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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

May 28, 2023

11:00 A.M. Contemporary



GATHERING THOUGHT

I was at home and lonely,
both in good measure. Until
the sudden angel affrighted me — light effacing
my feeble beam,
a forest of torches, feathers of flame, sparks upflying:
but the cows as before
were calm, and nothing was burning,
 nothing but I, as that hand of fire
touched my lips and scorched my tongue
and pulled my voice
 into the ring of the dance.

-from "Caedmon," by Denise Levertov (1923-1997)

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

Build Your Kingdom Here

CCLI#6186078/Rend Collective Experiment, CCLI#2254621

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again
Increase in us we pray, Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church, We need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first, We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives, For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released,
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church, We pray revive this earth

Refrain: *Build Your kingdom here, Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand, Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire, Win your people back
Change the atmosphere, Build Your kingdom here we pray*

Unleash Your kingdom's power, Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop, Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this,
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church, We are the hope on earth *(Refrain)*

Rejoice In All Your Works

W. Kimbrough

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Every mouth that cries for food
Every lung that yearns for breath
Every eye that searches through the dark for light
All creation looks to You
For its breath and for its food
From the goodness of Your hand we're satisfied

Oh rejoice in all Your works
King of heaven King of earth
Every creature You have made declares Your praise
We rejoice in all You've made
God of all-sustaining grace
With the mountain sky and sea we sing Your praise

Every tree that thirsts for rain
Every bird that seeks its nest
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad
All creation looks to You
For its breath and for its food
From the goodness of Your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart
And the song upon my lips
With the chorus of creation join in praise
To the God who made all things
To the Spirit who sustains
To the Son who over all creation reigns

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pour Out Your Spirit

Joel 2/Acts 2TomLane©1999The BridgeWorx,EMICChristianMusicPub., CCLI Lic#2254621

Pour out Your Spirit, Lord, on Your people (3x)

Let it reign, let it reign

Pour out Your mercy, Lord, on Your people (3x)

Let it reign, let it reign

Pour out Your fire, Lord, on Your people (3x)

Let it reign, let it reign

Turn our hearts, Lord, to our children,
And every nation to the God of love and holiness
Let the fire of Your Spirit burn
(Repeat from beginning)

Pour out Your Spirit, Lord, on Your people

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “The Peace of Christ”

PENTECOST OFFERING VIDEO *Hope Beyond Borders*

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.

Holy Spirit, descending from above
Holy Spirit, appearing as a dove
On Jesus' head, "In you I am well pleased"
His Father said, as hundreds stood amazed,
Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, here in tongues of fire
Holy Spirit, brings the church alive
They spoke in tongues, each from different lands
Guided by the Spirit's very hand,
Holy Spirit.

Inspiring, enabling, authoring, guiding
Burning in our hearts, keeping faith alive (2nd time to end)

Holy Spirit, come and live in me
Make us holy, come and set us free
To love and bless our neighbor and our God
To be the church with Jesus as our Lord (to bridge)

Holy Spirit
Guide my life
Holy Spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

Nettleton, CCLI Lic#2254621

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power
Give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ the Cornerstone
Still the church is called to mission,
That God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears
For tomorrow's unknown pathway,
Hear, O Lord, our humble prayers
In the church's pilgrim journey, You have led us all the way
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, give us words of fire and flame
Help our feeble lips to praise You, glorify Your Holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three in one what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING

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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 sign the *Friendship Pad* with your name, address, email and/or phone number.

You will find literature about Westminster at the Information Desk. 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. Following worship, they can be found greeting at the doors of the sanctuary.

The next new members' class is Saturday, October 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Childcare is available during the class upon request.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY are: Acts 2:1-21 *or* Numbers 11:24-30 *and Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *or* Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 *or* John 7:37-39. 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.

WORSHIP BAND: Jon Frost, acoustic guitar; Noah Dzielawa, bass guitar; Chris Clark, drums; Tom Russell, keys; Lauren Coffey, vocals

PRAY GROUNDS ARE LOCATED 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. We look forward to welcoming our children in new and comfortable ways!

USHERS: Perk Musacchio and Brian Miller

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.

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.

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.
- 9:30am - **Children Pre-K through 5th grade** will start out in worship with their parents and after the Thought for Children will be dismissed to:

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 when not able to attend worship.

TEXT GIVING is available. Text keyword “egivewpc” and then your donation amount to 73256 on your mobile device. Click the response link, make selections, hit continue, and add payment information. Contact Sandy Kurek at skurek@westminsterpc.org for more 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 on 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.

