



# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*November 21, 2021*  
*Morning Worship*  
*9:30 A.M.*

**The Prelude**

*All Good Gifts*  
(J. Purifoy)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
(Hymn #181, arr. Wagner)

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Preparation for Worship**

*Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver*  
(Hymn #184, vv. 1, 4)

Psalm 92:1-2, 4

**† The Call to Worship**

**Leader:** It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High. To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

**All:** For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands, I sing for joy.

**† The Hymn of Adoration**

*For All the Saints*

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**† The Invocation 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.

**† The Confession of Faith**

The 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.

\*this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.

\*\*"catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.

**† The Gloria Patri**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen.

**The Call to Repentance**

Proverbs 28:13-14, Church Bible, pg. 549

**The Silent Confession of Personal Sins**

## **The Corporate Confession of Sin**

O Lord God, who inhabits eternity, the heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches, and the universe is your temple. It pleased you to create us for your own glory, but we have fallen short. So we come to you in the all-prevailing name of Jesus, with nothing of our own to plead, no works, no worthiness, no promises. We are often straying, often opposing your authority, and often abusing your goodness. Subdue in us the love of sin, let us know our need for restoration as well as forgiveness, in order to serve and enjoy you forever. We thank you for Jesus, who saves us by his meritorious life and sacrificial death, and in whose name we pray. Amen. (Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

## **The Assurance of Pardon**

John 6:40, Church Bible, pg. 892

## **The Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 61:1-3, Church Bible, pg. 620

## **† The Psalter**

*O LORD, You Are the Righteous One*  
[Online Version](#)

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## **The Prayer of Intercession and Dedication**

Mr. Joe Steele

## **The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

## **The Offertory**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
(Runyon, arr. by Dan Forrest)

The Sanctuary Choir

## **The Prayer for Illumination**

## **The Proclamation of the Word of God**

Mr. Joe Steele

“Making Disciples: Proclamation and Provision”  
Luke 8:1-3

Church Bible, pg. 864

## **† The Hymn of Response**

*Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver*

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## **† The Benediction**

## **† The Doxology**

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## **† The Postlude**

*All Nature’s Works His Praise Declare*  
(Col. 1:10, L. Smith)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

*Unison*

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
 3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
 4. O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we  
 5. And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 • fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
 fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 • win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest.  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

William Walsham How, 1864, 1875

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10. al.  
R. Vaughan Williams, 1906  
Tune from the *English Hymnal* by permission of Oxford University Press

## Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver

1. Lord, you love the cheer - ful giv - er, who with o - pen heart and hand  
 2. We are thine, thy mer - cy sought us, found us in death's dread - ful way,  
 3. Blest by thee with gifts and grac - es, may we heed thy church -'s call;  
 4. Sav - ior, thou hast free - ly giv - en all the bless - ings we en - joy,

bless - es free - ly, as a riv - er that re - fresh - es all the land.  
 to the fold in safe - ty brought us, nev - er - more from thee to stray.  
 glad - ly in all times and plac - es give to thee who giv - est all.  
 earth - ly store and bread of heav - en, love and peace with - out al - loy;

Grant us then the grace of giv - ing with a spir - it large and free,  
 Thine own life thou free - ly gav - est as an of - fring on the cross  
 Thou hast bought us, and no lon - ger can we claim to be our own;  
 hum - bly now we bow be - fore thee, and our all to thee re - sign;

that our life and all our liv - ing we may con - se - crate to thee.  
 for each sin - ner whom thou sav - est from e - ter - nal shame and loss.  
 ev - er free and ev - er strong - er, we shall serve thee, Lord, a - lone.  
 for the king - dom, pow'r, and glo - ry are, O Lord, for - ev - er thine.



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*November 21, 2021*

*Evening Worship*

*6:00 P.M.*

**The Prelude**

*Hymn of Grateful Praise*  
(Hymn #249, arr. Taylor)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

*Let All Things Now Living*  
(Hymn #254, arr. Purifoy)

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**† Call to Worship**

Psalm 98:7-9

**Leader:** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

**All:** He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**† The Hymn of Praise**

*O Worship the King*

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**† The Invocation**

**Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs**

Psalm of the Month

*Unless the Lord the House Shall Build*

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**† Hymn**

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

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**The Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 78.

**Leader:** What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

**All:** The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbor's, good name.

**The Prayer of Intercession**

Mr. Bill Emrich

**The Offertory**

*God is Known Among His People*  
(From Psalm 76, Pinder, arr. Grotenhuis)

**The Proclamation of the Word of God**

Mr. James Ensley

“Salvation in the Storm”

Acts 27:13-44

Church Bible, pg. 936

**† The Hymn of Response**

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

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**† The Benediction**

**† The Doxology**

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**† The Postlude**

*Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him*  
(Perry, Coates)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

## O Worship the King



1. O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the



sing his pow'r and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the  
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a  
 air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 change-less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.



