

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

January 21, 2024
11:00 A.M. Contemporary



GATHERING THOUGHT

"Off Stellwagen
off the Cape,
the humpbacks rise. Carrying their tonnage
of barnacles and joy
they leap through the water, they nuzzle back under it
like children
at play.

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They sing, too.
And not for any reason
you can't imagine."

-from "Humpbacks," a poem by Mary Oliver

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

Your Grace Is Enough

2 Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 23, Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness Oh God,
You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, Oh God.

*Refrain: Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me (2x)*

Great is Your love and justice God,
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, Oh God. *(Refrain 2x)*

So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, Oh God. *(Refrain)*

*Your grace is enough,
Heaven reaches down to us, Your grace is enough for me,
Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love,
Your grace is enough for me.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Called Me Higher

L.Jordan

I could just sit, I could just sit and wait for all Your goodness
Hope to feel Your presence
And I could just stay, I could just stay right where I am
and hope to feel You, hope to feel something again

I could hold on, I could hold on to who I am
and never let You change me from the inside
I could be safe oh, I could be safe here in Your arms
and never leave home, never let these walls down

But You have called me higher, You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
You have called me higher, You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
Where You lead me, (where you lead me, Lord)
I could hold on, I could hold on to who I am
and never let You change me from the inside
I could be safe oh, I could be safe here in Your arms
and never leave home, never let these walls down

But You have called me higher, You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
You have called me higher, You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
Where You lead me.

I will be Yours oh, I will be Yours for all my life
I will be Yours oh, I will be Yours for all my life
I will be Yours oh, I will be Yours for all my life so let Your mercy
I will be Yours Lord, And I will be Yours for all my life
So let Your mercy light the path before me.

'Cause You have called me higher, You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
Oh 'cause You have called me higher, You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord (*repeat*)

Where You lead me

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 this child 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 Bodi Clark): *Children of Westminster, do we promise to share the Light of Jesus with Wesson by being his friend and always showing him kindness and love? If so, say, "Yes, we do!"*

Response: Yes, we do!

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “The Peace of Christ”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: Let us welcome these who have professed their faith.

People: Friends, as members of one holy, catholic and apostolic church, you do not come to us as strangers, but as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the worship and work of this people of God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 forever, AMEN.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Follow You

arr. Benjamin Rector

Go on, lay your troubles down, Set your feet on solid ground
Peace, deep as I have found, I wanna follow you.

Come on, all you weak and weary, Come round now if you can
hear me
Poor, sick, and God-fearing, I wanna follow you,
I said I wanna follow you

*Refrain: Leave all your trouble, Leave all your sorrow,
Set down your burden, Come on and follow
Come on, heavy laden, Don't wait for tomorrow
Come on, my brother, Come on and follow*

Go on, leave your worries, too, Not a bit of good they do
There's a word that's coming through, Go on, leave your worry, too

So I call your name in the middle of the night,
I wanna know can you hear my cries?
June heat and moonlight, I wanna follow you, I said I wanna follow you
Refrain

Set your burdens down, Set your burdens down,
Set your burdens down

Refrain...
Come on, my brother, Come on and follow (2x)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1: 14-20 (Pew Bible pg. 812)

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When It's Time

Leah Hrachovec

SONG OF RESPONSE

Mighty To Save

Fielding & Morgan
Hebrews 2:10; Ezekiel 38:20

Everyone needs compassion, Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

*Refrain: Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, God is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
Christ rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in
Now I surrender (*Refrain*)

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King (2x) (*Refrain 2x*)

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING *Follow You* arr. Benjamin Rector

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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.

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.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY are: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
and Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is administered at the 9:30am traditional service to Leo Ray Cornacchione, son of Jesse and Maria Cornacchione; Jacob Odysseus Hewlett and Archer Benjamin Hewlett, twin sons of Mark and Leigh Hewlett; and at the 11:00am contemporary service to Wesson Laurence Lucker, son of Brandon and Christin Lucker.

