



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 19, 2021
Morning Worship
9:30 A.M.

The Prelude

Sing a New Song to the Lord
(Ps. 98, Pilcher/McNutt)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
(Hymn #291 and #214, arr. Sallee)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship

O Come, Let Us Sing
(Hymn #95B, vss. 1, 3)

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 104:31-34

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

All: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

† The Hymn of Adoration

The God of Abraham Praise

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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

Joel 2:12-13, Church Bible, pg. 761

The Silent Confession of Personal Sins

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal Father, you are good beyond all thought, but we are vile, wretched, miserable, and blind. Our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend. We bring our souls to you; break them, wound them, bend them, mold them. Show us sin's deformity, that we may hate it, abhor it, and flee from it. We have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law, yet we daily violate its precepts. Your loving Spirit strives within us, brings us warnings from Scripture, speaks to us in startling providences, yet we choose devices and desires to our own hurt. We often resent, grieve, and provoke the Holy Spirit. All these sins we mourn, lament, and now cry for pardon. Please work in us more profound and abiding repentance. Give us the fullness of godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever trusts and loves. Through tears of repentance, may we see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross of Jesus Christ. Amen.
(Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

The Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:21, Church Bible, pg. 966

The New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28, Church Bible, pg. 988

† The Psalter

Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD

#103C vv. 5-8

The Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
(Hymn #397, arr. McKibben)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God

“Sovereign Over Suffering”
Job 1:1-2:10

Mr. Guy Waters

Church Bible, pg. 417

† The Hymn of Response

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

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† The Benediction

† The Doxology

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† The Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal
(Hymn #544)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

The God of Abraham Praise

1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,
 2. The God of A - braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand
 3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de - pend;
 4. The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest,

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.
 I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest.

Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,

I bow and bless the sa - cred name, for - ev - er blest.
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.

5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.
6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

John Ellerton, 1881

LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
Jewish melody
arr. Meyer Lyon, 1770

103C *(continued)*


5. ¹³As a fa - ther shows his love un - to all his chil - dren dear,
 6. So man flour - ish - es and thrives like a grow - ing mead - ow flow'r.
 7. His un - fail - ing righ - teous - ness shall to chil - dren's chil - dren be,
 8. ²⁰Bless the LORD, you an - gel hosts, might - y ones who do his word,

so the LORD dis - plays his love to those trust - ing him in fear.
¹⁶When the wind blows, it is gone, and its place is known no more.
¹⁸to the ones who cov - 'nant keep and his good com - mand - ments heed.
 who o - bey his voice and word; ²¹all his ser - vants, bless the LORD!

¹⁴He re - mem - bers we are dust, and our fee - ble frame he knows.
¹⁷But the stead - fast love of God, shown to those who fear his name,
¹⁹God the LORD has set his throne; in the heav - ens it shall stand,
 All his hosts who do his will, ²²all his works in all his world

¹⁵As for man, his days are like ten - der grass that quick - ly grows.
 is from all e - ter - ni - ty to e - ter - ni - ty the same.
 and his sov - 'reign king - dom rules o - ver all at his com - mand.
 bless the LORD in ev - 'ry place. Come, my soul, and bless the LORD!

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

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1. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: his ho - ly will a -
 2. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: he nev - er will de -
 3. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: though now this cup, in
 4. What - e'er my God or - dains is right: here shall my stand be

bid - eth; I will be still, what - e'er he doth, and fol - low where he
 ceive me; he leads me by the prop - er path; I know he will not
 drink - ing, may bit - ter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all un -
 tak - en; though sor - row, need, or death be mine, yet am I not for -

guid - eth. He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me
 leave me. I take, con - tent, what he hath sent; his hand can
 shrink - ing. My God is true; each morn a - new sweet com - fort
 sak - en. My Fa - ther's care is round me there; he holds me

that I shall not fall: where - fore to him I leave it all.
 turn my griefs a - way, and pa - tient - ly I wait his day.
 yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sor - row shall de - part.
 that I shall not fall: and so to him I leave it all.

Samuel Rodigast, 1675
 Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863
 Alt. 1961

WAS GOTT TUT 8.7.8.7.4.4.8.8.
 Attr. to Severus Gastorius
Gesangbuch, Weimar, 1681



WESTMINSTER
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September 19, 2021
Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

O Love, How Deep
(Hymn #261, arr. Tornquist)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord (Hymn #103C)
Praise the Lord! My Soul, O Praise Him! (Hymn #146)

The Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship

Psalm 106:1; 111:1

Leader: Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

† The Hymn of Praise

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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† The Invocation

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Psalm of the Month

The Fool Speaks in His Heart

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† Hymn

Like a River Glorious

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The Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 69.

