



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 17, 2021

Worship Service

8 AM & 11 AM

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***As you enter, begin to worship quietly. Please silence your phone.***

FOR REFLECTION: "I am inviting you to know, maybe as you never have known, the God whose involvement in his children's lives and in the world is so pervasive, so all-embracing, and so powerful that nothing can befall them but what he designs for their glorification in him and his glorification in them (2 Thess. 1:12). The death of the Son of God ransomed a people for God from every tribe and language and nation (Rev. 5:9). The transaction between the Father and the Son in the death of Christ was so powerful that it secured absolutely, for all time and eternity, everything needed to bring the bride of Christ safely and beautifully to everlasting joy" (John Piper).

PRELUDE

*All Things Bright and Beautiful* (Hymn 120) arr. M. Burkhardt

*Children of the Heavenly Father* (Hymn 131) arr. D. Wood

Theme and Variations on 'Jesus Loves Me' (Hymn 189) J. W. Kerr

Frank Dodd, organ

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. York

CALL TO WORSHIP \* (8:00)

*Doxology* (Hymn 731)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

*Desire's Demand*

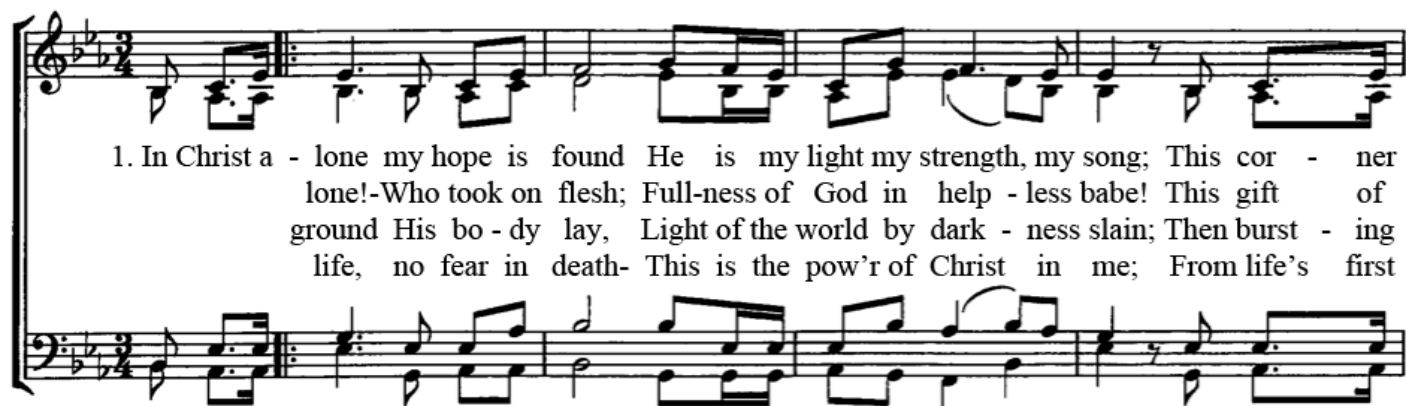
S. J. Weibley

When you designed me, within my mother, I was not hidden from your sight. You saw the heart of me, planned all the days for me, before the first began; so look to those who have no choice, as You make each little hand, and look to each silent scream born of desire's demand. Oh Lord, help us to stand for the helpless, for the children, for your children. Jesus loves them, this I know.

