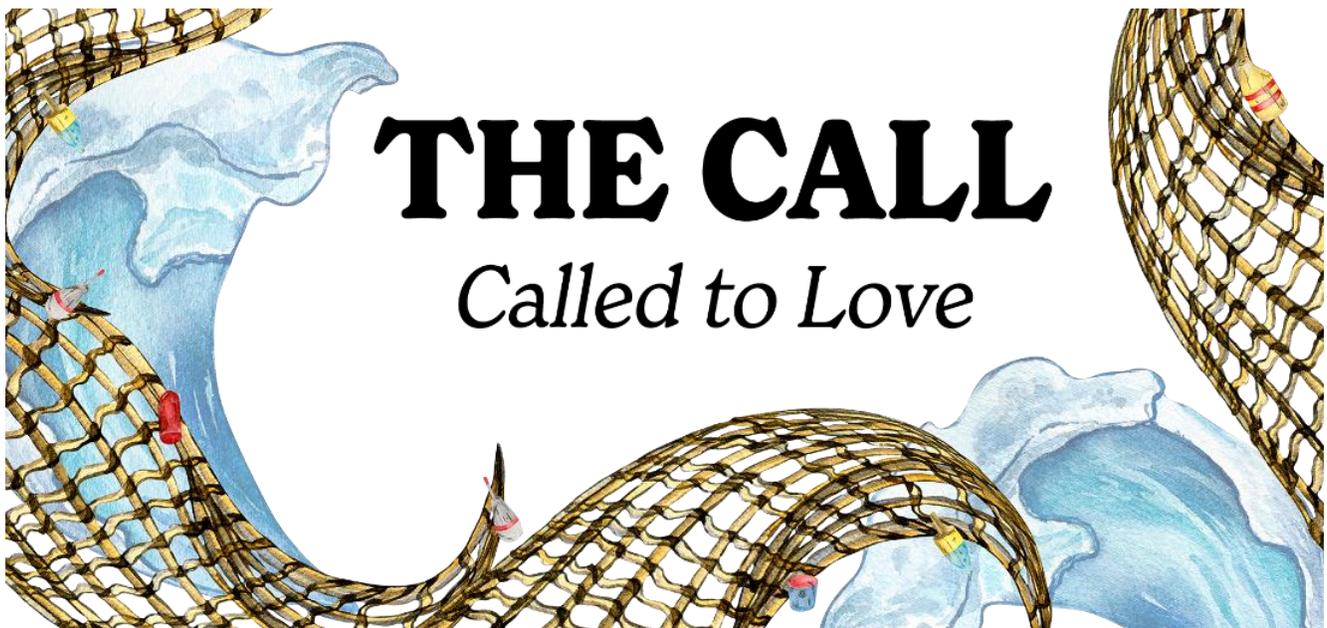


# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

March 19, 2023  
9:30 A.M. Traditional  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



## **THE CALL** *Called to Love*

### GATHERING THOUGHT

"I have never been able to understand how it was possible to love one's neighbors. And I mean precisely one's neighbors, because I can conceive of the possibility of loving those far away....If I must love my fellow man, he had better hide himself, for no sooner do I see his face than there's an end to my love for him."

- Fyodor Dostoevsky, *The Brothers Karamzov*

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 19, 2023

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

9:30 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

*Passacaglia in C Minor*  
Chancel Ringers

Fred Gramann

**WELCOME** (*Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.*)

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*My Song is Love Unknown*

Crossman

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?*

*Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine: never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** <sup>1</sup>

*Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God!*

**People: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

*Leader: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

**All: If we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.**

**HYMN #300***We Are One in the Spirit (please stand if able)*

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;

3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;

4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,

we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,

and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:

and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:

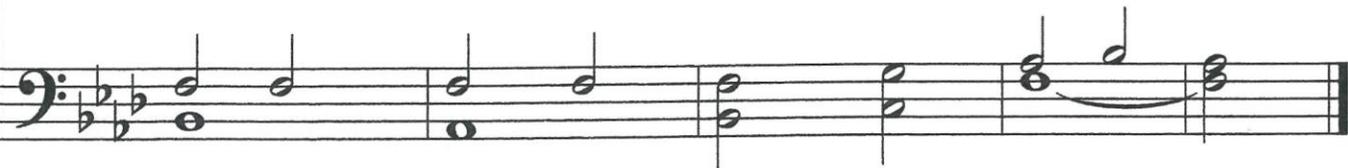
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.



## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION <sup>1</sup>

God of our brother Jesus, Your love is the love of a mother who adores her children and forgives them everything. Your love is the love of a father who is devoted to his children and accepts them always. We are Your children. We fall down and You help us up. We go wrong and You put us right. Now, fill our emptiness with Your love, replace our brokenness with wholeness, and our weakness with Your strength, that we might go out into the world and be of use to You. In the silence of Your loving embrace, hear and hold the confession we bring before You today...*(time for us to offer silent prayers of confession.)*

### LENTEN RESPONSE #729

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand if able)*

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.

## THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Question to Congregation:** *Do we, the members of this congregation, in the name of the whole church of Christ, undertake with these parents the Christian nurture of these children so that in due time they may confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? If so, signify by saying, “We do.”*

**Response:** We do.

**Question to Children** read by Kenna Carrone: *Children of Westminster, do we promise to share the Light of Jesus with Carson by being his friends and always showing him kindness and love? If so, say, “Yes, we do!”*

**Response:** Yes, we do!

### CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – *“The Peace of Christ”*

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

**OFFERTORY***God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through Him might be saved.*

**DOXOLOGY #606**      *(please stand if able)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, all good gifts come from You, and in gratitude, we offer to You what we are able. We dedicate these and any other tokens of our love in service to the flourishing of communities both near and far. In the compassionate name of Jesus we pray, Amen. *(please be seated)*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**    1 Corinthians 13:1-13      (Pew Bible Pg. 934)

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN #693**

*Though I May Speak*

*(please remain seated)*

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 given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

**SERMON**

*“Called to Love”*

Chris Clark

As we contemplate what we are “Called To” this season of Lent, our prayers also carry us through that discernment. You are invited to help us build a visual representation of the prayers that are carrying us into deeper imagination of what it means to follow The Call of Christ in the world! Answer the question below with a word, a phrase, a doodle or simply some color on one of the old bulletin scraps on the table in the narthex. Leave your paper in the basket provided on the table. We’ll fold the paper airplanes for you! Below is the question for this week.

# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*How are you being called to expand your practices of love to others?*

## **HYMN #547**    *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*    (stand if able)



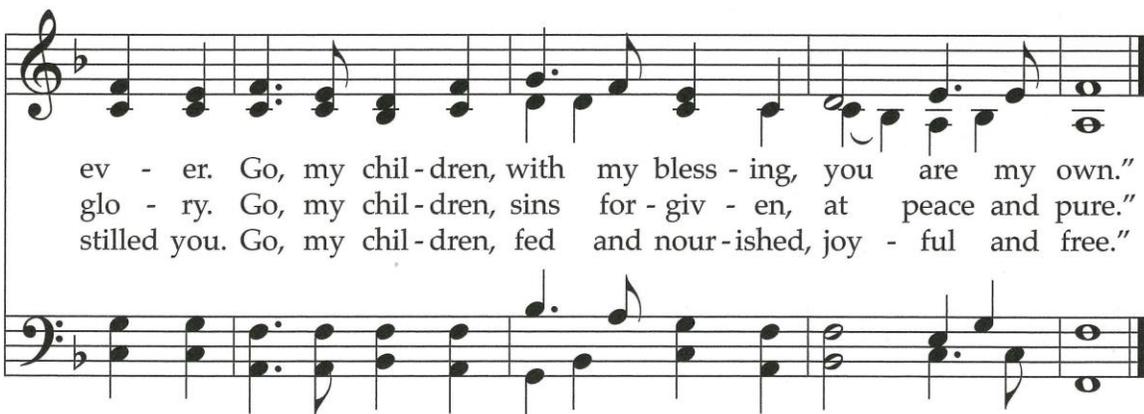
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



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# BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Variations de Concert*

Joseph Bonnet

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from “*An Invocation of Love*” from Wild Goose big book of liturgies.



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.

The next new members’ class is Saturday, May 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Childcare is available during the class upon request.

**LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY** are: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 *and Psalm 23*; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41. In addition to Sunday readings, there are lectionary readings for every day. Go to [www.westminsterpc.org](http://www.westminsterpc.org) to the box called “Lectionary Reading” and click on the dates for the readings for the week.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** is administered at the 9:30am traditional service to Carson David Moore, son of Katie and Brad Moore.