WORSHIP BAND: Jon Frost, acoustic guitar; Noah Dzielawa, bass guitar; Ryan Emrich, drums; Tom Russell, piano; Lauren Coffey and Elissa Mauro, vocals

KIDSCONNECT MORNING SCHEDULE:

- 11:00am – **Young Children & Worship** will start out in worship with their parents and after the Thought for Children will be dismissed to the Chapel.

USHERS: Chris Benfer and Eric Emrich

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY will be one combined service at 10:00am with congregational meeting to follow.

THE NEXT BAPTISM CLASS will be next Sunday at 9:30am in the Chapel. Please note time change due to worship time change.

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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

A REMOTE TV MONITOR is in the Quiet Room (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.

PRAY GROUNDS ARE LOCATED along the sides of our Sanctuary and are geared towards young children to engage in items from the cart during worship. This allows a space more suitable for them to be a part of the worship service.

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.

PRAYER MINISTRY 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 Ministry or to become a member, contact Janet Gauger at gauger.janet@gmail.com or the church office.

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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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JANUARY 28, 2024
COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM
AND
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT 11 AM
In Person in the Sanctuary or via Zoom

Join us for our annual meeting for the purpose of:

1. Voting on changes in the terms of call
for installed pastors
2. Hearing the 2024 budget overview, and
3. Receiving the 2023 Annual Report.

The annual report and other documents will be sent out
prior to the meeting.

Brunch refreshments will be provided for those who would like to remain after the
meeting.

*Childcare available during meeting
for children 4 years and under.*

STAR WORDS VESPERS AND POTLUCK DINNER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 5:00PM



Intergenerational worship and fellowship to start off the new year. Children, families, couples or singles of all ages are welcome! This vespers service we will focus on “Star Words.” What word will the Spirit share with you to focus on this year? Join us for worship in the Chapel at 5:00pm and find out! Then stay for a potluck dinner in Spellman afterwards. We will provide meat and veggie lasagna options but invite you to bring a side/salad or dessert dish to share with everyone.



HELP US CELEBRATE REV. JENNIE CLARK'S RETIREMENT

After 41 years of ordained ministry, including over 6 years at Westminster, Rev. Jennie Clark retires from her call as Associate Pastor for Spiritual Growth. Come hear Pastor Jennie preach her final sermon during both morning worship services on Sunday, February 4. We will recognize and celebrate Pastor Jennie on her final Sunday in worship on February 11, when there will be one service at 10 am with Director of Youth and College Ministries Chris Clark preaching. Following the service, we will gather in Spellman Hall for a church-wide reception.

If you would like to share thoughts and memories about Jennie's leadership, you're invited to drop off photos, cards or letters in baskets found in the Narthex during the first two Sundays in February.

WESTMINSTER OUTREACH

If you have a passion for Outreach and would like to explore joining Westminster's Outreach committee, please contact [Angela Emrich](mailto:ang.emrich@gmail.com) – ang.emrich@gmail.com or [Rob Necarsulmer](mailto:robneocar@gmail.com) - robneocar@gmail.com.

COLGATE® ORAL CARE FREE RECYCLING PROGRAM



Westminster has signed up with Terracycle to be a Public Drop off Point for Recycling ALL BRANDS of oral care products and packaging. This includes toothpaste tubes, caps and packaging, toothbrushes and packaging and dental floss containers. A Public collection bin can be found in the parking lot near the Gleaning Garden. A bin is also located in the Heckert Center for congregation drop-off. Questions? Contact [Angela Emrich at ang.emrich@gmail.com](mailto:ang.emrich@gmail.com).

PROJECT CURE

Have the dire headlines of conflicts around the world got you down? Wish there was some way you could help?

Project CURE's warehouse in Jennersville needs volunteers. Project CURE collects, sorts, repacks, and ships donated medical supplies to countries in need worldwide. Six containers have been sent from the warehouse to Ukraine, and more are going to Israel and Gaza. There are volunteer opportunities for everyone - no experience required. Training provided. Volunteers with any level of medical training are urgently needed to audit specialized supplies before packing. The warehouse is open 9-4 Mon-Thur and 9-12 on Fri. Come anytime your schedule permits. Great flexibility with no prior commitment. For more information visit the Project CURE website <https://projectcure.org/> or call Rachel Rider at 215-378-6460.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

JANUARY 24 FROM 9:30-11:30AM

A 12-week study beginning January 24 entitled *Hidden: Finding Delight in Your Life In Christ* by Allison Allen.

