

LARGE PRINT BULLETIN

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

January 16, 2022

9:30 A.M. Traditional



GATHERING THOUGHT

"This couplet of parables introduces the teachings of Jesus regarding the nature of God, particularly God's nature to forgive and restore God's people. The parables repeat throughout what forgiveness is like in terms of things lost and things found. Jesus challenges the hearers to consider what it means to be community and what boundaries, if any, community has."

Helen Montgomery DeBevoise
Feasting on the Word

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 16, 2022

9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

Two American Hymn Tunes

Martin

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from John 10 & Psalm 100)

Leader: "I am the Good Shepherd," says the LORD.

People: "My sheep know me; and I know them."

Leader: The Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep.

People: And the sheep know the Shepherd's voice; He calls His sheep by name and leads them out.

Leader: Come and worship, for our God shall feed His flock.

People: Enter into His courts with praise; for we are the sheep of His pasture!

HYMN *The Lord is My Shepherd, All My Need* (please stand if able)

The Lord's my Shepherd, all my need will surely be supplied;
By quiet streams and through green fields, the Lord will be my guide.

The Lord revives me, guides my feet, on pathways that are right,
And I shall fear no evil though I walk through darkest night.

Your rod and staff, they comfort me; in presence of my foes.
You feed me; You anoint my head and my cup overflows.

Your goodness and Your mercy, Lord, shall surely follow me,
And I will dwell in God's own house for all eternity.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in baptism You joined us to Christ in His death, that we might be raised with Christ to new life. But we cherish old ways, and fail to embrace the new. We confess we remain preoccupied with ourselves. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and allow the past to hold us hostage. In Your loving kindness, remember the promises You made to us in our baptism, and grant us Your mercy. Forgive our sinful ways, heal our brokenness, set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Christ.....(*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 Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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. 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 mind of Christ live in me. Amen.

DOXOLOGY #606

(please stand if able)

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 (from the PCUSA Mission Yearbook)

O God of our life, help us hear You calling us to new ways of being the life of Jesus in the world. Lead us, as we guide others. Support us as we sustain others. Use even us – the sheep of Your flock – to reach out to those who wander. Bless these gifts to these purposes, in the name of Christ we pray, Amen. *(please be seated)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15:1-7 (Pew Bible pg. 850)

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Lost and Found”

Don Lincoln

HYMN #649

Amazing Grace

(please stand if able)

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Manz



Worship Times:
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you are here today. To help us welcome you personally, please fill out the Visitor Card found in the pews with your name, address, email and/or phone number and drop in the offering plates.

If you are interested in knowing more about being a follower of Jesus, have any questions, or desire follow-up information, please speak to one of the pastors.

Our next new members' class is Sunday, February 27, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY are: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11. In addition to Sunday readings, there are lectionary readings for every day. Go to www.westminsterpc.org to the box called "Lectionary Reading" and click on the dates for the readings for the week.

KIDSCONNECT AND YOUTH MORNING SCHEDULE:

- 9:30am – **Childcare** for infants through 3 years of age available during 9:30 worship. If you plan to use the nursery for childcare and/or if you are willing to serve as a nursery volunteer, please contact Nancy Brink at childcare@westminsterpc.org.
- 9:30am - **Children Pre-K through 5th grade** will meet downstairs in the large group area for KidsConnect and NOT go to the sanctuary. Children and teachers must be masked. For families not comfortable having children inside for KidsConnect, we will make the curriculum available for home use with your children.
- 9:30am – **Middle School Sunday School** in The Site.

JOURNEY CLASS at 10:45am in Spellman Jr. or via Zoom: A three-week Adam Hamilton DVD series *Forgiveness – Finding Peace Through Letting Go* begins this morning. Hamilton says that “*forgiveness is a gift you give to yourself, not just the person you are forgiving*”. The heartbeat of the gospel is grace. In *Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go*, Adam Hamilton reminds us about the importance of reconnecting the broken pieces of our lives, but show how the process of grace and forgiveness is possibly our most complete picture of God.” Today’s discussion is entitled **Seventy Times Seven-** led by *Jennie Clark* Adam Hamilton explores the importance of forgiveness for our health. He speaks on when to offer mercy and when repentance is needed to move forward.

