



October 22, 2023

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you" (C. S. Lewis).

"The thing we would remember from meeting a truly gospel-humble person is how much they seemed to be totally interested in us. Because the essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less" (Tim Keller).

PRELUDE

Piano Concerto No. 11 in D Major
I. Vivace

F. J. Haydn

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymn 457)

arr. S. Zylstra

Ross Ellison & Patricia Bleecker, pianists

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. York, (11:00) Dr. Light

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship #381

- 1. Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God; will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the spirit of the holy one comes down; brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**
- 2. Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumb'ring on the brink of woe; death is coming, hell is moving—can you bear to let them go? See our fathers and**

our mothers and our children sinking down;
brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all
around.

3. **Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him; will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin? Tell them all about the Savior—tell them that he will be found; sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**
4. **Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too; let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new. Then he'll call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down; Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.**

CONFESSION OF SIN * Responsive Reading from Psalm 32:1–7

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in
whose spirit there is no deceit.

**People: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all
day long.**

Leader: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried
up as by the heat of summer.

**People: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said,
“I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity
of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when
you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach
him.

**People: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you
surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Colossians 2:13–14

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *Heidelberg Catechism*, Questions 29, 31 & 32

29. Q. Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Savior?

A. Because He saves us from all our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.

31. Q. Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

32. Q. Why are you called a Christian?

A. Because I am a member of Christ by faith and thus share in his anointing, so that I may as prophet confess His Name, as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter reign with Him eternally over all creatures.

SONG OF PRAISE * *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (Hymn 295, stanza 4)

**Crown him the Lord of years; the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime: all hail,
Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me: thy praise
shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

COVENANT BAPTISMS

(8:00) **Nina Ruth Becker**, daughter of Sheldon & Jackie Becker, born June 24, 2023.

(11:00) **James Emerson and John Eugene DeWeese**, twin sons of Jackson & Victoria DeWeese, born May 8, 2023.

ANTHEM (11:00)

O How Amiable
Sanctuary Choir

R. Vaughn William

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.

One There Is, above All Others #186

- 1. One there is, above all others, well deserves the name of Friend; his is love beyond a brother's, costly, free, and knows no end. They who once his kindness prove find it everlasting love.**
- 2. Which of all our friends, to save us, could or would have shed his blood? But our Jesus died to have us reconciled in him to God. This was boundless love indeed; Jesus is a friend in need.**
- 3. When he lived on earth abased, "Friend of sinners" was his name. Now above all glory raised, he rejoices in the same; still he calls them brethren, friends, and to all their wants attends.**
- 4. Could we bear from one another what he daily bears from us? Yet this glorious Friend and Brother loves us though we treat him thus: though for good we render ill, he accounts us brethren still.**
- 5. O for grace our hearts to soften! Teach us, Lord, at length to love; we, alas! forget too often what a Friend we have above: but when home our souls are**
4 brought, we will love you as we ought.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Proverbs 11:2

SERMON

The Way Up Is Down

Dr. Chris Walker

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

Hymn (overleaf) *

All Glory Be to Christ

REDHEAD

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) *Sweet Would Be My Prayers*

C. Smith

POSTLUDE

Toccata on HYFRYDOL

C. Phillips

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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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 contributed by Bill Ziegler in memory of his mother, Eleanor Ziegler; and in loving memory of Timothy and Anne Gaul to commemorate their wedding anniversary by their daughter Moira.

At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

Two grand pianos remain on the Sanctuary platform from last night's *Westminster Music Series* concert and are being featured today in both our morning and evening worship services.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. John Light preaches on Colossians 2:11–15, *The Triumph of Jesus on the Cross*, #7 in a series on Colossians—*In Christ All Things Hold Together*. There will also be a hymn sing.

Hymn Overleaf

All Glory Be to Christ

1. Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive; unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive. To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me, what is your life? A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

REFRAIN: All glory be to Christ, our King, all glory be to Christ! His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

2. His will be done, his kingdom come, on earth as is above; who is himself our daily bread, praise him the Lord of love. Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price; we'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ! (*Refrain*)
3. When on the day the Great I AM, the Faithful and the True; the Lamb, who was for sinners slain, is making all things new. Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light, and we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ! (*Refrain*)

The Way Up Is Down

Proverbs on Pride and Humility

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

- 3:34 Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.
- 8:13 The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.
- 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.
- 15:33 The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.
- 16:5 Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished.
- 16:18–19 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- 22:4 The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.
- 26:12 Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 27:1–2 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.
- 29:23 One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.
- 30:11–14 There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers. There are those who are clean in their own eyes but are not washed of their filth. There are those—how lofty are their eyes, how high their eyelids lift! There are those whose teeth are swords, whose fangs are knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, the needy from among mankind.

Ministry Highlights

- **This week's dinner entrée is pizza.** 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.
- **Youth Fall Retreat is November 10–12 at High Point Camp.** Pick up a registration form in the youth room or register online at westpca.com/events/youth-fall-retreat **by this Wednesday, October 25.** Email Matt Collins (collins@westpca.com) or Jillian Roger (jillian@westpca.com) with questions.
- **Westminster offers a free CPR & AED training on Thursday, October 26, 6 PM.** Register at westpca.com/events/cpr-aed-training. When an AED is used, survival rates increase significantly compared to CPR only. Please take advantage of this free training to help protect our congregation and serve our community.
- **The 55+ Fellowship will meet for lunch this Friday, October 27,** at Diener's Country Restaurant in Ronks, PA. For further information and to register, go to the Registration Desk. Questions? Call Ann Deschler (717.581.5659).

United in Marriage

The marriage of members Jennifer Velencia and Curt Schulz took place in our courtyard on October 12, 2023.

The marriage of member Aaron Frey and Celine Nasser took place in our Sanctuary on October 14, 2023. Aaron is the son of Westminster members Rick and Lori Frey.

Pray for these couples as they begin their new lives together.

Child of the Covenant

The rosebud announces our newest Child of the Covenant:

Abel George Bleecker, son of Rachel & Dan Bleecker, born October 17, 2023.

If you desire to have a baby baptized, please contact Kris Martin at the church office to schedule (kris@westpca.com).



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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