5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
 While angels delight to hymn you above,  
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

## Unless the Lord the House Shall Build      127A

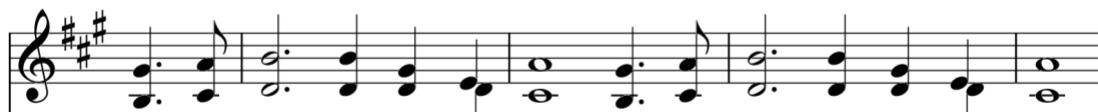
1. <sup>1</sup>Un - less the Lord the house shall build, the wea - ry  
 2. <sup>2</sup>In vain you rise ere morn - ing break, and late your  
 3. <sup>3</sup>Lo, chil - dren are a great re - ward, a gift from  
 4. <sup>5</sup>And blest the man whose age is cheered by stal - wart

build - ers      toil      in      vain;      un - less the Lord      the  
 night - ly      vig - ils      keep,      and      of the bread      of  
 God      in      ver - y      truth;      <sup>4</sup>with      ar - rows is      his  
 sons      and      daugh - ters      fair;      no      en - e - mies      by

cit - y      shield, the guards a use - less      watch main - tain.  
 toil      par - take; God gives to his be - lov - ed      sleep.  
 quiv - er      stored who joys in chil - dren of his      youth.  
 him      are      feared, no lack of love, no want of care.



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mand;
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no re - spite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



## O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,  
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from  
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free, roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its  
 shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, chang - eth  
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a

full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,  
 nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,  
 ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,  
 died to call them all his own; how for them he  
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'n's to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.  
 in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS IN MORNING BULLETIN**  
**THIS WEEK & BEYOND**  
**November 21, 2021**

**Gathering Initiative:** Today is Commitment Sunday for Westminster's Gathering Initiative. The leadership at WPC has already pledged over \$1.9 million toward our \$3.5 million goal. We will have a short meeting after Morning Worship followed by light refreshments in the lobby. Children and youth will be dismissed to their Sunday school classes at 11:15. Please take the time this morning to drop your pledge card in the Gathering Initiative basket in the lobby. Blank commitment cards are available on the round table in the lobby if you forgot to bring your card with you today.

**Young Adult Social:** Come to the Stovehouse (3414 Governors Dr) on **Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** This is a great chance for 20-30-somethings to get to know each other! Meet at the courtyard — there's a nice food court, lots of seating, and space for kids to run around if the weather allows for it. All ages welcome.

**Wednesday Evening Update:** The following Wednesday night events will **not** take place again until **January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**: Wednesday night meal, Children's Catechism classes, Prayer meeting, and Youth group. College & Career will continue to meet through December 8<sup>th</sup>. Choir will continue to practice through December 15<sup>th</sup> to prepare for Lessons in Carols.

**Church Office Hours:** In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will be closed from noon on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**WPC Christmas Post Office:** Do you have Christmas cards to send within our Church Family? Consider sending them through our WPC Christmas Post Office managed by our 3rd-4th graders! Now thru December 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a collection box for Christmas Cards in the lobby. Just drop the cards in with the recipient's name on them. Please ensure your name is visible on the outside so we know who to contact if there are any questions. Cards will be delivered before and after the Morning Worship Service starting December 5<sup>th</sup>. Make sure your cards are in no later than December 12<sup>th</sup> to ensure timely delivery. Donations are welcome and will be given in support of Valley Light Home, an orphanage/school in Kenya. A donation box will be set up beside the card drop-off box. Contact Sydney Knight ([sydney.knight@wpc-hsv.org](mailto:sydney.knight@wpc-hsv.org)) if you have any questions.

**College Care Packages:** The Student Ministry team will be sending out care packages to our college students during exam time. Please see the insert for information on ways you can participate in this ministry. The deadline to bring in items is **Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**Women's Ministry Christmas Gathering:** All ladies, college age and up, please join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior on **Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 6 p.m. at WPC! We plan to enjoy a catered dinner in the narthex followed by a time of caroling and a devotion by Emma Peace in the sanctuary. That night we will be collecting gently used purses for female residents of the Downtown Rescue Mission, as well as other items they have expressed a need for (specifically journals, gel pens, full size toiletries, adult coloring books, socks, gloves, and mascara). There will be no cost for this event, but to assist in planning we ask that you please RSVP no later than **Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. To RSVP: sign up on the Blue Sheet today, use the link in the weekly email or you can go to our webpage ([www.wpc-hsv.org](http://www.wpc-hsv.org)) and click on Ministries/Women's Ministry. Please contact Rachel Buhl ([rachel.j.buhl@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.j.buhl@gmail.com)) or Elizabeth Davis ([havemercy73@gmail.com](mailto:havemercy73@gmail.com)) for more information. We hope you will join us for an evening of sweet fellowship!