USHERS: Jerry Shuts (lead usher), Fiona Allison, Steve Johnsen, Ann Zimmerman

PASTORAL HOSPITAL VISITS: It is a joy for the pastoral staff to visit congregation members and participants in the hospital. Due to current hospital protocols, we can only do so if notified that someone is in the hospital. Please let us know when a visit would be welcome.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Are you a college student and interested in connecting with other college students within the congregation? Please contact Pastor Jon Frost at jfrost@westminsterpc.org.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE knowing what percentage of the congregation has been vaccinated. If you are willing to share your status, please call the church office at 610-399-3377, and they will be happy to update your profile. Thank you.

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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
Director of Youth	Chris Clark
Director of Children and Family Ministries	Jill Reichert
Church Administrator	Gerry McShane

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WORSHIP INFORMATION

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sanctuary

9:30am – Traditional worship

11:00am – Contemporary worship with band

Wednesday Morning

9:10-9:30am – Prayer and Communion worship

KIDS CONNECT CELEBRATE WONDER SUNDAY SCHOOL

(pre-K-5th grade) gathers weekly in the large group area in the Preschool area at 9:30 a.m. Everyone must be masked regardless of vaccination status. Children do NOT go to the sanctuary.

A REMOTE TV MONITOR is in the church parlor (just outside the sanctuary in the west hallway) to view and hear worship in progress for those with restless children or who need to leave the sanctuary.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for worship at the Information Center in the Narthex. Additionally, the sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system that transmits to hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils. **PEW CUSHIONS** also available at the Information Center.

TEXT GIVING is available. You can give via your phone; it's easy, secure and instant. Start a new text message to 610-616-2826. Enter the dollar amount of your gift as the text. Send. First time givers are prompted to a link to enter credit/debit card information.

TAIZÉ PRAYER and contemplative worship occurs various times throughout the program year. Visit our website or call 610-399-3377 for dates and times.

PRAYER CHAIN members receive a weekly list of prayer requests via email and members include them in their conversations with God. To have a prayer request included in the Prayer Chain or to become a member, contact Sue Spotts at sue.es.spotts@gmail.com or the church office.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION is celebrated the first Sunday of every month in all services.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is celebrated the **third Sunday of every month**. Our **BAPTISM CLASS** is offered the last Sunday of each month, except December, at 10:00 a.m. Contact the office to register for the baptism class.

VIDEO AND TEXT VERSIONS OF PREVIOUS SERMONS can be found online at www.westminsterpc.org.

NEWS AND EVENTS

January 16, 2022



**Knowing Christ,
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PASTOR'S CORNER

Since we often quote Steve Garnaas-Holmes, I thought I would share one of his recent devotionals – from January 7, leading up to “Baptism of the Lord” Sunday last week:

Dearly Beloved,

Grace and Peace to you.

“You are my Child, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased.” — Luke 3.22

A mother holds her newborn child, gotten by pain and labor, helpless and incompetent. She loves her baby, not for its behavior, not for its deserving, but because love is her nature, loving fiercely, like a raging river. Her love is not determined by the child’s performance but by her own heart. Ask her if the child is good enough and she will answer, “No. She is perfect. Because she’s mine.” There is no other reason, no variance.

You are a newborn child, fresh from God’s birth waters. Your choices, though real, are immaterial to God’s adoration. You can never be good enough, for there is no such thing. It's is God's goodness, not yours, that guarantees your belovedness. Of course you are not deserving. You may protest, “But, God, I'm not all that good.” God will reply, “Oh, child, you're so much worse than you know. But I love you. You are my child, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” Get over being good enough, and your enemy being good enough. You are God's child, God's Beloved, with whom God is delighted.

Deep Blessings,

Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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See you in worship – or “online!”

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 30, 2022, 12:00 PM via Zoom

Join us over Zoom for our annual meeting for the purpose of:

1. Voting on changes in the terms of call for installed pastors
2. Voting on proposed amendments to the bylaws
3. Hearing the 2022 budget overview, and
4. Receiving the 2021 Annual Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martin Luther King Day of Service, Monday, January 17, 9:00-11:30am. We are hosting our annual day of service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy. Families of children and youth are invited to pack bagged lunches at home to then be given to various ministries and organizations in Chester County that work with people in underserved communities. At 9:00am we will kick off the event with a brief worship gathering where we'll bless the bagged lunches and reflect on God's dreams for the world through the life of Dr. King and our own lives. Families unable to attend worship are welcome to drive by to drop off their bagged lunches between 9:30-11:30am at the front entrance of the church. Questions? Contact Chris Clark at cclark@westminsterpc.org.

