

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

January 17, 2021
10:30 A.M. Contemporary
Live Stream Worship



GATHERING THOUGHT

"As Christians, we profess belief in a God who never stops speaking to us. A God who longs to reveal God's self in love, mercy, healing, and hope. Moreover, we know that God's capacity to restore and resurrect has no limits. There is no place, time, circumstance, or situation that is beyond God's ability to redeem."

Debie Thomas

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy Is The Lord

Nehemiah 8:10, Isaiah 6:3

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We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength,
We bow down and worship Him now,
How great, how awesome is He, and together we sing,

Refrain: *Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory,
The earth is filled with His glory*

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength,
We bow down and worship Him now,
How great, how awesome is He,
And together we sing, everyone sing *(Refrain)*

It's rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown
And together we sing, everyone sing *(Refrain)*

Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory,
The earth is filled with His glory, the earth is filled with His glory

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, Holy, holy (4x)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Who Am I

Mark Hall

Who am I that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name; would care to feel my hurt
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way for my ever wandering heart.

Not because of who I am but because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done but because of who You are

Refrain: *I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am; I am Yours*

Who am I that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love and watch me rise again
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain and calm the storm in me.

Not because of who I am but because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done but because of who You are
(Refrain)

Not because of who I am but because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done but because of who You are
(Refrain)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN AND PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

.... Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, AMEN.

SHARING OUR GIFTS *Here I Am To Worship* John 8:12
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Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Refrain: *So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (*Refrain*)

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross (2x)
(*Refrain*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 Kathy Smedley

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1: 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

"First Impressions"

Ann Hatfield

SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus Lead On

Brent Helming,

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This is my cry, this is my song.
You are my guiding light when the way is unknown.
And when these sunny skies turn shades of gray,
I'll stay close by Your side as You lead the way.

Refrain: *Jesus, lead on, I will follow. Jesus lead on.
Let Your love light the way.
Jesus, lead on, I will follow. Jesus lead on.*

Hear now this cry. Hear now this song.
You are my guiding light for this journey I'm on.
And when my vision is clouded by the wind and the rain,
I'll stay close by Your side as You lead the way. *Refrain (2x)*

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING *Jesus Lead On* Brent Helming,
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Worship Band: Jon Frost, acoustic guitar; Ken McCord, bass guitar; Andy Reid, drums; Becky Reid, piano, Lisa Merrill, vocals.

Worship Schedule

Live Streaming Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:00am – Traditional Worship

10:30am – Contemporary Worship

Wednesdays: 9:10 – 9:30am – Service of Prayer and Communion

A Few Notes

Happening Today:

Celebrate Wonder KidsConnect (via Zoom) from 8:45-9:30am every Sunday as we honor the spiritual life of your children.

Journey Class this morning via zoom, 11:30 am

The Color of Compromise: Institutionalizing Race in the Antebellum Era/Defending Slavery at the Onset of the Civil War facilitated by Don Lincoln.

Middle School Creator Space via zoom – 4:00-4:45pm.

High School Creator Space via zoom – 7:00-7:45pm.

Upcoming Events:

MLK Jr. Service Project - Packing Bagged Lunches, *Drop off lunches, 9:30-11am Monday, Jan. 18.* We invite all families with children and youth to participate in our annual MLK Jr. Day project by packing bagged lunches. The lunches we pack together will be distributed to Safe Harbor, The Vine Ministry, and the WCU Resource Pantry. This year we are asking families to pack lunches in their own homes and deliver them to the church. Interested in participating? Bagged lunches can be dropped off at the church from 9:30-11am on January 18. If you have any questions, please reach out to Diane DeSieno-Lane or Chris Clark.

Tuesday Morning Fellowship, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Join us for Nick Tortorello's conversation entitled **What's Wrong with Political Polling.**

Pray in the Sanctuary, 12:00-3:30pm on Mondays and 10:00am-1:30pm on Fridays. You may reserve 30 minutes to come and pray in the sanctuary. To sign up type the following in your browser:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094caeab2baa8-prayer> or contact Barb Drain at bdrain@westminsterpc.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive, February 4 and 17, 12:00-6:00 p.m. in Spellman Hall. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the need for blood is greater than ever before, and giving blood is one of the most precious gifts you can give someone – the gift of life. Type the following into your computer browser to sign up: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and use sponsor code WPC.

Outreach Opportunities

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and we are collecting household items for Dawn's Place all month long. Place any of the following items in the marked bin outside near the entrances:

Large trash bags – 30 gallons
Dish washing detergent
Ziplock bags – 1 gallon
Disinfecting wipes
Swiffer Wet Jet refill
Bathroom cleaner spray
Hand soap
Furniture polish

Toilet paper
Kleenex
Paper towels
Napkins
Laundry detergent
Glass cleaner
Dryer sheets

Westminster Preschool

Preschool Registration for 2021-2022. Westminster's Preschool registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. Registration is online or through the mail because the Preschool is currently closed due to COVID-19.

Registration information was emailed to all interested families during the first week of January. Church members will receive priority registration but they must have their information submitted on or before Wednesday, January 20. Questions? Contact Jackie Steinmetz, our Director of the Preschool, at jsteinmetz@westminsterpc.org

FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 2020

General Fund – Missions and Church Operations

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% vs. Budget</u>
YTD Tithes and Offering	\$2,221,954	\$2,337,066	-5%
YTD Expenses	\$2,253,374	\$2,551,818	-12%

We want to sincerely thank you for keeping your General Fund pledges up to date; as you can see, this month tithes and offering have fallen short of what we expected and budgeted. We encourage you to keep up consistent giving, so that we can achieve 100% of our pledged support. Please consider electronic giving. Setting up your giving is simple through the “Donate” button on the “Give” page on the church website, or request an authorization form by contacting the church office.

Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of Westminster.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Live Streaming – Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship
- 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship

Live Streaming – Wednesday

- 9:10 a.m. - Prayer and Communion Worship

TEXT GIVING is available. You can give via your phone; it's easy, secure and instant. Start a new text message to 610-616-2826. Enter the dollar amount of your gift as the text. Send. First time givers are prompted to a link to enter credit/debit card information.

PRAYER CHAIN members receive a weekly list of prayer requests via email and members include them in their conversations with God. To have a prayer request included in the Prayer Chain or to become a member, contact Jeanne Klaver at jeanneklaver@gmail.com or fill out the prayer request form at www.westminsterpc.org.

TRANSCRIPTS, VIDEO AND AUDIO OF PREVIOUS SERMONS are available online at www.westminsterpc.org.

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Ministers of Jesus Christ	All the Members of the Congregation
Pastors	Jennie Clark, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield, Don Lincoln
Director of Music	Bob Morris
Associate Director of Music/Organist	Glenn Kinckner