**Men Can Be Social Too:** This men's event will be held at the home of Daniel Palmer (6314 Midtowne Lane, Huntsville) on **Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP by email ([palmer9751@yahoo.com](mailto:palmer9751@yahoo.com)) or phone (256-714-2205) by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We hope to see you there!

**WPC College Christmas Brunch:** Jim and Robin Roberts will host a Christmas Brunch for our WPC College students at their home (103 Rosyside Circle, Harvest) on **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30. Please contact Robin Roberts at [robertsrobin1962@gmail.com](mailto:robertsrobin1962@gmail.com) by Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> if you plan to join us.

**Children's Ministry Volunteers:** If you would like to serve as a WCA Door Monitor or WCA Hall Monitor during Sunday school for the Spring Semester, please sign up on the Blue Sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Sydney Knight ([sydney.knight@wpc-hsv.org](mailto:sydney.knight@wpc-hsv.org)).

## SAVE THE DATE

- Young Adult Social at Stovehouse: November 23, 2021
- College Care Package Deadline: November 28, 2021
- Women's Ministry Christmas Gathering: December 2, 2021
- Men Can Be Social Too: December 3, 2021
- Poinsettia Orders Due: December 5, 2021
- WPC Christmas Post Office Ends: December 12, 2021
- WPC College Christmas Brunch: December 12, 2021

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### **Teaching Elders:**

James Ensley, David Hammond, Stephen Hooks, Jim Roberts, Nick Robison, Joe Steele

## Home Worship Guide

Beloved congregation,

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic is affecting every family, business, and institution in our country. Even churches like ours are not exempt from its life-altering influence. As you know, Westminster Presbyterian Church has a deep commitment to the Bible-mandated practice of corporate worship on the Lord's Day. Our goal during this challenging season is to retain as much of this corporate worship experience as we possibly can for those unable to join us in person. Please use the suggestions in this guide to help you toward this end.

One of the benefits of being able to worship together in our beautiful sanctuary is that it naturally engenders a corporate atmosphere of reverence mingled with joy. Visible markers of corporate reverence include our rising together during the invocation, the offering up of solemn prayers, periods of sustained silence, and attentive listening. Visible markers of corporate joy include the vigorous singing of praises, heartfelt confession of creeds, delighting in the assurance of pardon, and offering up of tithes and offerings.

As you follow along with the streamed worship, we encourage you to worship at home just as you would at church. For this to happen, you will need to be intentional about the following:

- Find a place in your home that is devoid of unnecessary distractions. Be careful about not allowing your smartphone, tablet, radio, pets, magazines, or anything else to divert your attention from worshipping the Triune God in Spirit and truth.
- Have your Bible and worship bulletin readily accessible. We have slightly modified our bulletin to facilitate easy viewing and printing at home. We strongly recommend having printed copies of the bulletin for your family members, especially the children.
- Dress appropriately as a means of rightly framing your mind toward the task at hand. For most people, it will be difficult to foster a serious and contemplative attitude of worship if they are lounging around in pajamas. How we dress has a profound influence on our behavior.
- Unless providentially hindered, be sure to stand with the congregation when asked to do so. Standing will unite your posture with the gathered assembly and also serve as a natural deterrent to laziness.
- Audibly participate in all corporate prayers, confessions, and singing. The purpose of our Livestream worship service is to glorify God, not to be entertained. There is no such thing as a “passenger” in the worship of God. He has created everything to be participating actively in his praise (Psalm 148).
- Participate in pastoral prayers by bowing your head, closing your eyes, and agreeing silently with the prayers offered up to God. Don’t use this as a time to recharge your coffee cups.
- Every Livestream service will still contain an offertory hymn. We urge you to use this time to make an online offering or write a check for later mailing. Even though you are unable to attend in person, our church and missionaries are still very much dependent on your regular tithes and offerings.
- Participate in sermons by actively listening and engaging with the text of Holy Scripture.
- In sum, approach this Livestream worship service precisely as you would if you were present in the sanctuary.

Beloved, these are challenging times, but they afford us a unique opportunity to express our corporate solidarity as God’s redeemed people. Many of our friends, neighbors, and co-workers remain blind to the glorious Gospel of our crucified and risen Savior. The confusion and fear of the unbelievers around us will likely increase during this season of uncertainty. Please invite them to join us in corporate worship. In doing so, you will be offering real hope to their imperiled souls.

~Pastor Joe