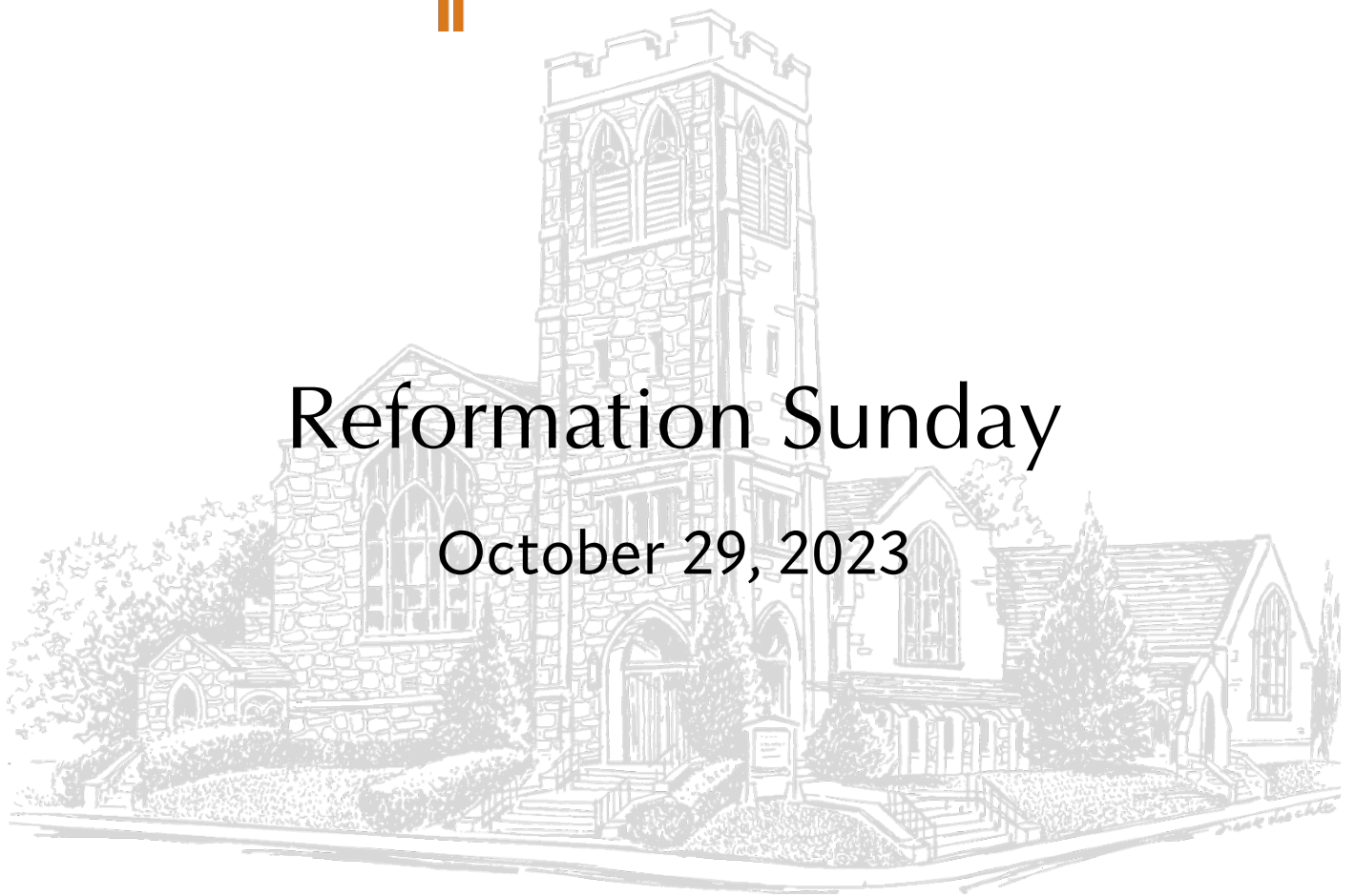




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community, and the world beyond.



A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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A Matthew 25 Church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

8:45 – 12:15 p.m. **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Preschool Suite D

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. **Worship** in the Sanctuary

Time with Our Children (approximately 9:15 a.m.)

The young and young-at-heart are invited to join the worship leader at the front of the sanctuary. Following the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, young ones through grade 5 may be escorted to Children's Programming or they are welcome to remain in worship.

