WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Knowing ChristMaking Christ Known

September 29, 2024 11:00 A.M. Contemporary



GATHERING THOUGHT

"Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"

-Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 29, 2024

11:00 A.M.

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

MATTHEW 25 HIGHLIGHT

Care for Creation

Laurie Albrecht

SONGS OF PRAISE

Hosanna

Paul Baloche and Brenton Brown

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You. We turn to You. Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You. We long for You.

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day. In Your presence, all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Refrain: Hosanna! Hosanna! You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises. Hosanna! Hosanna! Come have Your way among us. We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You. We turn to You. In Your kingdom, broken lives are renewed. You make us new.

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day. In Your presence, all our fears are washed away, washed away. (Refrain)

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day. In Your presence, all our fears are washed away, 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day. In Your presence, all our fears are washed away, washed away. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SONG Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
for in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me (2x)

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat Yet not I but through Christ in me Yet not I but through Christ in me Yet not I but through Christ in me

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.

MOMENT FOR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Lauren Coffey
New Consecration Sunday

Will we ever rise; will we ever rise above the fear Can we learn to see the need, can we share humanity I can see another day come.

Refrain: Broken people we can be made whole We can be made whole, we can be made whole. As we lay down our weapons open up our hearts Love is breaking us; love remaking us.

Will we ever rise; will we ever rise above the pain Can we learn another way; forgive as You forgave I can see another day come.
Come heal now take away the blindness So we can see as we were meant to see I feel light devastating darkness
For I can see another day come
I can see another day come
Broken people we can be made whole,
Broken people we can be made whole.

Will we ever rise; will we ever rise.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9: 38-50 (Pew Bible pg. 821-822)

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Salty Faith

Leah Hrachovec

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!

SONG OF RESPONSE Oh How I Need You (Find You) S.Garrard, L.Jordan, D.Leonard

Lord I find you in the seeking, Lord I find you in the doubt And to know you is to love you, And to know so little else

Refrain: I need you, Oh how I need you Oh how I need you, Oh how I need you

Lord I find you in the morning, Lord I seek you every day Let my life be for your glory, Woven in your threads of grace (Refrain)

Light glorious light I will go where you shine Break the dawn crack the skies Make the way bright before me; In your light I will find (2x)

All I need, all I need, is you

Oh how I need you, Oh how I need you Oh how I need you, Oh how I need you (2x)

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING The Blessing

Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, & Steven Furtick

The Lord bless you and keep you Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

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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: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 and Psalm 124; Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.

NURSERY CARE (6 months thru 4 years old) available **until 12:15pm** in Room 109. If you plan to use the nursery for nursery care and/or if you are willing to serve as a nursery volunteer, please contact Mary Maina at childcare@westminsterpc.org.

YOUNG CHILDREN & WORSHIP. Children (pre-K thru grade 5) are dismissed to the Chapel after the Thought for Children.

WORSHIP BAND: Jon Frost, acoustic guitar; Noah Dzielawa, bass guitar; Andy Reid, drums; Mark Beazley, piano; Brianna Emrich, Emily Bowen, vocals

USHERS: Chuck Lambing

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.

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.

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 when you are not able to attend worship.

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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 Pastors Pastor Emeritus All the Members of the Congregation Leah Hrachovec, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield Bob Young



NEWS AND EVENTS

September 29, 2024



Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Today, we welcome the following new members into the fellowship of Westminster Presbyterian Church during worship services:

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*Pending Baptism

LEARN-TO-RING HANDBELLS CLASS: CURIOUS ABOUT HANDBELLS?

If you can count to four, you can ring! No musical experience necessary. Come to a one-session class in Spellman Hall and learn some basic techniques in just one hour. Choose a time (Tues, Oct. 15 at 1pm or Mon, Oct. 21 at 7pm) and RSVP to Kirsten at krutschman@westminsterpc.org.

JOURNEY CLASS

October 6,10:45 A.M. Spellman Jr and Zoom

Open the Dialogue led by Craig Loundas

When stakes are high, opinions differ and emotions run strong, you have three choices:

- Avoid a crucial conversation and suffer the consequences
- Handle the conversation poorly and suffer the consequences
- Apply the lesson and strategies of Crucial Conversations and improve relationships and results.

Craig will use content from the book *Crucial Conversations* by Joseph Grenny and Kerry Paterson in the class and augment with scripture and examples of how Jesus faced difficult conversations. Whether you are facing difficult conversations over politics, religion, work issues or home concerns, these tools will help you open the dialogue. We encourage reading the book in advance, but it isn't required.



We will be packing over 50,000 meals on <u>October 11, 12</u> <u>& 13</u>. Hundreds of volunteers are needed. All ages from 4-104 are welcome!! Please register below if you can join us

that weekend! If you are unavailable that weekend, there will be opportunities the week prior to help with preparation for the event. We will be building boxes, filling bags with vitamin packs and putting stickers on bags. A \$100 donation will feed a school age child for a year! Use this QR code to register or donate.