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

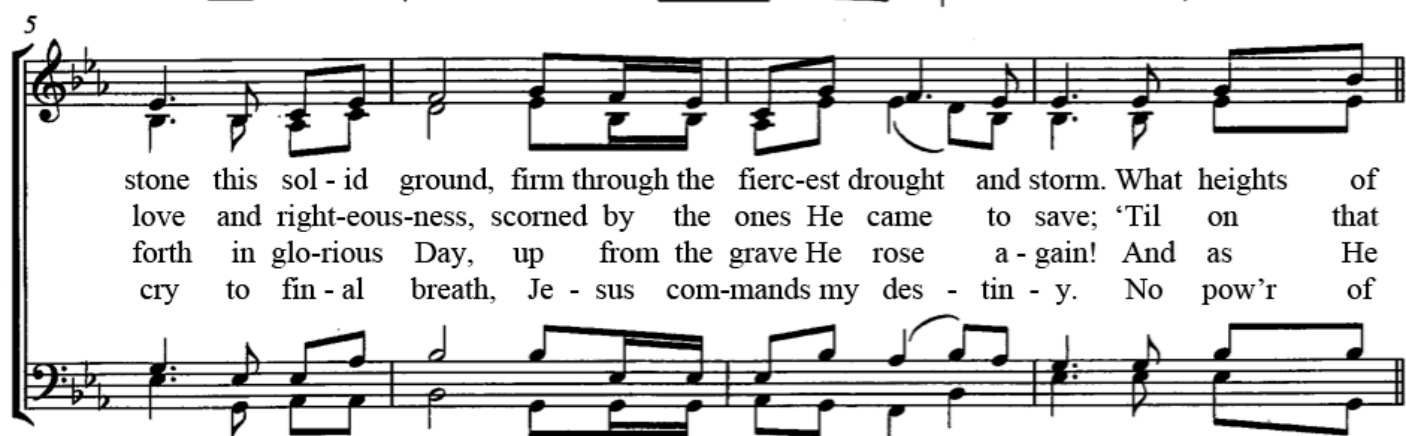
(8:00) Rev. Kieffer, (11:00) Rev. Irvine

# In Christ Alone



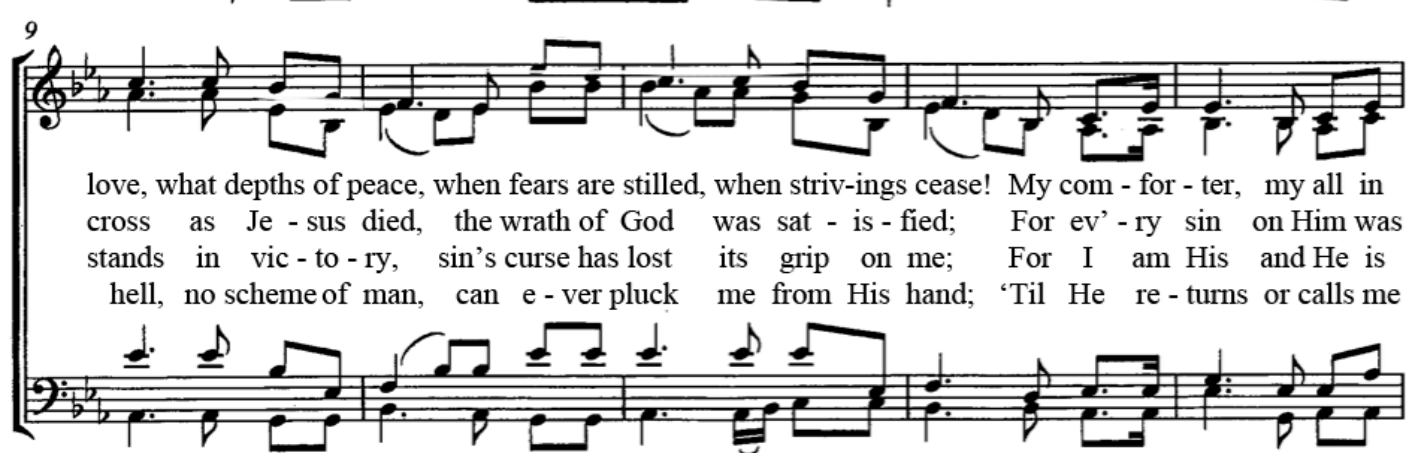
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found He is my light my strength, my song; This cor - ner  
lone!-Who took on flesh; Full-ness of God in help - less babe! This gift of  
ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing  
life, no fear in death- This is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first