**PRAY GROUNDS:** During Lent, we are introducing spaces called Pray Grounds along the sides of our Sanctuary by the window benches. These spaces are areas geared towards young children and will provide a comfortable, welcoming space for our youngest worshipers to engage in items from the worship carts and allow them a space more suitable for them to be a part of the worship service. Our first step will be to use mats to help visually designate the spaces. There will also be bean bag chairs and pillows for comfortable seating and propping. Other items may be added as the weeks go on. Come and check out the pray grounds during Lent! If the spaces are well-received by our families, we will look to continue the practice and even add improvements to the spaces. We look forward to welcoming our children in new and comfortable ways!

**LENTEN JOURNEY CLASS at 10:45am in Spellman Jr. or via Zoom.** We continue our six-week Lenten study on *“The Call” The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* by Adam Hamilton. Today’s discussion: **Called to Suffer** – Paul’s Second Missionary Journey.

**USHERS:** Roger Mecouch (head usher), Judy Bianchi, Sam Blank, Pete Hillyer, Ron Hoess, Chuck Lambing, Rick Schumacher

Next **BAPTISM CLASS** is March 26, 2023 at 11:00am in the Chapel. Please contact the office to register.

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Ministers of Jesus Christ	All the Members of the Congregation
Pastors	Leah Hrachovec, Jennifer Clark, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Young
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Evers
Interim Organist	Linda Lorgus
Director of Youth	Chris Clark

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# WORSHIP INFORMATION

## WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### *Sanctuary*

9:30am – Traditional worship

11:00am – Contemporary worship with band

### *Wednesday Morning in the Chapel*

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

**PHONE MINISTRY - Calling in for Worship** is offered for those who want to listen to the 9:30 am service by phone. Contact Nancy Christy at 610-696-3284 for dialing instructions.

### **KIDSCONNECT MORNING SCHEDULE:**

- 8:45am – **Childcare** for infants through 3 years of age available **until 12:15pm** in Room 443. If you plan to use the nursery for childcare and/or if you are willing to serve as a nursery volunteer, please contact Jill Reichert at [jreichert@westminsterpc.org](mailto:jreichert@westminsterpc.org).
- 9:30am - **Children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade** will start out in worship with their parents and after the Thought for Children will be dismissed to:

**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.

**LIVE STREAMING** of our services is offered over the internet. A service bulletin for worship may be found through the link on our website or in the weekly update. We invite you to join us at [westminsterpc.org](http://westminsterpc.org) when not able to attend worship.

**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](mailto:sue.es.spotts@gmail.com) or the church office.

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** is celebrated the first Sunday of every month in all services. If you desire or know of someone desiring **HOME COMMUNION**, please contact Ann Hatfield, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care at 610-399-3377 ext. 114.

**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 10:30 a.m. Contact the office to register for the baptism class.

# NEWS AND EVENTS

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March 19, 2023



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## HOLY WEEK

**Holy Week Labyrinth:** The labyrinth will be set up during Holy Week in Spellman Hall. All are invited to walk the labyrinth. This is an opportunity to reflect upon Jesus and the events of this week that lead to the cross. Walking the labyrinth is prayer in motion. Walking invites us to be open to God who is on the journey with us. There will also be stations around the outer perimeter of the labyrinth for reflection. There is a special Scripture and reflection for each day of Holy Week.



### Labyrinth Schedule

Palm Sunday, 4/2	8:30AM – 7:30 PM
Monday, 4/3	9 AM – 4 PM
Tuesday, 4/4	9 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday, 4/5	9 AM – 4 PM
Maundy Thurs., 4/6	9 AM – 9 PM
Good Friday, 4/7	9 AM – 1:30 PM

Holy week is the most beautiful and the most important week of the church year. It is the drama of our salvation and our life. It is also a week of profound renewal. We renew our baptismal life as we see again the battle that God in Christ wins against all the powers of darkness and destruction in our world and in our lives.

