



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday

8 AM & 11 AM

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

FOR REFLECTION: "A wise man's heart inclines him to the right, but a fool's heart to the left"
(Ecclesiastes 10:2).

PRELUDE	<i>Fantasia on 'A Mighty Fortress'</i> (Hymn 92)	arr. J. Curnow
	<i>Renew Thy Church</i> (Hymn 352)	arr. M. Wilberg
	Brass Quintet	

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Kieffer

CHORAL INTROIT *Awake, Thou That Sleepest* J. Mitcheltree

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION (8:00) Dr. Light, (11:00) Dr. Cureton

HYMN 351 *	<i>Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand</i>	KIRKEN DEN ER ET
	(October Hymn of the Month)	

CONFESSION OF SIN * Adapted from Psalm 77, Quotation from Psalm 77:7-9

Heavenly Father, oftentimes, when our external world begins to creak and crack and crumble, so does our internal world. We can begin to doubt your love and power. Pain, suffering, anxiety, fear, and anger can focus our attention on our problems instead of the One who is sovereign over our problems. Disturbing questions haunt us as they did the Psalm writer,

"⁷ Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? ⁸ Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? ⁹ Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?"

Oh Lord, help us to remember your deeds of old and ponder all your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. As with Israel, sometimes the path you set before us travels through a raging sea, not around it. As with Christ, the path to new life is through the cross. Help us to trust that you lead your people like a flock through the great waters even as your footprints are unseen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Jeremiah 29:11–13

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *Heidelberg Catechism*, Question 26

26. Q. What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father. In Him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity He sends upon me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.

SONG OF PRAISE * *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (Hymn 629, stanzas 1 & 2)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer!

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Hymn 92)

arr. D. Forrest

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing stanza 2 when directed:

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

Matins & Sanctuary Choirs Brass Sextet

Hymn 108 *

What'er My God Ordains Is Right

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SCRIPTURE LESSON: Selections from Proverbs (see page 4)

SERMON

***The Three Rs of Planning:
Responsibility, Results, and Resources***

Dr. Dave Kieffer

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

Hymn 598 *

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE *

The Grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

J. Mitcheltree

POSTLUDE

Toccata

E. Gigout

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At the Morning Worship Service:

Organist: Frank Dodd and Jonathan Humbert

Choral Director: Floyd Rawleigh

Brass: Jason Blome, Aaron Magaro, Colton Henry, Tom Elliott, Bruce Deisinger, Joel Mumma

The Three Rs of Planning: Responsibility, Results, and Resources

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.

Responsibility

- 28:19 Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty.
- 16:3 Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.
- 19:21 Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.
- 15:22 Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.
- 27:9 Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.

Results

- 10:3 The LORD does not let the righteous go hungry, but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.
- 10:24 What the wicked dreads will come upon him, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.
- 10:7 The memory of the righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.
- 10:25 When the tempest passes, the wicked is no more, but the righteous is established forever.
- 23:17 Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day.

Resources

- 14:26 In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.
- 14:27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.
- 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.
- 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

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 the van Harskamp family in loving memory of Johanna (Jo) van Harskamp who passed away on November 2, 2015; and by Alan Gible in loving memory of his wife, Marti Gible.

Evening Service: 6 PM

Dr. Tucker York preaches on Colossians 2:16–23, *The Antidote to Legalism*, #8 in a series on Colossians—*In Christ All Things Hold Together*. A musical offering will be played by Nathaniel Rohal, trumpet.

Westminster member Jeb Bland, serving with Mission to North America as the Coordinator of Native American and First Nations Ministries, will give a brief missions report during the evening service and will also bring a more detailed update following tonight's service at 7:15 PM, in the Reformation Room. There will be a time for question and answer. Light refreshments will be provided.

Westminster's Session will hold a meeting **on Sunday, November 5 immediately following the 11 AM service.** The purpose of this meeting is to elect the search committee for an Associate Pastor of Congregational Care. Session recommends the following names, representing Session and various congregational care ministries of the church:

Deb Butterworth
Vivian Ressler
Lois Bower
Susan Hagan
Larry Kuch

Bill Ziegler
Eric Conner
Kyle Hunt
Tucker York
Chris Walker

Ministry Highlights

- **This week's dinner entrée is fiesta chicken.** 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.
- **You're invited to join Love Life's Week 40 Celebrate Life prayer walk** in Lancaster on November 11. This is the last and largest prayer walk of the year where churches gather to celebrate what God has done and pray for our region and all those involved in abortion in our community. We will have two hours of worship, testimonies, prayer, and encouragement from local pastors. For more information, see our Westminster Announcements sheet.
- **Join us on Saturday, November 11, 8–9:30 AM, for a men's breakfast.** Dave Dykstra will teach on "The Betters of Wisdom." Boys 8 and older are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian. **Please register online at westpca.com/events/mens-breakfast by November 4.**

*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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