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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

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NEWS AND EVENTS

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CLERK'S CORNER

During its May 16th meeting, the Session:

- Approved two children for baptism.
- Elected Angela Emrich, Rich Birkenmaier and Tom Russell as a Commission to represent Session in receiving Youth Confirmands into membership of Westminster.
- As part of the Trustees report on the Strategic Task Force, we had a lengthy and lively discussion about engagement with members and attenders both locally and in-person and with a broader community of worshippers regularly on Live Stream.
- Heard from Church Administrator Gerry McShane that Trustees approved monies for some painting and repairs to various elements of the church property.
- Approved five (5) Grant requests recommended by the Endowment Fund Board as follows: \$10,000 Challenge Grant for Serving at the Crossroads, up to \$3,621 to Celebrate Recovery for leadership training, \$7,700 for Housing Partnership of Chester County for flood damage from Ida, \$1,000 to support the Health and Wellness Fair on May 21st and \$16,000 to support renovation and restoration at Broad Street Ministries.
- Re-approved Westminster's hosting a concert by the nationally known indie band Brilliance which had been previously approved for April 2020 but cancelled due to Pandemic – concert scheduled for October 28, 2023.
- Approved a motion by the Home Team to conduct a Poverty Simulation Event in October 2023 which will involve at least 40 and as many as 85 participants.
- Approved the added observance of the Lord's Supper on Sunday July 23, 2023, to coincide with a planned sermon on Jesus' feeding of the thousands.
- Heard about upcoming Outreach events including a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on Sunday, June 4.
- Reviewed reports and heard highlights from ASG, Stewardship, Youth and College Ministries and Deacons.
- Shared congregational cares, concerns, and joys, and lifted all these in prayer at the end of the meeting.

Ed McFalls, Clerk of Session

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday – May 21 – we welcomed the following 18 new members into the fellowship of Westminster Presbyterian Church during worship services:

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WEAR ORANGE RALLY

Friday, June 2 @ Noon

West Chester County Courthouse steps
2 N. High Street, West Chester, PA

Friday, June 2nd is National Gun Violence Awareness Day. You are invited to participate in this local rally to build awareness about the gun violence crisis in our country. As we continue to envision a future without gun violence in our schools and neighborhoods, we wear orange as we tell the stories and say the names of those who have died from gun violence. Pastor Ann Hatfield will be offering a prayer at the start of the rally. Questions? Contact [Pastor Ann at ahatfield@westminsterpc.org](mailto:ahatfield@westminsterpc.org).

JUNE BLOOD DRIVE

The poster is orange with white text and graphics. It features a red cross logo in the top left corner. The text reads: "American Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, June 2nd 11a - 4p Westminster Presbyterian Church 10 W. Pleasant Grove Road West Chester, PA 19382". At the bottom right, it says "Wear Orange: honoring and supporting survivors of gun violence". There are decorative white dot patterns in the top right and bottom left corners.

American Red Cross
Blood Drive
Friday, June 2nd
11a - 4p

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of gun violence

A FESTIVAL OF WORD AND SONG

Sunday, June 11, 2023 - 10:00am

Westminster comes together for one worship service to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 - Matthew 7) experienced through scripture reading and song. Join our Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Instrumentalists and Worship Collective as we worship together in a unique musical offering. Following Worship, we will enjoy fellowship with strawberry shortcake. Join us for this special Sunday as we celebrate our program year.



HERO HOTLINE VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE!

Please be aware that information regarding VBS has changed. The dates have been condensed to Tuesday, June 20 – Thursday, June 22. VBS will not be held on Monday and Friday, as initially planned. Space is limited to 60 participants.

Registration is open to rising Kindergarten to 5th grade students. Registration is open from now through June 2, 2023. Additional details can be found on the registration site. Register TODAY!



Please contact Jill Reichert with any questions at jreichert@westminsterpc.org

VBS Wish List - Can You Help Us with a Few Supplies?

- Old pool noodles (they will be repurposed and not able to be returned)
- Leftover black, gray, white, brown paint (we need to create “cave walls” from brown craft paper & need added color/texture)
- Spray-on insulation (the kind that hardens)



**Rise Against Hunger
Meal Packing Event
Sunday, June 4, 8am - 12:45pm**

We will be packaging 25,000 meals

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We need [volunteers](#)... This is a fun, intergenerational event and all are welcome (ages 4 -104). Each shift is 1.25 hours. Bring family, friends, and neighbors!

[Donations](#) – It costs 38 cents per meal to run this event. \$85 will fund meals for one child for a full school year. Donations to Rise Against Hunger can be made online, or by check to Westminster Presbyterian Church with RAH in memo field. Please contact [Angela Emrich](#) at ang.emrich@gmail.com for questions or help getting registered!

