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**November 12, 2023**

**Worship Service**

**8 AM & 11 AM**

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

FOR REFLECTION: “Nearly all that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy” (C. S. Lewis).

PRELUDE

*Morning Dance*  
*And Can It Be* (Hymn 455)  
Westminster Ringers

C. Moglebust  
arr. J. W. Krug

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. York

CHORAL INTROIT

*Awake, Thou That Sleepest*

J. Mitcheltree

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

(8:00) Dr. Cureton, (11:00) Dr. Walker

### **How Firm a Foundation**

- 1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2. “Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
- 3. “When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your trouble to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**
- 4. “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my Sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

CONFESSION OF SIN \* *From The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*

**Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly, thou hast brought me to the valley of vision, where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory.**

**Let me learn by paradox that the way down is the way up, that to be low is to be high, that the broken heart is the healed heart, that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to have nothing is to possess all, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive, that the valley is the place of vision.**

**Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells, and the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine; let me find thy light in my darkness, thy life in my death, thy joy in my sorrow, thy grace in my sin, thy riches in my poverty, thy glory in my valley.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: \* *Isaiah 55:1-2*

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: \* *Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 110 & 111*

110. Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

**A. God forbids not only outright theft and robbery but also such wicked schemes and devices as false weights and measures, deceptive merchandising, counterfeit money, and usury; we must not defraud our neighbor in any way, whether by force or by show of right.\* In addition, God forbids all greed and all abuse or squandering of His gifts.**

111. Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?

**A. I must promote my neighbor's good wherever I can and may, deal with him as I would like others to deal with me, and work faithfully so that I may be able to give to those in need.**

SONG OF PRAISE \* *Be Thou My Vision* (Hymn 642, stanzas 3 & 4)

**Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity,  
thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r: raise  
thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance,  
now and always: thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of  
heaven, my treasure thou art.**

MISSIONS MOMENT

Charlene Park

ANTHEM (11:00)

*This Is My Father's World*

arr. J. Leavitt

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)

*God, Grant Me to Be Silent*

M. Hill

Matins Choir

OFFERTORY (11:00)

*Awake, My Soul*

E. Hagenburg  
Sanctuary Choir

**HYMN (overleaf) \***

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Selections from Proverbs on wealth and poverty (see page 5)

SERMON

***Trusting God with Wealth and Want***

Dr. Tucker York

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

## Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor #230

1. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor; thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.
2. Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man; stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'nward by thine eternal plan. Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.
3. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

### BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE \*

*The Grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ*

J. Mitcheltree

### POSTLUDE

(8:00) *A Celebration Fanfare*

S. H. Best

(11:00) *Marche Triomphale*

S. Karg-Elert

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### **At the Morning Worship Service:**

**Organists:** Jonathan Humbert, 8 AM; Frank Dodd, 11 AM

**Choral Director:** Floyd Rawleigh

**Westminster Ringers:** Eva Train, Jody O'Neal, Paula Smith, Karen Koch, Doris Nolt, Sherry Haverstick, Jan Schutsky, Audrey Epps, Kris Kroll, Peter Achor, Steve Nolt; Frank Dodd, *director*

**Primary & Junior Choirs:** Elsa Rogers and Bethany Hardin, *directors*; Beth Peazzoni, *piano*

**Overleaf Pianists:** Frank Dodd, 8 AM; Jessica Sheetz, 11 AM

## *Overleaf Hymn*

### How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure that he should give his only Son, to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders. Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there—until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast of anything—no gifts, no power, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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# Trusting God with Wealth and Want

## Proverbs on Wealth and Poverty

*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.*

### The Roots of Wealth & Poverty

- 6:10–11 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.
- 10:4 A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- 14:23 In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.
- 28:19 Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty.

### Practical Wisdom & Warnings

- 13:11 Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.
- 11:24 One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.
- 14:31 Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.
- 22:7 The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

### The End of Money

- 11:4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.
- 11:28 Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.
- 15:16 Better is a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble with it.
- 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.
- 22:2 The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the maker of them all.
- 28:6 Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.
- 30:8b  
(NIV) Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.

## 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** (*library is 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 Jim and Barb Landis in memory of their daughter, Krista, and Jim's parents, Lester and Mildred Landis; and in memory of Melvin (Gene) Carwile in honor of his birthday on November 19, given by his wife, Bettie, children and grandchildren.

## Children of the Covenant

**The rosebuds announce** our newest Children of the Covenant:

**Scarlett James Holbein**, daughter of Bridget & Shane Holbein, born October 31, 2023.

**Charlotte Flora Brennan**, daughter of Mallory & Gabriel Brennan, born November 2, 2023.

### **A Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on 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](http://westpca.com/give).

*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.*

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# Ministry Highlights

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- **The winter Sunday school elective sheet** is available at the information counter, on the website at [westpca.com/adults](http://westpca.com/adults), and on the WPC App under events. Please register by November 26. The winter quarter begins December 3.
- **Missionary prayer requests are available** after the services this morning. The printed version contains prayer requests for sensitive-area missionaries that aren't included in the WPC App.
- **This week's dinner entrée is chicken curry.** Dinner is available 5–6:20 PM. Tell us on your Connect Card or RSVP online by noon on Monday ([www.westpca.com/wednesday](http://www.westpca.com/wednesday)) if you plan to attend. Cost is \$5 per person, aged 6 and older, maximum \$15 per household.
- **On Tuesday, November 14 at 6 pm**, the Westminster Young Adults will be having a Friendsgiving. Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and thankfulness at the Barrys' home! For more information and to RSVP, visit [westpca.com/events/young-adults-friendsgiving](http://westpca.com/events/young-adults-friendsgiving). **RSVP by today.**

Get more information on these and other announcements in any of the following ways: our Westminster Announcements sheet, online at [westpca.com/bulletin](http://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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Church Office Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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