

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

January 17, 2021
9:00 A.M. Traditional
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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PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

J.S. Bach

Joe Hrin, saxophone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 139)

Leader: O LORD, You have searched us and known us.

People: Before we move or think or speak, You know our actions and our words.

Leader: You breathed life into us, and shaped us in human form to serve Your purpose and sing Your praise.

People: We praise You for the gifts of substance and spirit, of acceptance and expectancy, of lineage and legacy.

Leader: How wonderful are Your thoughts, O God!

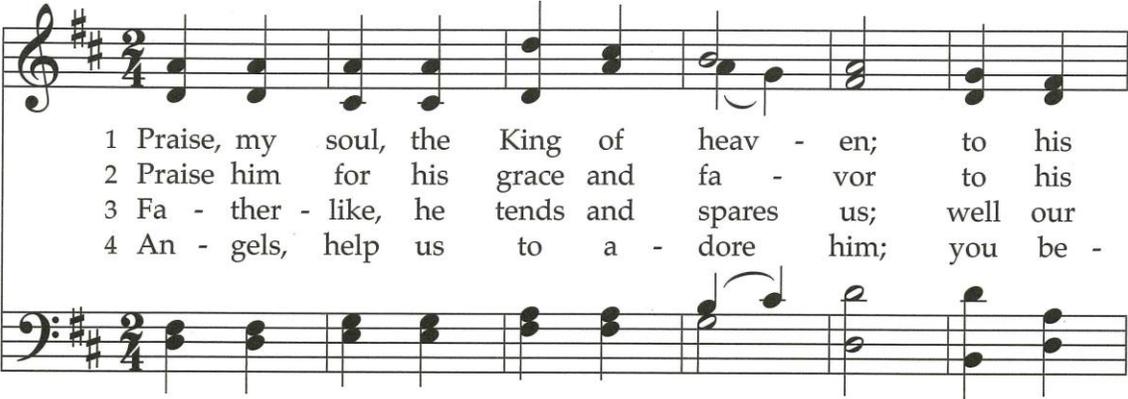
People: How vast is the expanse of Your grace and love!

Leader: Praise the LORD!

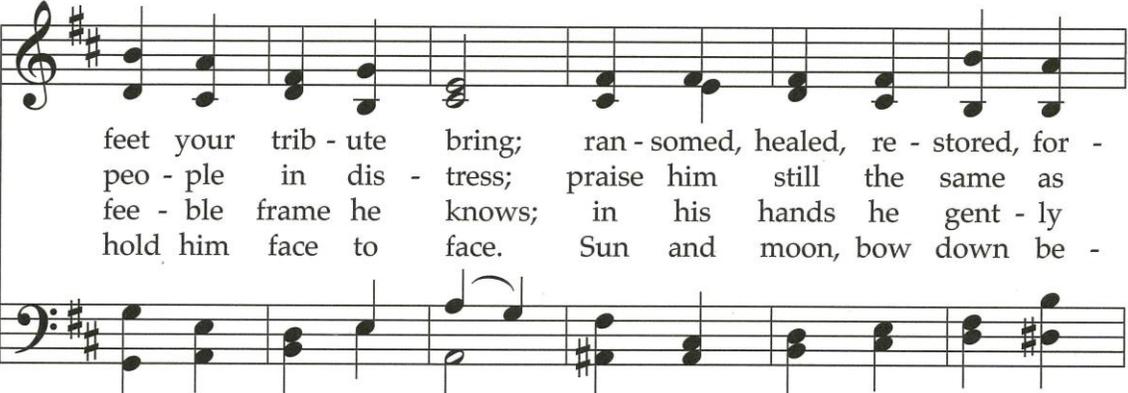
People: Let the LORD's name be praised!