Children's Programming (9:20 – 10:00 a.m.)

- Preschool Sunday School: Ages 3 and 4 in the Preschool Suite Room C
- Joyful Noise Choir: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in the Youth Music Room

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. **Holy Toast Café** in Walton Community Hall
Enjoy free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar.

10:10 – 11:00 a.m. **Children and Youth Programming**

- Nursery Care: Age 4 and under in Preschool Suite D
- Kids Zone Sunday School: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in Classroom 1
- Middle School Zone: Grades 6–8 in Classroom 3
- High School: Grades 9–12
 - Confirmation Class in Classroom 7
 - Small Groups in the Library (for already confirmed youth)

Adult Education: Blessed Be the Tie That Binds? in the Sanctuary
(see announcement on page 6)

11:15 – 12:00 p.m. **Living Mosaics worship** in Rodney Chapel

4:30 – 7:00 p.m. **180° Youth Group** Scavenger Hunt
in Walton Community Hall, Classroom 6 and offsite

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For descriptions of our programs for children and youth, visit wpc.org/children-youth.

The Music: Our offertory solo will be sung by Margaret Mezzacappa, a section leader in the Westminster Choir. Margaret rose to prominence in the opera world as the Grand Prize Winner of the 2012 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. A graduate of Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts, the Ohio native has performed with Opera Philadelphia, Opera New Jersey, San Francisco Opera, the Philadelphia Orchestra, Columbus Symphony, Phoenix Symphony, and with the Germantown Oratorio Choir & Orchestra.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God by Teresa and Aaron Wemhoff in gratitude for their 10th wedding anniversary and with loving memory of their father/father-in-law Rich Lunardi. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Please contact Linda Watson at (302) 571-6719 or lwatson@ycst.com.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

~ Passages in **bold** print may be spoken by all. At the asterisk (*) please stand in body or rise in spirit. ~

TOWER CHIME

Tim Ohmart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Johann C. Kittel

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in awe before the Source of all things.

We come to praise the Maker of heaven and earth.

Powerful Presence above us, below us, within us and around us,

touch us with a sense of wonder and a reverence for your good creation.

*HYMN NO. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are God's children,

created with a desire to love God and to love others as ourselves

but sin tempts us to damage our deepest relationships.

**Let us confess the ways we alienate ourselves from God,
from others, and even from ourselves.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of heaven and earth,

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul and mind
because we have been distracted by false idols.**

**We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves
because we are preoccupied with our own needs.**

**Create in us grateful hearts for the blessings of our lives
so that we may love you with our whole being
and experience the reward of bringing joy to the lives of others.**

In the name of the compassionate Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(See "Today at Westminster" on page 2 for more information.)

Sudie Niesen Thompson

ANTHEM

I Give to You a New Commandment

Peter Nardone

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Let us fear and let us love the living God,
And let us love God with a sincere heart.

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

*HYMN NO. 822

When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

Margaret Mezzacappa, mezzo soprano

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

*HYMN NO. 771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E-Flat Major

J.S. Bach

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ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, OCTOBER 29



Blessed be the Tie that Binds?

Presenter: Heath W. Carter, Ph.D.

10:10 a.m. | Sanctuary

Watch live at: wpc.org/watch

We are living through a season of historic political polarization, one in which, with seemingly each passing day, more and more Americans view their neighbors as enemies. During this challenging season for church and nation alike, what can we learn from the witness of those who have gone before? What role might Presbyterian and other mainline Protestant churches play on the road ahead? Dr. Heath W. Carter is an associate professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, where he teaches and writes about the intersection of Christianity and American public life.

ONGOING/WEEKLY

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study

Wednesdays | 12 p.m. | Zoom

Facilitator: The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

Contact: sniesenthompson@wpc.org

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursdays | 6–7 p.m. | Zoom

Facilitators: Randy Williamson

and Mary Anne Peters

Contact: randywilliamson1@comcast.net

Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Event

The War in Gaza

Dr. Jones will share his perspective on the Israeli/Hamas war and the history leading up to this tragedy.

November 2 | 7 p.m. | Zoom

Link: bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom

Hosted by our Peace & Justice Work Group.

zoom.us/join | Meeting ID: 860 2752 1655

The interfaith prayer service that had been scheduled for Thursday evening has been cancelled.