A meaningful way of praying during Holy Week is simply to follow the labyrinth. All we have to do in our prayer is be open and receptive, content to follow and to receive what God chooses to give us. In this way our prayer enters into the way Christ lives. He allows himself to be taken on a journey by the Father. Thy will be done. So let scripture and reflections take you on this road. Be attentive to it. Notice its details. Entrust yourself to it.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday, April 6, 7:30 pm – Maundy Thursday service\*  
Friday, April 7, 12:00 noon – Good Friday service\*  
Saturday, April 8, 5:00 pm – Taizé Easter Vigil service\*

## EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 9

6:00 am Sunrise service with Communion

8:00 am Traditional service with brass

\*\* 9:30 am Traditional service, choir and brass \*

\*\* 11:00 am Contemporary service with band \*

\* In Person and Live Stream.

\*\* Childcare provided for children under 5

### MARCH VESPERS & DINNER

**THIS AFTERNOON AT 5:00PM**

**CHOIR ROOM AND CAFÉ 10 WEST**

Join us today for our kid-friendly worship service and a potluck meal. This service is planned with young children in mind, but all are welcome! This month we'll have a special Mr. Rogers themed service as the next day (March 20) is Mr. Rogers' birthday. Worship begins at 5 pm in the choir room followed by a meal in Café 10 West. As we won't have access to the kitchen, please bring a COLD dish to share for dinner.

### BRAHMS REQUIEM

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26 AT 4:00PM**

Join our Chancel Choir for a free afternoon concert as they present Brahms Requiem. Accompanied by an orchestra and soloists, this work focuses on moving us from our sorrows to our joy in living. Brahms' evocative writing will both comfort you and exhilarate you. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray the concert production costs of this unique performance experience. Childcare available if requested (6 mos.-4 years). **No tickets needed!** Questions? Contact Tim Evers at [tevers@westminsterpc.org](mailto:tevers@westminsterpc.org).

## BROAD STREET MINISTRY (BSM)

**Donate briefs.** For the month of March we are collecting **new men's boxers and briefs, and new women's underwear**, all sizes, for Broad Street Ministry (please NO children's underwear). You can order online and have them mailed to the church attention to the Outreach Committee at 10 W. Pleasant Grove Rd. West Chester, PA 19382 or drop them off in the bins in the Narthex. Questions? Contact [Lisa Merrill](mailto:LisaMerrill@lfmerrill05@gmail.com) at [lfmerrill05@gmail.com](mailto:lfmerrill05@gmail.com).

**Volunteers.** BSM is also looking for up to 5 volunteers to help serve, bus and clean up lunch at the 10:30am – 2pm Sanctuary Lunch Service on the second Tuesday of each month. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/volunteerBSM> if you want to volunteer for just one month or more. We will carpool, or take the train (from the new WaWa Station). Questions to Dave Welsh at [davidjwelsh55@gmail.com](mailto:davidjwelsh55@gmail.com). If the 2nd Tuesday of the month does not work, WPC has a group that also volunteers on the 3rd Thursday of the month. You can email [Joseph Kefauver](mailto:jjkefauver@verizon.net) directly at [jjkefauver@verizon.net](mailto:jjkefauver@verizon.net) to join that group.

### A PRAY GROUND EXPERIMENT... WHAT IS A PRAY GROUND?



We believe children are integral members of the body of Christ and should be able to be in worship with their families. Learning how to worship is like learning how to swim--you can only learn how to swim by getting in the water. We want kids to know how to worship by giving them space to observe, participate, and experience worship in a new way. During Lent, we are introducing spaces called **Pray Grounds** along the sides of our Sanctuary by the window benches.

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### **THRIFT SHOP: ANNUAL SPRING DROP OFF**

**Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. under the Westminster church portico.** If you are spring house cleaning, downsizing, interior re-designing, etc., consider donating your items to the drop off. We are in need of: spring/summer jewelry, shoes, house decor, small appliances, pots, pan, dishes, glasses, small pieces of furniture, Easter and summer holiday decorations, books, puzzles, games, etc. Your generous giving to this ministry helps us continue our mission of supporting community organizations in need. Shop hours: Monday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.(workday), Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-12 noon. Thursday, CLOSED.

### **EASTER SPRING FLOWERS**

If you'd like to order an Easter Spring Flower in memory of or in honor of a loved one or friend, contact Barb Drain at [bdrain@westminsterpc.org](mailto:bdrain@westminsterpc.org) or 610-399-3377 with your name and the dedication you would like listed in the bulletin. The cost this year is \$15.00.

