

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Knowing Christ....Making Christ Known

July 28, 2024

11:00 A.M. Contemporary

Psalms in the Fabric of our Lives:  
Awe and Praise



GATHERING THOUGHT

"If there is one characteristic more than others that contemporary public worship needs to recapture, it is this awe before the surpassingly great and gracious God."

— Henry Sloane Coffin

# 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

*Rising Sun*

Jordan, Lee, Leonard

Praise God all you sinners, Sing oh sing you weary  
Oh praise God all you children of God  
We lift high God's glory, Shown throughout our stories  
We praise God as the children of God

***Refrain:*** *Our great Redeemer glorious Savior  
Your name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning you shine forever  
Your name is higher than the rising sun  
Your name is higher than the rising sun*

Praise God's name forever, speak it loud and clear now  
Oh praise God all you children of God *(Refrain)*

Hallelujah name above all  
Simply to speak your name is praise  
Hallelujah now and always  
Forever we lift your name in praise  
Hallelujah our God You reign  
Simply to speak your name is praise oh *(Refrain)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## SONG

*10,000 Reasons*

Psalm 103:1-5  
Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

***Refrain:*** *Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship his holy name, sing like never before  
O my soul, I'll worship your holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *(Refrain)*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger  
Your name is great and your heart is kind  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(Refrain)*

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *(Refrain)*

Worship your holy name; Lord I'll worship your holy name.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN**

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

## 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 *My God 'Tis To Thy Mercy Seat*

Words: Anne Steele;

Music: Jon Frost

My God 'tis to thy mercy seat my soul for shelter flies,  
'tis here I find a safe retreat when storms and tempests rise,

My cheerful hope can never die if Thou my God art near,  
Thy grace can raise my comforts high and banish every fear,

***Refrain:*** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia praise the Lord*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia praise the Lord*

My great protector and my Lord, thy constant aid impart,  
And let thy kind, thy gracious word sustain my trembling heart,  
(*Refrain*)

Oh never let my soul remove from this divine retreat,  
Still let me trust thy power and love and dwell beneath thy feet,  
(*Refrain 2x*)

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you,  
and praise your name for ever and ever.  
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.  
On the glorious splendour of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.  
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,  
and I will declare your greatness.  
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
The LORD is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,  
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.  
The LORD is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.  
The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.  
He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.  
The LORD watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

## **SONG**

*Be Still (Psalm 46)*

Wendell Kimbrough

Be still, slow down, breathe in, breathe out  
And know that I am God

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Ephesians 3: 14-21 (Pew Bible pg. 950)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*“Alleluia! Amen!”*

Ann Hatfield

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Rejoice in All Your Works*

Psalm 104

Wendell Kimbrough

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.

***Refrain:*** *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. *(Refrain)*  
May the ponderings 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. *(Refrain)*

**BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF SENDING**

*Rejoice in All Your Works*

Wendell Kimbrough

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**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord), Psalm 103:1-5**

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**My God 'Tis To Thy Mercy Seat**

Words: Anne Steele, 1717-1778Be; Music: Jon Frost, CCLI#2254621

**Be Still (Psalm 46)**

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**Rejoice in All Your Works**

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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.

The next new members class will be held on **Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 12:00-4:00 p.m.** Childcare is available during the class if requested by September 16. Register on the website or call the church office.



**LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY** are: 2 Samuel 11:1-15 *and Psalm 14*; 2 Kings 4:42-44 *and Psalm 145:10-18*; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21.

**WORSHIP BAND:** Jon Frost, acoustic guitar; Noah Dzielawa, bass guitar; Mary Anne Hrin, drums; Becky Reid, piano; Joe Hrin, saxophone; Elissa Mauro, vocals

**USHER:** Martin and Sue Bruegel

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Ministers of Jesus Christ	All the Members of the Congregation
Pastors	Leah Hrachovec, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Young
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Evers
Associate Director of Music Ministries	Kirsten Santos Rutschman
Director of Children and Family Ministries	Jill Reichert
Director of Youth and College Ministries	Chris Clark
Director of Communications	Lynn George
Church Administrator	Gerry McShane
Finance Administrator	Sandy Kurek

# 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 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.

**KIDSCONNECT WILL** resume in the Fall. **PRAY GROUNDS ARE LOCATED** along the sides of our Sanctuary and are geared towards young children to engage in items from the cart during services. Families are encouraged to utilize the additional children's materials in the Pray Grounds during worship over the summer.

**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 Sunday update. We invite you to join us at [westminsterpc.org](http://westminsterpc.org) when you are not able to attend worship.

**FINANCIAL:** Donate from your smart phone. Scan this image using your  phone's QR code reader. **TEXT GIVING** is also 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](mailto: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](mailto:gauger.janet@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.



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# NEWS AND EVENTS

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July 28, 2024



**Knowing Christ,  
Making Christ Known**

**June 2024**

**General Fund – Mission and Church Operations**

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget Better/(Worse)
Pledge Giving	\$ 998,132	\$ 918,518	8.7%
Total Revenue	\$ 1,320,076	\$ 1,294,357	2.0%
Expense	\$ 1,146,371	\$ 1,179,232	2.8%

**Offering Figures for 7/21/24 (includes online giving)**

General Fund-Sunday Svc/Mailed/Online	\$34,071.69
Backpacks	75.00
Pentecost	15.00
Directed Gifts	<u>360.00</u>
Total	35,521.69