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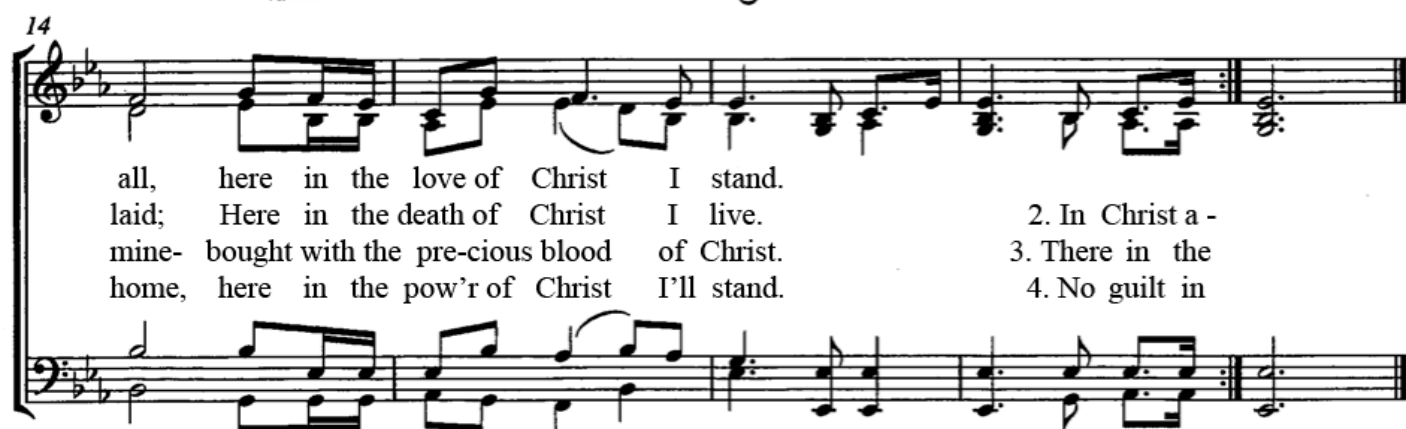
stone this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of  
love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save; 'Til on that  
forth in glo-rious Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - tin - y. No pow'r of

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love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com - for - ter, my all in  
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev' - ry sin on Him was  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is  
hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me

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all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
mine- bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.  
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

2. In Christ a -  
3. There in the  
4. No guilt in

## CONFESSION OF SIN \*

**Our Father, you have fashioned and made us. You have protected us and guided our steps. You are worthy of our deepest love and rejoicing. We confess to you our weak desires for your grace to be treasured and your glory made known. Instead, we make lesser things our trust and hope. We exchange the brightness of your love for the daily distractions and cares of life. We lose sight of your promises and fail to walk in daily fellowship with Jesus our Lord. We ask you to stir us by your Holy Spirit. Renew our longing for your Word and our resolve to abide in Christ. Strengthen our faith. Dispel our doubt, and root us anew in the fullness of Christ's love. In his precious name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: \* Psalm 145:8–9

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE \* *O Father, You Are Sovereign*, Hymn 75, Stanza 2

**O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man; no pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan. All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space, you hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.**

ANTHEM (11:00)

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*M. How*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation, Jesus, of God and Mary the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, O thou my soul's delight and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the verdure and bloom of spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes the saddest heart to sing. Fair are the flowers, fairer still the sons of men, in all the freshness of youth arrayed: yet is their beauty fading and fleeting; my Jesus, thine will never fade.

Choral Ensemble

## INTERCESSION 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, for ever. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

### *Lord of the Small*

D. Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them His aid, He pours out his spirit on vessels so weak, that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions or carries them till, they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die. Praise Him, O praise Him all ye who live, who've been given so much and can so little give, our frail lisping praise God will never despise- He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

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Paula Smith, *alto*

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## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,  
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 127

SERMON:

***The Flourishing of God's People:  
 An Appeal for the Sanctity of Life***

Dr. Tucker York

# Take My Life, and Let It Be

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*Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity ... so now offer them in slavery to righteousness. Rom. 6:19*

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse  
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly,  
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them  
 of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and  
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with  
 I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure-store.  
 Take my self, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

## BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE \*

(11:00) Amen

E. Butler

## POSTLUDE

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (Hymn 38)

arr. W. Held

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\*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

Hymns from *Trinity Hymnal* used by permission of Great Commission Publications

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## At the Morning Worship Service:

**Organist:** Frank Dodd

### Visitors

**Welcome visitors:** Please complete the Connect Card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary. You will receive an informational, one-time mailing.