HYMN #620

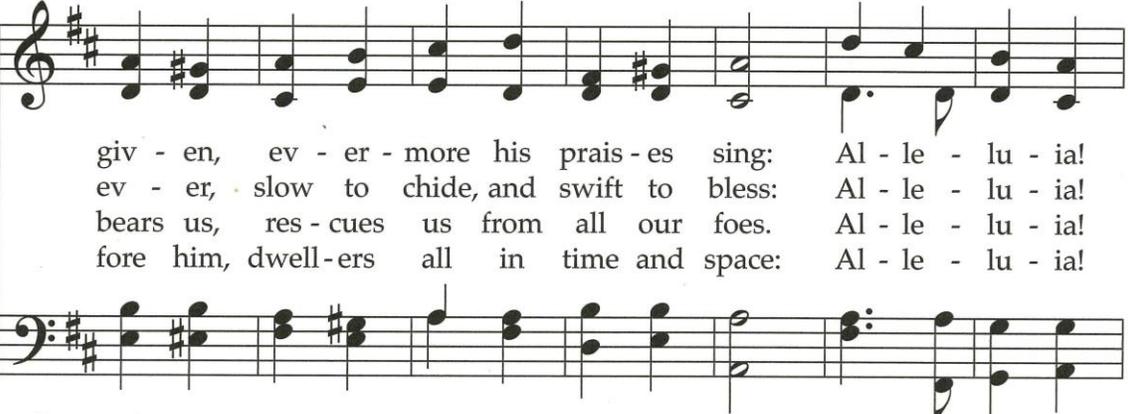
Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven



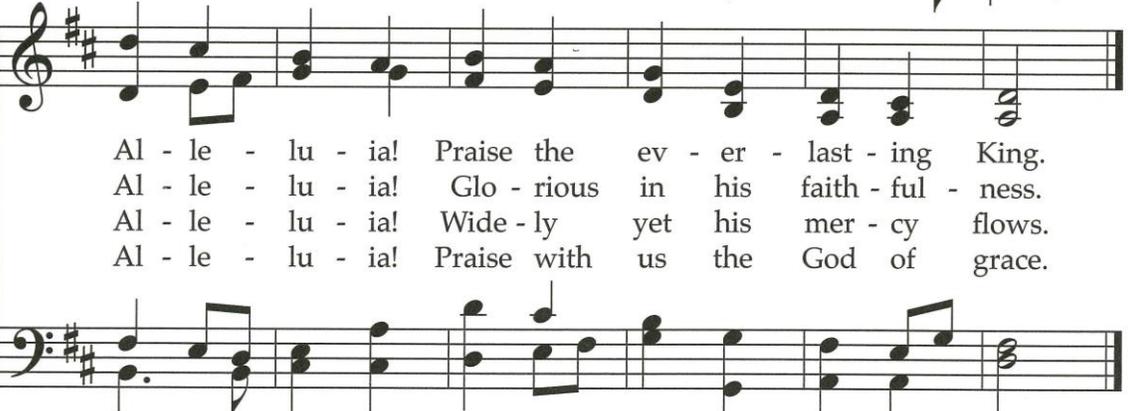
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -



feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -



giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are people divided against ourselves, as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world, as instruments of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. In whose name we pray.....(*time for us to offer silent prayers of confession.*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE #582 *Glory to God*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN AND PASSING THE PEACE

PASTORAL 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.

OFFERTORY *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* Larson

May the mind of Christ my savior live in me from day to day, by His love and pow'r controlling all I do and all I say. May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and pow'r.

May the peace of God my father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort the sick and sorrowing. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea, Christ exalting, self-abasing, for this is victory! May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as onward I will go!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, keep before us the vision of what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Use us and these gifts to share Your good news with every generation, that the whole world would know the depth and wonder of Your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

HYMN #697

Take My Life

1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fanfare and Canon on "Lobe Den Herren"* Blanchard

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

January 17, 2021, 9:45am via Zoom

Join us over Zoom for a short annual meeting for the purpose of voting on changes in the terms of call for installed pastors, 2021 budget overview, and receiving the 2020 Annual Report.

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.

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