 Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment. Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but those who plan peace have joy. No ill befalls the righteous, but the wicked are filled with trouble. Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight.
- 14:25 A truthful witness saves lives, but one who breathes out lies is deceitful.
- 16:11 A just balance and scales are the LORD'S; all the weights in the bag are his work.
- 16:28 A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.
- 24:23b Partiality in judging is not good.
- 26:18–20 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I am only joking!" For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.
- 26:28 A lying tongue hates its victims, and a flattering mouth works ruin.
- 30:5–6 Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.

Ministry Highlights

- **Singers are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir for the month of December.** Wednesday rehearsals are November 29, December 6, 13, and 20 from 7–9 PM in Music Room 203. Please contact Floyd Rawleigh (rawleigh@westpca.com) by **TOMORROW, Monday, November 20, to participate.**
- **The Nursery needs volunteers** to serve during Wednesday night clubs (6:30–7:30 PM), two helpers for the Thanksgiving Eve Service, and the morning worship services. If you can help, please contact Amanda Geib (geib@westpca.com).
- **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 NEXT Sunday, November 26. The winter quarter begins December 3.
- **Advent services begin Sunday, December 3.** Pick up a flyer TODAY on your way out from the worship service for information on the upcoming Advent service series. You may also visit westpca.com/church-events or the WPC App.

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!

A Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held this Wednesday, November 22, at 7 PM.

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.

*Get more information on these and other announcements in any of the following ways: our Westminster Announcements sheet, online at westpca.com/bulletin, in the weekly update sent via email, or on the WPC App. **To be added to the email update or to get more information on the WPC App, visit the Information Counter or contact the church office (717.569.2151).***

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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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