Tuesday Morning Fellowship, Tuesday, January 18 at 9:30am in Spellman Jr. or via Zoom at 10:00am. Join Beth Briglia to hear all about the Chester County Foundation. For more information or questions, contact Nick Tortorello at njtortorello@yahoo.com.

Yoga for Everyone, 5-6pm on Wednesdays via Zoom. Join us to practice gentle yoga poses, stretching, meditation and breathing exercises. Your body will appreciate it. No yoga experience necessary, all levels

welcome. No cost, just bring a mat. Interested in joining? Contact Nancy Murphy at nmurphy49@gmail.com.

We would appreciate knowing what percentage of the congregation has been vaccinated. If you are willing to share your status, please call the church office at 610-399-3377, and they will be happy to update your profile.

Westminster Thrift Shop Mission Fund. The Westminster Thrift Shop Board of Directors recently approved a donation of \$5,000 to the Westminster Thrift Shop Mission Fund. IT IS ONLY through this congregation's generous donations that this was possible. The Pandemic was one of the thrift shop's most challenging times. This donation confirms that God wants the thrift shop ministry to continue and make a difference for many more years. During the past 32 years, over \$328,000 has been donated to 46 community and world organizations. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!**

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 bins 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

Safe Harbor Volunteers Needed! Prepare and deliver lunches. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare and deliver 24-30 lunches for Safe Harbor on the **third Monday of each month in 2022.** The lunches will be delivered to Safe Harbor at 10 N. Matlack Street in West Chester on Monday morning between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. For questions or to sign up, contact Angela Emrich at ang.emrich@gmail.com.

Expanding Our Witness to Seniors. As a result of our Fall calls to seniors, we are in need of 14 members who are willing to call a Westminster senior quarterly and send Christmas, Easter, and birthday cards to them. Questions? Contact Nancy Christy at christygn@verizon.net with any questions or to volunteer.

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS
Sunday, February 27, 2022
1:00-3:00 PM via Zoom

Interested in learning more about Westminster or in becoming a member of Westminster? This class is for you! All welcome. No obligation to join. The goals of the class are to:

1. Increase awareness and understanding of:
 - The basics of Christian faith and practice
 - The Presbyterian Church (USA)
 - Westminster Presbyterian Church
2. Provide experiences of:
 - Christian community as a place of support and encouragement
 - Reflection and conversation on God's relationship with us
3. Provide opportunities for:
 - Deepening our commitment to Jesus Christ
 - Discovering ways to connect with ministries of WPC

To register online, go to www.westminsterpc.org, hover over “*About Us*” at the top for the drop down menu and then click on “*Membership*.” Scroll down a bit and fill out the registration form and hit “submit.” If you have any questions, contact Jennie Clark at jclark@westminsterpc.org or call the church office.

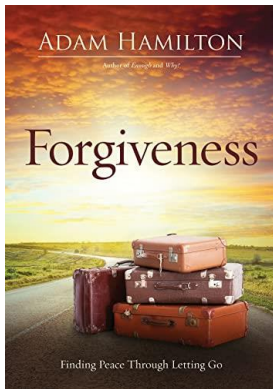
WESTMINSTER’S PRESCHOOL
REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Westminster’s Preschool registration begins on Thursday, January 13, 2022. It can be done online or through the mail. Registration information will be emailed to all interested families during the first week of January or whenever you contact us. Church members will receive priority registration but they must have their information submitted on or before **Wednesday, January 20** in order to be enrolled before anyone else. Questions? Contact Jackie Steinmetz, our Director of the Preschool, at jsteinmetz@westminsterpc.org.

COVID-19 TESTING IN WESTMINSTER’S BACK PARKING LOT

Hours are 8:00am-2:00pm Monday-Friday and 8:00am-12:00pm on Saturday. Closed on Sundays. Testing is by appointment only. Visit covidtestdelco.com to make an appointment. For more information, call 610-484-4449. Tests are free but please bring your insurance card.