Session also encourages those who wish to contribute to the **Endowment Fund** in memory or honor of a loved one or friend to do so; names will also be listed in bulletin.

Orders will be taken through Monday, April 3.

## ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT - FRIDAY/SATURDAY, APRIL 28/29

This year we are once again holding our women's retreat on site at Westminster. Women of all ages, 16 and older, are invited to return this spring for one or two days of fellowship and spiritual renewal. This year's theme is *Wholehearted Living* with speaker Rev. Patty Stoltzfus. We invite women to join us as your schedule allows. Come for the full retreat on Friday and Saturday, or Friday or Saturday only. Brochures are available to pick up in the narthex. To register type the following in your browser: <https://bit.ly/2023wpcWP>. Questions? Contact Jennie Clark at [jclark@westminsterpc.org](mailto:jclark@westminsterpc.org).

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

**Child Care Coordinator.** - Do you love God, love children, want to answer a call to ministry to God's smallest, and have great organizational skills? We are hiring for a new paid position for a **part-time Childcare Coordinator**. Come walk alongside these wonder-filled little people as they begin their journeys through God's Kingdom. You'll be abundantly blessed! Contact Jill Reichert for more information at 610-399-3377, ext. 106 or [jreichert@westminsterpc.org](mailto:jreichert@westminsterpc.org)

### **Child Care, WeeConnect, and KidsConnect Leaders**

From just this fall, we have seen increased registrations from 51 children to over 120, with many new families coming. That means we need to reframe how we are doing things because on any given Sunday we have classrooms that are at capacity. We need more leaders to expand into more spaces. Child Care Volunteers help on an as-needed basis when staff are unavailable, or we need to add adults to keep a safe adult/child ratio. WeeConnect and KidsConnect help on a rotating basis, approximately monthly, with a small team of other leaders.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday MEN & WOMEN's Fellowship.** Next meeting is Tuesday, March 21 at 9:30 in Spellman Jr. Sue and Bill Fry will be talking about their time in South Korea from 2011-2015. They were working with an international university in Incheon, Korea. She will speak about contrasts, old and new perspectives on community and the individual in South Korea. Those wishing to join via Zoom should contact Dave Goodale ([dbgpharma@gmail.com](mailto:dbgpharma@gmail.com)) to be included with those receiving the ZOOM Link.

**Gleaning Garden.** Spring is almost here, and time to prepare WPC's Gleaning Garden for another year of growing vegetables to donate to local food cupboards. In 2022, we donated almost 400 pounds of produce, and every year the need is greater. We can use your help! Our schedule is very flexible and weather-dependent in March and April. We will plan a couple of workdays (2-3 hours) to prepare the beds, add bags of compost, and repair the fences. Planting begins mid-March. We will plant spinach seedlings and peas around March 22, and more spinach, lettuce and turnips in mid-April. Harvesting those items usually begins mid-May, when we also plant our warm weather crops. Want more info or have time to help, contact Anita Gordon at [anita4cfpa@gmail.com](mailto:anita4cfpa@gmail.com).

**The Annual CRC Clean Up,** Saturday, March 25, 9-11:30am. Volunteers can register on the CRC website through today, March 19. Walk in volunteers will also be welcome that morning. Sue and Martin Bruegel will be leading the West Goshen Site 111. Email Sue Bruegel with any questions and to register at [suebrue@verizon.net](mailto:suebrue@verizon.net). Volunteer Picnic – The Clean-up will be followed by a volunteer picnic at Rita Reeves Park until 1pm. Gloves, trash bags and refreshments will be provided. Covid Safety Protocols in effect. Sign up at [www.crcwatersheds.org/what-we-do/streams-cleanup/](http://www.crcwatersheds.org/what-we-do/streams-cleanup/) List WPC as group.

**Community Warehouse.** The Community Warehouse Project of Chester County is a service organization that collects and redistributes donated furniture to individuals and families in need within the region. Westminster will pick up your used furniture on Sat., April 15<sup>th</sup> from 8 am -11 am, and deliver them for you! Email your name, address, and a list and photos of the items you want to donate to [nancy@tuttlemarketing.com](mailto:nancy@tuttlemarketing.com) and we will make the arrangements. If you want to help us that day, please let us know as well! For other smaller furniture and all household items, you can always donate them to Westminster's Thrift Shop.