Study guide on Amazon <https://bit.ly/AMZbiblestudy>
or Church Source <https://bit.ly/CSbiblestudy>

Excerpt from the back of the book ...

"Discover the gift found in a life that doesn't seek to be seen. *'Your life is hidden with Christ in God'*" ~Colossians 3:3

In a world where excellence is equated to exposure, and legacy is equated to social media likes, what does it mean to embrace a hidden life?

In this study, we will learn from and relate our own stories to examples of multiple concealed characters in the Bible including the Sons of Korah, Cleopas, Huldah the prophetess, the Daughters of Shallum, Pilate's wife, and Gideon. In Scripture, Jesus presents us an astoundingly countercultural way of existing - one without the pressure to perform or make a platform. The life Jesus offers us is focused on him.

Questions? Contact Kathy Smedley at ksmed@aol.com or Ellen Musser greateast@comcast.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday Fellowship for January 23 is Dr. David Goodale. Dave will use two highly regarded references: the **Bible** & Near Death Experiences (**NDEs**) to answer 3 of the more difficult religious questions about **Our Invisible Spiritual Challenges** today:

- 1) What is our purpose here on earth... what should be our life's goal ?
- 2) Why do bad things happen to good people if there is a loving God ?
- 3) Don't all people end up going to heaven if GOD is all loving ?

We will meet **in Spellman Jr** at 9:30 AM for fellowship, coffee, tea and treats. Discussion to follow at 10:00-11:00AM. Contact Dave Goodale (dbgpharma@gmail.com) for ZOOM information.


Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group: Meets this Tuesday, January 23, at 6:00pm in Spellman Jr. or on Zoom. Contact Page Hinkle at pagehinkle@kw.com for more information.


Escape Hibernation! Eat Out with WPC'ers on Thursday, Jan. 25, 12 Noon at Timothy's in Parkway Center. Call Carol Olver at 610 883-6176 or Carol Edwards at 610 306-0674 for reservations and details.

Calvin University Presents "The January Series", 12:30-1:30 PM, January 15-February 2. Every January, Calvin University sponsors [The January Series](#), a daily, hour-long cultural enrichment series. Its goal is to cultivate deep thought and conversations about important issues of the day in order to inspire cultural renewal and make us better global citizens in God's world. Attend The January Series virtually. To register to live stream and/or learn more about this year's speakers, type the following in your browser - <https://bit.ly/JanSer24> -

2024 Safe Harbor Meals – Limited Spots Remain!

We're still looking to fill a handful of lunches and dinner spots to fulfil our meal commitment to Safe Harbor in 2024. Please help us reach our goal and consider volunteering your time and cooking talents!

Lunch Volunteers needed: to prepare 30 bagged lunches. Remaining dates  include: 7/6, 7/15, 8/3, 8/19, 10/5, 12/7. Volunteers must shop, assemble, and deliver the lunches. Volunteers can select 1 date or more!

Dinner Volunteers needed: to prepare and serve dinner for 25 residents of  Safe Harbor. Remaining dates include 6/2, 8/4 & 10/6. Volunteers must shop, assemble, deliver, and serve the dinners. Volunteers can select 1 month or more!

Additional information can be found in the Signup Genius using the QR codes. Please reach out to Christine Philbin (cphilbin31@gmail.com) with any questions!

Thrift Shop. WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!! The thrift shop needs Valentine's Day and St. Patty's Day items of all types. We certainly **appreciate your support**, and our customers are **very much appreciative**. God Bless!!!