THIRD GRADE BIBLE WORKSHOP SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 12:30-3:00 PM IN ROOMS 414-415

3rd Graders and Parents/Guardians/Grown-Ups

- Discover what your Bible is...
- Discover where to find stories in your Bible...
- Discover the wonder of our stories within God's story...
- Choose a favorite story or verse that will be inscribed in YOUR new Bible!
- And so much more...

Pizza lunch provided. Register HERE



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FOR A CAUSE! IMPORTANT: CASH AND CHECKS ONLY!



Please join us on Saturday, October 5, 2024 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Westminster In Spellman Hall

In Loving Memory of Barbara A. Simpers

Come to this charitable fundraiser supporting St. Jude's Hospital featuring 20+ artists and crafters (85% from Westminster). Items include: original paintings, quilling, woodworking (charcuterie boards, lazy Susan's, vases, gnomes, end tables, serving trays), leather goods (belts, wallets, passport covers, handbags), cross stitch pictures and stockings, handmade quilts, placemats and table runners, knitted and crocheted items such as lap and baby blankets, smocked and hand-crafted Christmas balls, Halloween and Christmas decorations, hand-sewn Winnie the Pooh characters, boxed cards, single cards, jewelry, home-baked goods, gourmet spices and soups, and much more!

Hosted by BBK Creative Designs, a fundraiser committee formed by several of the choir ladies to raise funds for various charities. You won't want to miss this!

The artists take NO PROFIT FOR SUPPLIES OR TIME! 100% of your purchase donations will go to St. Jude! Hope you can come! Please invite family and friends!

DAYS FOR GIRLS KIT MAKING EVENT

Sunday October 27, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Help us shatter stigma and limitations associated with menstruation for improved health, education and livelihood outcomes for girls and women everywhere with Days for Girls. Join us for one of two shifts 9-10:45 am and/or 10:45 am-12:30 pm when we will make menstruation kits. The kits are hand-sewn washable pads and will be distributed both locally and internationally. Sewers and non-sewers are welcome. Everything needed for the activities will be provided. Questions? Contact Dana Loundas at danaloundas1@gmail.com or Joni Taylor at jetta.taylor@gmail.com

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE PROJECT

Saturday, November 2, 8:00 -11:00 am

If you have tables, chairs, mattresses, couches, etc., that you would like to find a new home for, The Community Warehouse Project can help! 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. The Outreach committee of Westminster Presbyterian will pick up your gently used furniture on Saturday, November 2nd from 8-11 am, and deliver them for you! All you need to do is email Nancy Tuttle-at-nancy@tuttlemarketing.com with your name, address, and pictures of the items you wish to donate, and we will make the arrangements. If you want to help us that day, please let us know as well, as we could use some strong bodies! For other smaller furniture and all household items, we encourage you to donate them to Westminster's Thrift Shop. Due to the high demand in the past, we must limit this service to Westminster members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Envelopes New Envelope Request-If you have NOT received giving envelopes in past years but would like to in 2025, please contact Parker Hendrix at phendrix@westminsterpc.org. We will NOT order envelopes for you if you give online, have ACH/bank check giving, or Donor Advised Charitable/IRA giving. Thank you for helping us live our Care of Creation mission by eliminating print and paper costs.

Last Week for Sock It To Us: Our annual Sock Drive runs through September 30. Donations of NEW socks (sizes from infants to adults) will be distributed to Tick Tock Early Learning Center, St. Agnes Day Room, CYWA Gateway Shelter, Chester County Migrant Ministries, Atkinson Men's Shelter, City Gates Men's Shelter, and Broad Street Ministries. Please place your sock donations in the collection bins at church. Thank you for your generosity! Let's try to get to 2,000 pairs of socks this year! Questions? Contact Angela Emrich at ang.emrich@gmail.com.

*If you are unable to get to church to drop off your sock donation - order any size and any style of socks online, and you can have them shipped directly to the church office.

Thrift Shop - **CAN YOU HELP FILL OUR REQUEST??** The thrift shop needs small pieces of furniture such as, accent and side chairs; side, cocktail and coffee tables; benches; desks; nightstands; small chest of drawers, etc. Items can be dropped off at 543-545 East Gay St., Gay St. Plaza, West Chester, PA. Shop hours: Monday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (workday for volunteers); Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m.-12 noon. May you be blessed for your generosity!!

Tuesday Fellowship: Tuesday, October1. Shereen Williams, a mission-driven leader, dynamic facilitator, and strategic systems thinker with 30 years of experience in government, nonprofit and private settings will lead the . presentation. With racial equity as a focus, she has produced two Documentary Movies about current day Africa. We will be starting about ten minutes early to give her time to tell us about herself and her Non-Profit Org. before playing both documentaries. She will also be bringing for purchase items that benefit her nonprofit. Bring some coins. Come early at 9:30 am to enjoy coffee/tea, delicious treats and great conversations. Contact Dave Goodale at (dbgpharma@gmail.com) for ZOOM link information.

