



October 15, 2023

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: “Angry people always talk to the wrong person. They talk to themselves, rehearsing the failings of others. They talk to the people they’re mad at, reaming them out for real and imaginary failings. They talk to people who aren’t even involved, gossiping and slandering. But chaotic, sinful, headstrong anger starts to dissolve when you begin to talk to the right person—to your good Shepherd who sees, hears, and is mercifully involved in your life” (David Powlison).

PRELUDE

Concerto in D Major, RV 121

A. Vivaldi

I. Allegro molto II. Adagio III. Allegro

Nearer, My God to Thee/He Leadeth Me

arr. P. S. Jones

String Ensemble Rachel Sidebothom, oboe

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Cureton

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145:1–9

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

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

Wondrous King, All-Glorious #166

- 1. Wondrous King, all-glorious, sov’reign Lord
victorious, oh, receive our praise with favor! From
thee welled God’s kindness tho’ we in our blindness
strayed from thee, our blessed Savior. Strengthen
thou, help us now; let our tongues be singing, thee
our praises bringing.**
- 2. Heavens, spread the story of our Maker’s glory, all
the pomp of earth obscuring. Sun, thy rays be
sending, thy bright beams extending, light to all the
earth assuring. Moon and star, praise afar him who
glorious made you; the vast heavens aid you.**

3. O my soul, rejoicing, sing, thy praises voicing, sing, with hymns of faith adore him! All who here have being, shout, your voices freeing, bow down in the dust before him. He is God Sabaoth; praise alone the Savior, here and there forever.
4. Hallelujahs render to the Lord most tender, ye who know and love the Savior. Hallelujahs sing ye, ye redeemed, oh, bring ye hearts that yield him glad behavior. Blest are you endlessly; sinless there forever, ye shall laud him ever.

CONFESSON OF SIN *

Gracious God, you have not treated us as our sins deserved, but have looked on us with kindness and mercy for the sake of your Son. In Christ, you have forgiven us for turning away from you and for sinning against you. And yet, we who have been forgiven so much are still quick to condemn others. Our anger is sparked by the smallest offense. We let it fester and build into bitterness. We wound with our words and spread gossip about those who have hurt us.

Father, forgive us. Would your Spirit change our hearts and make us quick to forgive and quick to use our words to heal and to bless? May our love for one another cover over a multitude of sins. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Romans 5:6-9

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 * *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (Hymn 295, stanza 3)

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise: his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc-ed feet fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

ANTHEM (11:00)

Sing a New Song!

B. Nix

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)

Speak, O Lord

arr. L. Larson

Stephanie Magaro, soprano

OFFERTORY (11:00)

Come Find His Rest

arr. D. Forrest

Sanctuary Choir Allie Hayward, soloist String Quartet

Hymn (overleaf) *

Come My Soul, and Bless the Lord

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me #335

- 1. Gracious spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be; and with words that help and heal would thy life in mine reveal; and with actions bold and meek would for Christ my Savior speak.**
- 2. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would truthful be; and with wisdom kind and clear let thy life in mine appear; and with actions brotherly speak my Lord's sincerity.**
- 3. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would mighty be; mighty so as to prevail where unaided man must fail; ever by a mighty hope pressing on and bearing up.**
- 4. Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would holy be; separate from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be, give to him who gave me thee!**

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

(11:00) Sweet Would Be My Prayers

C. Smith

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

D. German

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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(Overleaf Hymn)

Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord

1. Come, my soul, and bless the Lord, all within me bless his name! Come, my soul, and bless the Lord; and forget not all his grace: all your sins the Lord forgives, all your sicknesses he heals. He redeems you from the pit; his compassion he reveals.
2. For the Lord is slow to wrath, full of mercy, full of grace. He abounds in steadfast love; will not chide for endless days. God will not retain his wrath, he will not repay our sins; he will never deal with us as our wickedness demands.
3. As the heav'ns are high above all the earth which God has made, so to those who fear the Lord is his loving-kindness great. Far as east is from the west, he removes so far from us, in his great, abounding love, all our guilt and wickedness.
4. His unfailing righteousness shall to children's children be, to the ones who cov'nant keep and his good commandments heed. God the Lord has set his throne; in the heavens it shall stand and his sov'reign kingdom rules over all at his command.
5. Bless the Lord, you angel hosts, mighty ones who do his word, who obey his voice and word; all his servants, bless the Lord! All his hosts who do his will, all his works in all his world bless the Lord in ev'ry place. Come, my soul, and bless the Lord!

Harmful Anger or Holy Anger?

Proverbs Applied to Anger

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.

- 14:17 A man of quick temper acts foolishly, and a man of evil devices is hated.
- 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- 15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention.
- 16:32 Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.
- 18:19 A brother offended is more unyielding than a strong city, and quarreling is like the bars of a castle.
- 19:11 Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.
- 19:19 A man of great wrath will pay the penalty, for if you deliver him, you will only have to do it again.
- 22:24–25 Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.
- 27:3–4 A stone is heavy, and sand is weighty, but a fool's provocation is heavier than both. Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?



UPDATE FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Westminster's Session is convening a meeting **TODAY during the Sunday School hour, 9:30–10:30 AM**. Adult Sunday School classes won't be held today. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the congregation with an update on building the Fellowship Hall, our capital campaign, and our overall progress in building our master plan. This time will also include prayer for God's continued wisdom and leading in this process. Additionally, **following the 11 AM service**, we will hold a brief groundbreaking ceremony and prayer for the Fellowship Hall beginning around 12:30 PM.

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 in loving memory of Dennis W. Martin by parents Ann and Lew Martin and sisters Lewanne Martin and Jolynn Shenk; and in loving memory of Betty Bower from her husband, Dave, and family.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. Chris Walker preaches on Colossians 2:6–10, *Rooted In and Built Up: A Description of Christian Maturity*, #6 in a series on Colossians—*In Christ All Things Hold Together*. A musical offering will be played by Betsy Swartz, violin.

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!

Ministry Highlights

- **Join us tomorrow, October 16, 7 PM**, in the Reformation Room for an evening with Ligonier Ministries and Reformation Bible College. Dr. Stephen Nichols will deliver a ministry update and host a Q&A session. The event is free. Refreshments and ministry resources will be provided. RSVP to president@reformationbiblecollege.org.
- **This week's dinner entrée is beef with broccoli.** 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.
- **Join us on Saturday, October 21, at 7 PM**, for the first concert in our 2023–2024 Music Series. Pianists Duane Funderburk and Jamie Rankin bring an energetic performance of concert and sacred pieces featuring two grand pianos, four hands, and two exquisitely talented musicians in a concert that is sure to delight all ages.
- **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.

SEARCH FOR PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Westminster has begun a search for 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).



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Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4 PM

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