JANUARY JOURNEY CLASSES



FORGIVENESS

Finding Peace through Letting Go

A three-week Adam Hamilton DVD series

10:45 AM via Zoom

In Person (Spellman Jr.) or via Zoom

January 9, 16, 23

Adam Hamilton says that “forgiveness is a gift you give to yourself, not just the person you are forgiving”. The heartbeat of the gospel is grace. In *Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go*, Adam Hamilton reminds us about the importance of reconnecting the broken pieces of our lives, but show how the process of grace and forgiveness is possibly our most complete picture of God.” In his warm relatable style Hamilton leads us through the challenges that come with learning to forgive and ask forgiveness. Freedom, grace, reconciliation, and joy are all promised to those who embrace forgiveness. Participants are encouraged to get a copy of the book, “Forgiveness” to read along with the DVD series. However, even without having a copy of the book, all are welcomed to join in all or any sessions as able.

January 9 The Divine Answer – Jennie Clark

The Divine Answer, Adam Hamilton helps us to learn how to apologize and how to forgive. He illustrates the weight of carrying around resentment or guilt and explains how we can turn to God to help us unburden ourselves and repent.

January 16 Seventy Times Seven – Jennie Clark

Seventy Times Seven, Adam Hamilton explores the importance of forgiveness for our health. He speaks on when to offer mercy and when repentance is needed to move forward.

January 23 The Dreamcoat – Jennie Clark

The Dreamcoat, Adam speaks on how to provide forgiveness in the context of our families. He uses the example of Joseph and his brothers to show how we can move beyond the hurts inflicted on us by family.

January 30 NO CLASS

FINANCIAL

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Scan the QR code with your Smart phone to give online.

**November 2021
General Fund – Mission and Church Operations**

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget
Tithes & other revenue	\$1,824,749	\$1,940,099	-6%
Expense	\$1,867,652	\$2,070,706	-10%

We want to sincerely thank you for keeping your General Fund pledges up to date, as you can see, this month tithes and offering is slightly lower compared with budget. 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.

Attendance: 1/9/22:	In Person	113	
	Live Stream	986	
	Phone Ministry	7	
Taizé	In Person	11	
	Live Stream	<u>36</u>	<u>1,153</u>

Offering Figures for 1/9/22:

Sunday & mail in envelopes	\$ 6,689.00
Joy	\$ 550.00
Initial Offering	\$ 546.00
Per Capita	\$ 914.00
Tornado relief	\$ 300.00

Calendar for week of January 16, 2022

Sunday, January 16

- 9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship / Middle School Sunday School (414-415) / KidsConnect (430) / Childcare thru age 3
- 9:30 A.M. Credo meeting – Boys (407-408)
- 9:30 A.M. Credo meeting – Girls (Library)
- 10:45 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr. & zoom)
- 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship
- 5:30 P.M. Youth Group (407-408 and 414-415)

Monday, January 17

OFFICE CLOSED

- 9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop workday until 3PM
- 9:00 A.M. MLK Service Day (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 A.M. Drop off bagged lunches til 11:30 (portico)
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees via Zoom

Tuesday, January 18

- 9:30 A.M. Tuesday Morning Fellowship (Spellman Jr.)
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3PM
- 1:00 P.M. Westminster Knitters (413)
- 7:00 P.M. Session via Zoom

Wednesday, January 19

- 9:10 A.M. Prayer and Communion Service
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3PM
- 7:00 P.M. A Gathering of Men via Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal (Spellman Hall)
- 7:00 P.M. Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 20

Thrift Shop Closed

- 10:00 A.M. Tech Time with Lynn
- 7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery via Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Troop 93 (Spellman Hall)
- 8:00 P.M. Young Adult Group via Zoom

Friday, January 21

10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3PM

Saturday, January 22

9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until noon

Sunday, January 23

9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship / Middle School Sunday School (414-415) / KidsConnect (430) / Childcare thru age 3

10:45 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr. & zoom)

11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship

5:30 P.M. Youth Group (407-408 and 414-415)

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS –

JANUARY –

SOUPS (ESPECIALLY CHUNKY SOUP)

**PLEASE DROP OFF IN THE MARKED BINS
IN THE NARTHEX**