While it appears we are right on track with our budget as I mentioned in last week's piece, it is important to point out that if we meet our expected revenue at year-end, we are still facing a deficit of at least \$120k. This assumes our expenses are on plan. The plan for this year was to take advantage of a healthy operating reserve of \$257k to absorb the deficit, while giving us time to determine the right staffing configuration and new revenue ideas for a changing faith landscape. Two areas we have addressed are the facility staffing needs with the hiring of another FT custodian and adding a PT finance assistant. As we head into the Fall, look for new developments in our overall strategic plan. *Gerry McShane, Church Administrator*

**WELCOME GIFT FOR NEW CHEYNEY STUDENTS – LAST WEEK**

**We are collecting for New Cheyney Students :**

**\$5 Wawa Gift Cards/hoagie coupons, pens, sticky notes, highlighters, candy, microwave popcorn** Please bring donations of any of these items to Church. There will be collection bins in the Heckert Center.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WESTMINSTER THRIFT SHOP** has begun its summer schedule: every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. until Wednesday, August 21. **Donors: please do not leave donations in the storage bins in Spellman Hall.** They can be dropped off at the shop during the above hours. **Thank you!**

**CHEYNEY READING FOR PLEASURE BOOK DRIVE.- LAST WEEK** Westminster is collecting **new and gently used current fiction books** to encourage Cheyney University students to take time to enjoy reading for pleasure. Both comic and anime books were specifically requested by students. Please bring your donations and place them in the bins around the church during the month of July. Questions? Contact Rich Birkenmaier at [richbirk@mail.com](mailto:richbirk@mail.com).

**ALL GOD'S CHILDREN SING.** Introducing our free Children's Music Camp for grades 2-5, Monday-Thursday, August 19-22, 9:30-11:30AM. This camp includes singing, games, percussion, crafts, scripture and food! Music camp is FREE. We encourage your child to invite a friend, too. To register type the following in your browser: <https://bit.ly/3z9Yx4A>. Questions? More info? Contact Kirsten Santos Rutschman at [krutschman@westminsterpc.org](mailto:krutschman@westminsterpc.org).

**WESTMINSTER'S LIBRARY**-Please visit the library in July and August to see our "Summer Reading" display. While there, feel free to check out any books or DVDs of interest.

**SUMMER FAMILY CAMPFIRE – ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**July 28 (5-6:30pm) - Praying in Color with Sidewalk Chalk**

**Praying in Color activity followed by Campfire Picnic**

**We'll bring the hot dogs, ketchup, mustard, marshmallows, & skewers**  
*. \*You bring sides and drinks for your family/self... and maybe something fun to do after dinner. In the event of extreme weather, events will be moved inside to Spellman Hall.*

**ALL ABOARD!** Westminster fellowship opportunity on West Chester Railroad – Sat., August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm. Historian and Westminster member Dave Walter will provide historical commentary along the route. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the halfway point in Glen Mills. Cost is \$20 per person. The embarkation site is 250 E. Market Street, West Chester. Contact Ed McFalls or look for a signup sheet in the Narthex.

**THE ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS** approved the following grants:

- \$1300 to WPC sponsored by Ed McFalls, on behalf of the WPC Session. This is to complete the project of digitizing records with the Presbyterian Historical Society.
- \$15,000 to WPC sponsored by Jon Frost, on behalf of the WPC Session. WPC will collaborate with Elevated Local Arts on a workshop and concert scheduled for February 2025.
- \$3000 to the WPC Home Team sponsored by Burt Rothenberger, on behalf of the WPC Session. This will allow them to hire a 2024 summer intern to support affordable housing initiatives with the Chester County Partnership to End Homelessness.

**WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR WESTMINSTER IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS?** For the past several months the Strategic Visioning Team has been meeting and has prepared a list of questions to help discern the direction that God is leading WPC. Interested in participating in a one-hour small focus group or meeting individually with a member of the Visioning Team? We want to hear from you! Topics may include; What brought you to WPC and what keeps you here? What would you like to see more or less of? We welcome your thoughts- contact the team at [visioning@westminsterpc.org](mailto:visioning@westminsterpc.org).

**SOUPS AND CASSEROLES NEEDED!** Deacons deliver meals to families and friends in times of need and our supply in the freezer has gotten low. If you can help us with this ministry, please pick up a *SOUP and CASSEROLE Kit* from the Information Desk. Then prepare your entree, wrap it well and label it with: ingredients, date prepared, and your name. Put it in the freezer next to the window in the kitchen and fill out the info on the freezer door. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy J. Tuttle at [nancyjtuttle@yahoo.com](mailto:nancyjtuttle@yahoo.com) or call the church office.

## Calendar for week of July 28, 2024

### Sunday, July 28

- 8:30 A.M. Nursery Care (109)
- 9:30 A.M. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 P.M. Contemporary Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 P.M. Summer Family Campfire (outdoor Chapel)

### Monday, July 29

- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open until 3PM
- 6:00 P.M. Pickleball (rear parking lot)

### Tuesday, July 30

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

### Wednesday, July 31

- 9:10 A.M. Prayer and Communion Service
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open until 3 PM
- 11:00 A.M. Blood Drive (Spellman Hall)
- 6:00 P.M. Pickleball (rear parking lot)

### Thursday, August 1

- 10:00 A.M. Tech Time with Lynn via Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery (The Site)

### Friday, August 2

### Saturday, August 3

- 12:00 P.M. West Chester Railroad Excursion (offsite)

### Sunday, August 4

- 8:30 A.M. Nursery Care (109)
- 9:30 A.M. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 P.M. Contemporary Service (Sanctuary)

**FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS - JULY – PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY  
AUGUST – MACARONI AND CHEESE, PASTA AND RICE DISHES**

**Attendance: 7/21/24  
In Person, Phone and Live Stream Total: 753**

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