**Connections class** is held the first and second Sunday of each month. This monthly, two-week informal session is offered for visitors and those who desire an informative introduction to the life and ministry of Westminster Church—without obligation. *Connections* is located in Room 116 (front hallway), 9:30–10:30 AM.

### Everyone

**Help us minister to you;** complete a Connect Card each week you worship with us.

**Hearing devices** to use in the sanctuary are available from the ushers.

**Sanctuary flowers are contributed** by Martin Gordon in loving memory of his wife, Sharon Gordon; and by Jean Myer in loving memory of her husband, Nevin, and their parents.

**If you would like to place flowers** in the sanctuary in *memory* of a loved one, there are Sundays available in February and March. You may also place flowers in *honor* of a 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Please contact James L. Adams (610.406.3229 or [flowers4505@aol.com](mailto:flowers4505@aol.com)). The cost is \$35 for each memorial or anniversary arrangement.

**The Christmas offering** is designated for the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery's church planting efforts. Sixty percent of the offering will provide start-up funds for a new church plant in Annville-Cleona, pastored by Cisco Victa; forty percent will assist Redeemer PCA in Chambersburg with a building purchase and renovations. Use the "Christmas Offering" envelope, mark a gold pew envelope "Christmas," or give online at [westpca.com/give](http://westpca.com/give) by tomorrow, January 18.

## Evening Worship Service: 6:30 PM

Dr. Michael Rogers preaches on Psalm 73, *My Foot Almost Slipped*. The musical offering will be played by Westminster member Amy Sears.

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# Ministry Highlights

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- **Here is a brief summary for Westminster's plans** for worship and ministries:
  - ⇒ The 8 AM service is mask-required, 11 AM service is mask-optional. Due to limited seating capacity, the Reformation Room is open for overflow seating at 11 AM.
  - ⇒ Session asks that everyone wear their mask in the halls, Gathering Space, and other times when they are not seated and distanced from one another, unless they have a specific reason for health or conscience that they cannot do so.
- **This week's Wednesday dinner entrée is chicken pot pie.** Dinner is available 5:00–6:30 PM. Tell us on your Connect Card or RSVP online by noon on Monday ([www.westpca.com/wednesday](http://www.westpca.com/wednesday)) if you plan to attend.
- **The ordination service to install Matthew Collins as Assistant Pastor** will be held next Sunday, January 24, at the evening service.
- **Summer short-term mission trips are planned with faith!** The flyer and application are available at [westpca.com/short-term-missions](http://westpca.com/short-term-missions).

## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - "Defending and Caring for the Most Vulnerable"

Since 1984, churches across the country have recognized the third Sunday in January as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Today we celebrate God's precious gift of life while sadly remembering the 62,000,000 lives lost to abortion as well as the physical, spiritual, and psychological brokenness it can inflict on those involved.

The Mission Statement of the Sanctity of Life Ministry states: "The Sanctity of Life Ministry proclaims and supports the sanctity and dignity of all human life from conception to its natural end by working to bring an end to abortion, by extending Christian love and compassion to those wounded by abortion, and by protecting the weak and vulnerable during all phases of life."

Today we face many threats to the sanctity of human life besides abortion: euthanasia, genocide, genetic engineering, and eugenics. You can commit to defending and caring for the most vulnerable by volunteering at a pregnancy resource center; being a witness to and praying for those hurt by abortion; and supporting the WPC Sanctity of Life ministry. As Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it unto me."



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Worship: 8 AM & 11 AM, 6:30 PM □ Sunday School: 9:30 AM

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