**One Great Hour of Sharing.** This special PCUSA Offering provides a way to make Christ known and to share God's love with our neighbors in need. Currently, OGHS funds are being used for emergency humanitarian aid for Ukrainian refugees and for the recovery efforts in Turkey and Syria following the earthquake. Please consider donating during the season of Lent. Offering envelopes are available for your use in the pews for those attending in person. Donating online is also available. Use the following link to donate online: <https://bit.ly/wpcOGHS>.

## FINANCIAL

**Want More Control for your Giving?** WPC is consolidating recurrent giving through Realm, our church management resource. Realm empowers you to manage giving, connect with members and activities, view our directory and more. **Creating a Realm login is easy** - we can help you through the process. Finance will be reaching out to move members currently using our old giving platform to Realm, call Sandy Kurek, Finance Director, for more information, 610-399-3377 x 111.

**Donate from your smart phone.** Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response code reader.



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

### February 2023 General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget Better/(Worse)
Pledge Giving	\$444,845	\$410,301	8.4%
Total Revenue	\$567,625	\$473,996	19.8%
Expense	\$330,927	\$375,315	11.8%

*\*Note from Church Administrator, Gerry McShane: Our year is off to a great start thanks to many of you paying your annual pledge in full. Total revenue is up significantly due to non-pledged giving and per capita dues. YTD, non-pledged giving is up 39% vs budget while per capita shows a 44% increase Year-Over-Year. Expenses are lower due to timing differences in Personnel-related costs and property expenses. The latter is attributed to energy savings from warmer temperatures thus eliminating the need for snow removal, as well as savings from recent investments in LED lighting around the church. We are grateful for your generous heart!*

*Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of Westminster.*

Attendance: 03/12/23:

In Person	441
Live Stream	502
Phone	4
Total	947

Offering Figures for 03/12/23

Sunday Offering	\$ 19,756.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 100.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 100.00
Music Fund	\$ 100.00
OGHS	\$ 950.00
Per Capita	\$ 312.00

Total \$ 21,318.00

**Calendar for week of March 19, 2023**

Sunday, March 19

8:45 A.M. Childcare thru age 3 (443)

9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship / WeeConnect 3-4 yrs. /

KidsConnect (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade), Credo Class /

Middle School Breakfast (414)

10:45 A.M. Journey Class

11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)

5:00 P.M. Vespers Service (Choir Room)

5:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Chapel)

5:30 P.M. Youth Group (407/408 & 414/415)

Monday, March 20

9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop workday until 3PM

Tuesday, March 21

9:00 A.M. Women's Lenten Bible Study (414)

9:30 A.M. Tuesday Men & Women's Fellowship (Sp. Jr.)

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

1:00 P.M. Westminster Knitters (413)

7:00 P.M. Session Meeting (Zoom & Spellman Jr.)

Wednesday, March 22

- 9:10 A.M. Prayer and Communion Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study (Spellman Jr.)
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3PM
- 4:30 P.M. Cont. Intergener Small Group via Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. Kids JAM (Spellman Hall)
- 7:00 P.M. A Gathering of Men (Hybrid/Spellman Jr.)
- 7:00 P.M. Handbells rehearsal (Spellman Hall)
- 7:00 P.M. Worship Band rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 23

**Thrift Shop Closed**

- 10:00 A.M. Tech Time with Lynn via Zoom
- 4:00 P.M. Alzheimer's/Dementia Group (Spellman Jr.)
- 7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery via Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 93 (Spellman Hall)
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Friday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 25

- 9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until Noon
- 9:00 A.M. Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 26

- 8:45 A.M. Childcare thru age 3 (443)
- 9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship / WeeConnect 3-4 yrs. /  
KidsConnect (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade),  
Middle School Breakfast (414)
- 10:45 A.M. Journey Class
- 11:00 A.M. Baptism Class (Chapel)
- 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00P.M. New Members Luncheon (Spellman Hall)
- 4:00 P.M. Brahm's Requiem Concert (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 P.M. Youth Group (407/408 & 414/415)

**For questions about any of our activities or events, please visit the website at [westminsterpc.org](http://westminsterpc.org) or call the church office.**

**FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS      MARCH – SPAGHETTI SAUCE AND PASTA**