Narcan training/ medication dropbox. On Sunday, October 27, 10:45am in Spellman Jr. The Office of Drug and Alcohol Prevention will be offering NARCAN Training. For those unable to attend but want to learn this lifesaving technique, the training will also be offered on Zoom. No signups needed. Zoom link will be provided prior to event.

The Chester County Sheriff's Department will be providing the Mobile Medication Dropbox in the Narthex from 9-11AM. Please bring your unwanted or expired over-the-counter or prescription medications for proper disposal. NO Syringes, please. Questions? Contact Brenda Schivito at bschivito@gmail.com.

Last Week - The Peace & Global Witness Offering is used to promote peacemaking efforts throughout the world. Please prayerfully consider how your financial support can provide the resources needed to transform areas of desperate need into communities of peace and healing. To participate in this offering you will find a special offering envelope in the sanctuary pew racks. You are invited to contribute throughout the month of September.

Visit www.specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness to learn more about the PCUSA work of global witness. Thank you for your generous support!

Westminster's Library - Please visit the library to see our "Back to School" display. While there, feel free to check out any books or DVDs of interest.

The West Chester Senior Center is seeking healthy snack products and meal items they can set out on tables for their community. These items must be shelf-stable or remain fresh for a few days with a minimum of refrigeration. The items desired include: pasta, pasta sauce (no glass containers), applesauce snack packs, fruit cup snack packs, cheese and cracker snack packs, canned tuna or chicken, cheese sticks, cereal bars, and bagged fresh fruit. There are no minimums or limits to the quantities. Pick up is Wednesday, October 9, at 9:30 am in the front parking lot or under the portico. Questions? Contact Gail at tanzolaseymour@gmail.com.

Calling all Pickle ballers, join us on Mondays and Wednesday evenings for some Fall pickleball and fellowship. We will be meeting in the back parking lot from 5:30 until dark.

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August 2024 General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	% vs Budget Budget Better/(Worse)
Pledge Giving	\$1,234,537	\$1,106,275 11.6%
Total Revenue	\$1,616,791	\$1,540,776 4.9%
Expense	\$1,498,845	\$1,537,225 2.5%
Net Surplus	\$ 117,946	\$ 3,551 0.0%
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FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS	
SEPTEMBER – CANNED FRUIT	
OCTOBER – DRIED AND CANNED BEANS	

Offering Figures for 9/22/24 (includes online giving)

General Fund-Sunday Svc/Mailed/Online \$19,254.65
Peace Offering 725.00
Directed Gifts 150.00
Total \$20,129.65

Attendance: 9/22/24

In Person 260
Phone 6
Wellington 8
Live Stream 496
Total 778

Calendar for week of September 29, 2024

Sunday, September 29 8:30 A.M. Nursery care (109) Traditional Worship / WeeConnect 3-4 yrs 9:30 A.M. KidsConnect (K-5th grade) Baptism Class (405) 10:30 A.M. 10:45 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr.) Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary), Young 11:00 A.M. Children & Worship (Chapel) 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Music Room) 5:30 P.M. Youth Group (Spellman Hall) Monday, September 30 9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop work-day until 3 P.M. Library Committee (313) 10:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M. Pickleball (rear parking lot) Tuesday, October 1 9:30 A.M. Tuesday Fellowship (Spellman Jr.) 9:30 A.M. Tuesday Women's Bible Study (414) 12:00 P.M. Stitch Unto Others ((201) 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open until 3 P.M.

Wednesday, October 2 Prayer and Communion Service 9:10 A.M. 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study (Spellman Jr.) Thrift Shop Open until 3 P.M. 10:00 A.M. Cherub Choir (Spellman Hall 4:15 P.M. 4:45 P.M. Children's Choir (Spellman Hall) Pickleball (rear parking lot) 5:30 P.M. Care of Creation Hybrid (414) 7:00 P.M. Handbells – Rehearsal (Spellman Hall) 7:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 P.M. Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr.) Thursday, October 3 Thrift Shop Closed Tech Time with Lynn via Zoom 10:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) Celebrate Recovery (The Site) 7:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts (Spellman Hall) Friday, October 4 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open until 3 P.M. Saturday, October 5 Men's Bible Study (407) 7:30 A.M. Thrift Shop Open until Noon 9:00 A.M. Christmas Shopping For A Cause (Spellman Hall) 11:00 A.M. Sunday, October 6 8:30 A.M. Nursery care (109) 9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship / WeeConnect 3-4 yrs KidsConnect (K-5th grade) Journey Class (Spellman Jr.) 10:45 A.M. 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary), Young Children & Worship (Chapel) Camp SPARK Mtg (212) 12:30 P.M. 5:00 P.M Taize Worship (Chapel) Youth Choir (Music Room) 5:00 P.M. 5:30 P.M. Youth Group (Spellman Hall)

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