Help Support DAWN'S PLACE in January. January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and Westminster's Anti-Human Trafficking Advocacy Working Group will be collecting household items for Dawn's Place. Dawn's Place supports women affected by commercial sexual exploitation and its abuse by providing services to women, raising awareness and generating prevention. Bring items to church during the month of January and place in the marked bins located near the entrances. Questions? Contact Diane DeSieno-Lane at dianedesieno@msn.com. Here is a list of items or types of items being collected:

Large trash bags – 30 gallons	Toilet paper
Dish washing detergent	Kleenex
Ziplock bags – 1 gallon	Paper towels
Disinfecting wipes	Napkins
Swiffer Wet Jet refill	Laundry detergent
Bathroom cleaner spray	Glass cleaner
Hand soap	Dryer sheets
Furniture polish	

FINANCIAL

December 2023

General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget Better/(Worse)
Pledge Giving	\$1,779,305	\$1,736,796	2.4%
Total Revenue	\$2,253,904	\$2,118,741	6.4%
Expense	\$2,253,200	\$2,302,435	2.1%

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

Message from Gerry McShane, Church Administrator- We ended the year with strong giving, 12% above last December, and enough to give us a small surplus for the year. Remember where we were at this time last year, projecting a budget that would force us to withdraw \$183k from our operating reserves. The results are impressive when one considers our pledge drives have declined every year since 2020. Historically, we have averaged a 3% allowance for uncollected pledges but in the past two years we are less than 1%. While our unfulfilled pledges were 5% of total pledged dollars this past year, we have donors who fulfill and then exceed their pledge, thus bringing the percentage of pledged dollars received this year to 99.6%. In fact, our average pledged dollar has increased 35% in the past two years. This is meaningful. In summary, while our individual pledgors are down, we have a significant number of dedicated and engaged members who are joyfully giving.

Controlling expenses was also a large contributing factor to this year's small surplus, as personnel costs were down 6% vs. plan. The strong December allowed us to contribute an additional \$25k to our Property Reserve fund, an important decision based on our heavy property investments from this past year led by the new chiller, and projected investments for '24, (i.e., Spellman roof, new doors, and windows for Sanctuary wing). We enter the 2024 calendar year with a new Associate Music Director and a 2nd FT custodian, the latter to handle the increase in church ministry engagement and outside group usage. Thank you to everyone who is contributing their time, their talent and ultimately their treasure!

Offering Figures for 1/14/24 (includes online giving)

General Fund-Sunday Svc/Mailed/Online	\$46,662.21
Directed Gifts	100.00
Per Capita	490.00
Joy Offering	570.00
Peace Offering	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$47,922.21

Attendance: 1/14/24

In Person	384
Phone	6
Live Stream	<u>518</u>
Total	908

Calendar for week of January 21, 2024

Sunday, January 21

- 8:30 A.M. Childcare (109)
- 9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship / WeeConnect 3-4 yrs
KidsConnect (K-5th grade)
- 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary), Young
Children & Worship (Chapel)
- 1:00 P.M. Stephen Ministry Training (405)
- 5:00 P.M. Vespers (Chapel and Spellman Hall)
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Music Room)
- 5:30 P.M. Youth Group (Cove)

Monday, January 22

- 9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop workday until 3PM
- 7:00 P.M. Preschool Board Mtg (Spellman Jr.)
- 7:00 P.M. Stephen Ministry via Zoom

Tuesday, January 23

- 9:30 A.M. Tuesday Morning Fellowship (Spellman Jr)
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M.
- 6:00 P.M. Alzheimers/Dementia Support (Spellman Jr)
- 6:00 P.M. Officers Fellowship Dinner (Spellman)
- 7:00 P.M. Endowment Committee via Zoom

Wednesday, January 24

- 9:10 A.M. Prayer and Communion Service (Chapel)
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M.
- 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir (Spellman Hall)
- 7:00 P.M. Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 P.M. A Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr.)
- 7:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal (Spellman Hall)

Thursday, January 25

- Thrift Shop Closed
- 10:00 A.M. Tech Time with Lynn (Zoom)
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
- 7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery (414)
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts (Spellman Hall)

Friday, January 26

- 10:00 P.M. Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M.

Saturday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 28

- 8:30 A.M. Childcare (109)
- 9:30 A.M. Baptism Class (Chapel)
- 10:00 A.M. One Combined Service/WeeConnect 3-4 yrs
KidsConnect (K-5th grade)
- 1:00 P.M. Stephen Ministry Training (405)
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Music Room)
- 5:30 P.M. Youth Group (Cove)

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

**FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
JANUARY – CHUNKY SOUP**