Leader: What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

All: The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

The Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Allen Zumbach

The Offertory

The Meditations of My Heart
(Psalm 19:14, Hegenberg)

The Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Guy Waters

“Sovereign Over Salvation”
Mark 14:26-42

Church Bible, pg. 851

† The Hymn of Response

O Father, You Are Sovereign

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† The Benediction

† The Doxology

#567


† The Postlude

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
(John Rutter)



Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



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1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 • in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - las - ting King.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 • Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

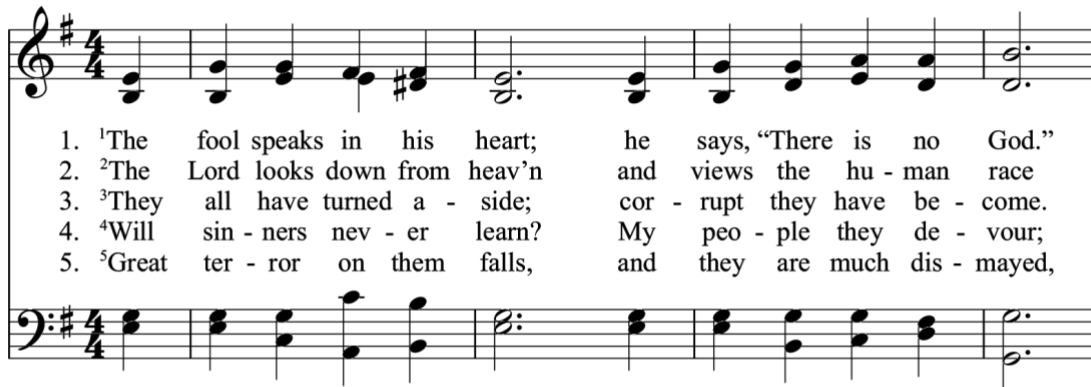


From Psalm 103
 Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod.

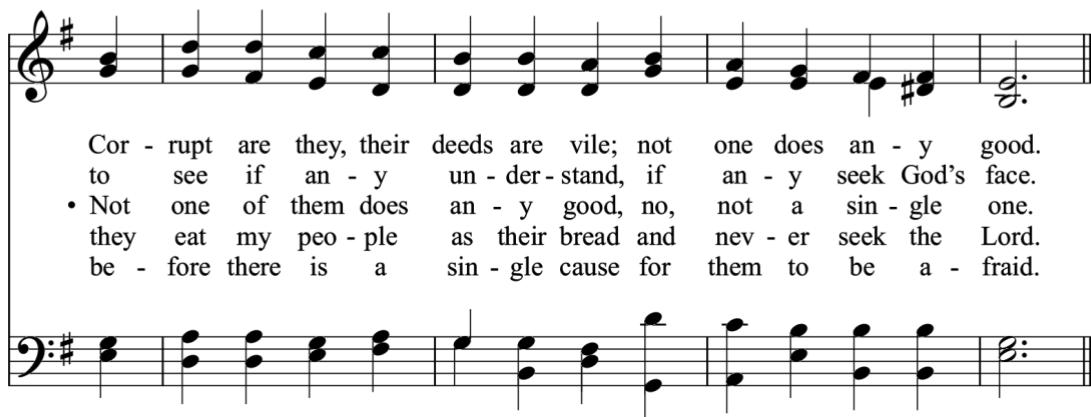
LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 John Goss, 1869

The Fool Speaks in His Heart

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1. ¹The fool speaks in his heart; he says, "There is no God."
 2. ²The Lord looks down from heav'n and views the hu - man race
 3. ³They all have turned a - side; cor - rupt they have be - come.
 4. ⁴Will sin - ners nev - er learn? My peo - ple they de - vour;
 5. ⁵Great ter - ror on them falls, and they are much dis - mayed,