If you or your business would like to become an Event Sponsor, please contact [Angela Emrich at the above email](#).

2023 GRADUATES

Do you have a son or daughter graduating from high school, college, or the military? Congratulations!

Please let us know so we can recognize them at the church. Send us a picture (8x10 or 5x7 please) and a brief write up including the proud parents' names, the grad's full name, where they are graduating from and where they will be pursuing their education (college/major) or the job they will be taking on! If they were involved in any programs, activities, trips, or groups within the church, we would love to include that as well!

Please drop off a picture (which will be returned, so include your address) and the write up to the church office by Thursday, June 8. If you have any questions, please contact Susanne Perkins at flipflops@comcast.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last week for Westminster's Annual Mother's Day Diaper Drive.

Diapers and wipes will be distributed to 7 organizations in Chester County that work with families in need of Diapers. Diapers and wipes can be left in collection bins throughout the church. Diapers and wipes may also be purchased online and delivered directly to Westminster at 10 West Pleasant Grove Road, West Chester, PA 19382. Questions? Contact Angela Emrich at ang.emrich@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity partners with people in your community, and all over the world to help them build or improve a place they can call home. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families. Dates available in Coatesville and West Grove Construction Sites: **Saturday, June 3** (Wednesdays may also be available if needed). Contact Paul Cofrancesco at info@paulco.net for more information or to sign up.

THRIFT SHOP: Please note that the Westminster Thrift Shop will be **CLOSED** Saturday, May 27 and Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day, remembering and honoring the men and women who have died in the service of this country. We will reopen for business on Tuesday, May 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Medicare information in-person counseling, by appointment, available at Westminster on the last Friday of each month, June 30, July 28, August 25. Appointments also available by Zoom or phone on other days. For more information contact Charlene Fink at shortwoods@verizon.net.

FINANCIAL

Message from Sandy Kurek, Director of Finance: “Moving To Text Giving on **Realm** -Westminster Text Giving is easy on **Realm** and saves us subscription/processing costs. Just text keyword “EGIVEWPC” and then your donation amount to 73256 on your mobile device. Click the response link, make selections, hit continue, and add payment information. That’s all – I challenge you to try it!” Call Sandy Kurek, Finance Director, for more information, 610-399-3377 x 111.



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April 2023
General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget Better/(Worse)
Pledge Giving	\$703,039	\$715,171	(1.7%)
Total Revenue	\$916,234	\$847,098	8.2%
Expense	\$722,873	\$768,721	6.0%

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

Finance Update from Gerry McShane, Church Administrator, April offering revenue rebounded from a down month in March with pledged and non-pledged giving leading the way. This coupled with the continued savings from Personnel and Property contributed to a \$8k surplus for the month. For the year, we are \$46k ahead of last year on a net basis, with 8 months to go. I want to caution that as we head into the Summer, giving trends downward historically, so it's important to maintain your giving electronically even when you're away on vacation. Consider Text giving as a simple and easy way to donate.

Attendance: 05/21/23:

In Person	377
Live Stream	431
Phone	5
Vespers	<u>18</u>
Total	831

Offering Figures for 05/21/23 (includes online giving)

General Fund	\$ 28,444.66
CSG (Sunday School)	\$ 40.00
Misc. Donations	\$ 550.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 300.00
PC(USA) Offerings	\$ 800.00
May Outreach	\$ 1513.18
Per Capita	\$ <u>200.00</u>
Total	\$31,847.84

Calendar for week of May 28, 2023

Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost

9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) /
WeeConnect 3-yrs. KidsConnect (K-5th)
Middle School Breakfast (414)

10:30 A.M. Baptism Class (Chapel)

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

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day – Office Closed

Thrift Shop Closed

Tuesday, May 30

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

Wednesday, May 31

9 :00 A.M. Summer Women’s Bible Study (Spellman Jr.)

9:10 A.M. Prayer and Communion Service (Chapel)

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

4:30 P.M. Contemplative Small Group via Zoom

7:00 P.M. Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 P.M. A Gathering of Men (Hybrid/Spellman Jr.)

7:00 P.M. Handbells Rehearsal (Spellman Hall)

Thursday, June 1

Thrift Shop Closed

10:00 A.M. Tech Time with Lynn via zoom

7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery (414)

7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts (Spellman Hall)

Friday, June 2

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

11:00 A.M. Blood Drive

Saturday, June 3

Sunday, June 4

8:00 A.M. Rise Against Hunger (Spellman Hall)

9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) / Childcare

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

5:00 P.M. Taizé Contemplative Worship

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

MAY – CANNED FRUIT

JUNE – PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

**For questions about any of our activities or events, please visit the
website at westminsterpc.org.
or call the church office.**