For full descriptions of our programs and more adult education and small group opportunities, visit WPC.ORG/ADULTS or check our events calendar at WPC.ORG/EVENTS. Select adult education programs are available as a livestream/recording on our [YouTube channel](#).

UPCOMING EVENT

2023 Distinguished Speaker **THE REV. DR. THOMAS G. LONG**

Christian Funerals: What They Mean and How They Got into Trouble

Sunday, November 5, 2023 | 10:10 a.m. | Sanctuary



In this presentation, we will take a brief look at how the Christian funeral service developed historically, what this service means in terms of our faith, and how it has come under stress in recent decades.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Long is an ordained Presbyterian minister who spent most of his career teaching homiletics (preaching) at Candler School of Theology at Emory University and Princeton Seminary. In 1996, Tom was named one of the 12 most effective preachers in the English-speaking world by Baylor University, along with the likes of Fred Craddock, Billy Graham, James Forbes, Barbara Brown Taylor, and William Willimon. In 2018, Baylor came out with a new list of the 12 most effective preachers and Tom was one of only four from the original list to make the list again.

Dr. Long will also preach at both worship services on November 5.

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275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276

(Psalm 98)

Refrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be
 sung from moun - tain's high. Sing a new song
 un - to the Lord, sing-ing hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
 3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry

fore the Lord. And play for God on
 now has come. He has turned your
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

to Refrain

This loose paraphrase effectively conveys the joyful tone of Psalm 98, largely by incorporating allusions to many other Scriptures, such as Psalm 149:3, Romans 13:11, Psalm 16:9, 1 Corinthians 15:52, and Job 19:25. These familiar echoes help to give the text depth and breadth.

When We Are Living

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Pues si vivimos

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,*
 2 *En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar*
 3 *En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,*
 4 *En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá*



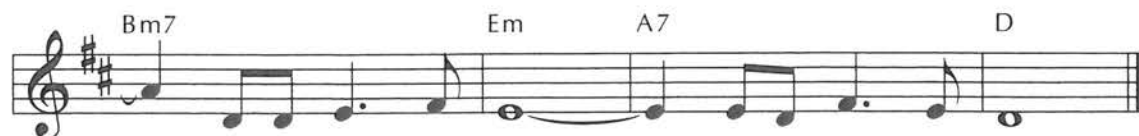
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em-brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.
en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,
gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,
Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,



we be - long to God; we be - long to God.
so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

This hymn began as an orally transmitted stanza reflecting on Romans 14:7–8 and was expanded by a Spanish-language hymnal committee to offer additional examples of the many dimensions of life, thereby strengthening the recurring affirmation that we belong to God through them all.

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stanzas 2–4, Roberto Escamilla, 1983; English trans. George Lockwood, 1987

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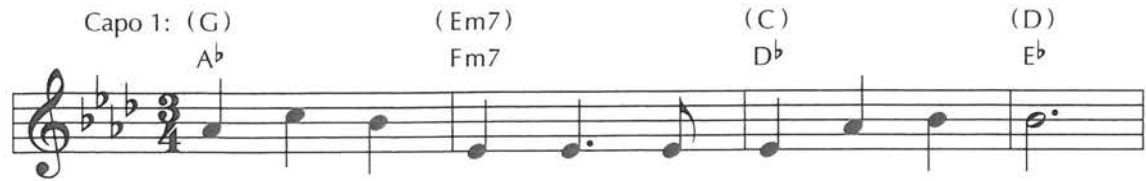
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SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

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What Is the World Like

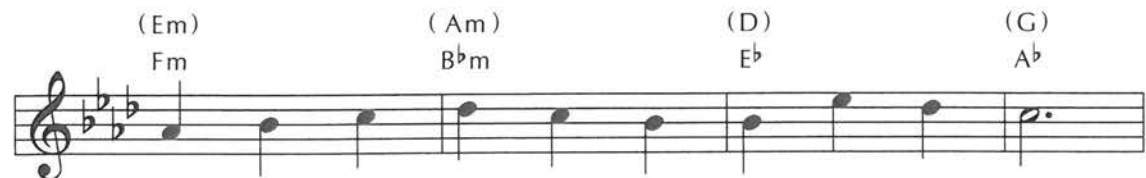
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1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text and tune were written to conclude a hymn festival at the 2009 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Four parables framed both the festival and the hymn: the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Bridesmaids.