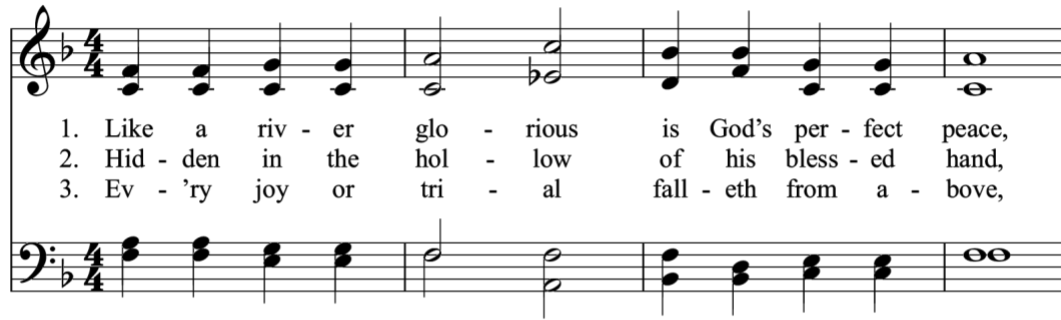


Cor - rupt are they, their deeds are vile; not one does an - y good.
 to see if an - y un - der - stand, if an - y seek God's face.
 • Not one of them does an - y good, no, not a sin - gle one.
 they eat my peo - ple as their bread and nev - er seek the Lord.
 be - fore there is a sin - gle cause for them to be a - fraid.

6. The bones of all your foes
 you scatter all abroad;
 and you will put them all to shame,
 who are despised by God.

7. ⁶May help from Zion come!
 The Lord his captives bring!
 Let Jacob's tribes restored be glad;
 for joy let Isr'el sing!

Like a River Glorious



1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace,
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand,
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove,



o - ver all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease;
 nev - er foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand;
 traced up - on our di - al by the Sun of Love.



per - fect, yet it flow - eth full - er ev - 'ry day,
 not a surge of wor - ry, not a shade of care,
 We may trust him ful - ly all for us to do;



per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er all the way.
 not a blast of hur - ry, touch the spir - it there.
 they who trust him whol - ly find him whol - ly true.

Refrain

Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,

find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

WYE VALLEY 6.5.6.5.D.ref.
James Mountain, 1876

O Father, You Are Sovereign**233**

1. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;
 2. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;
 3. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,
 4. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,

your might - y word was spo - ken, and light and life o - beyed.
 no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.
 trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.
 but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - 'ry knee shall bow.

Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,
 All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,
 All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,
 With this glad hope be - fore us, our faith springs up a - new:

sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.
 you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.
 your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.
 our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN MORNING BULLETIN
THIS WEEK & BEYOND
September 19, 2021

Calling all Singers!! Choir practice is on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We invite all singers whose voices have matured (typically 9th grade and up). While we would prefer that you can read music, we can teach you on the fly! Contact Tom Adams at 256.797.5656 or teadams102557@gmail.com for more information.

College & Career: College students and young working adults are invited to attend a weekly study on Matthew on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the Parlor.

Orchestral and Band Musicians will be playing hymns during various parts of the service. If you are willing to play or for more information on practice times, contact Jamelle Linker at jdlinker@crimson.ua.edu or 256-486-1086.

Sunday Fellowship Lunches: Fellowship Lunches are a great way to get to know each other in a more relaxed home setting while sharing a meal once each month. Host families provide a place to meet after church on the first Sunday of each month. WPC members and visitors who sign up will bring a side dish, salad or dessert to the lunch. All are welcome - families with small children, singles, visitors, senior members, new members. Sign up on the Blue Sheet today if you would like to attend or host the next Fellowship Lunches on **Sunday, October 3rd**. For more information, contact Brian McFadden (mcfaddenbd@att.net) or Rachel Buhl (rachel.j.buhl@gmail.com).

Wednesday Evening Activities: Join us for our Wednesday night activities including food, fellowship, prayer, choir, youth group and catechism training for our children. The meal this week is from Chick-fil-a and the cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 per family cap. You may pay by cash or check on the night of the meal. Please be sure to indicate your meal order on the back of the Blue Sheet. You can also email your meal order to the office no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday.

Young Adult Social: Come to the Stovehouse (3414 Governors Dr) on **Monday, October 4 at 6:00 PM**. 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. All ages welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday Fellowship Lunches: October 3, 2021
- Young Adult Social: October 4, 2021
- Church Picnic at Monte Sano: October 30, 2021
- Men's Retreat: November 5-6, 2021
- Crown Club Train Ride: November 6, 2021

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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 we cannot meet together, 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