## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Large Print Bulletin Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

November 17, 2024 9:30 A.M. Traditional



# GATHERING THOUGHT

"There are some realities which are to be lived without first knowing what they are or how to approach them. The wise, the mystics, lovers and poets behave in this way."

> -Luce Irigaray (1930- ) in *Prières Quotidiennes: Everyday Prayers*

### ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 17, 2024

PRELUDE

Prayer Ash Grove Chancel Ringers arr. Sondra Tucker Kevin McChesney

9:30 A.M.

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

CHORAL INTROITSalvation to Our GodRichard ShephardYouth and Chancel ChoirsYouth and Chancel ChoirsRichard Shephard

Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God, forever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 16

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: We say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup.

People: We will the Lord, who gives us counsel in the day and through the night.

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices.

People: Lord, show us the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



# **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and shy away from the work of faithful change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world. We tire in our worship and prayer life. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work toward a world made right and just and new...(time for silent prayers of confession)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. People:In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**RESPONSE #642** 

Heleluyan

(please stand if able)



### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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 this child so that in due time she 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 Aubrey Adams) *Children of Westminster, do we promise to share the light of Jesus with Ruth by being her friend and always showing her kindness and love? If so, say, "Yes, we do!"* 

### **Response:** Yes, we do!

### **CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – "The Peace of Christ"**

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM	Ubi Caritas	Victor Johnson
Ubi caritas et amor	Where there is cl	narity and love,
Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum	God is there. The love of Chris	st has gathered us
Christi amor	together.	C
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundmur. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.	Let us rejoice and And from a since love one another.	0

### PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

OFFERTORY	Wade in the Water	Rollo Dilworth
	Youth and Chancel Choirs	

(Refrain) Wade in the water, children. Oh, God's gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white. Oh, God's gonna trouble the water. Well, it looks like the band that old Moses led. Oh, God's gonna trouble the water. (Refrain)

See that band all dressed in red. Oh, God's gonna trouble the water. Well, it looks like the band that old Moses led. Oh, God's gonna trouble the water. (Refrain)

**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**

O God, maker and provider of all, you have blessed us with many gifts. We dedicate these offerings back to you. Multiply them so that they might help build up your reign on earth. Through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. *(please be seated)*  1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Hannah prayed and said, 'My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.

'There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you;

there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,

but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honour. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.

'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail.

The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.'

*Pastor:* The Word of the Lord.**People:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Strength in Song

Leah Hrachovec



POSTLUDE

Processional

William Mathias

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**LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY** are: 1 Samuel 1:4-20 *and 1 Samuel 2:1-10;* Daniel 12:1-3 *and Psalm 16;* Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** is administered this morning at the 9:30am traditional service to Ruth Lauren Lowe, daughter of Andrew and Emily Lowe, granddaughter of Nancy Kovach and at the 11:00am contemporary service to Abigail Joy Reid, daughter of Andrew and Rebecca Reid, granddaughter of Jim and Phyllis Reid and Eric and Linda Johnson.

**JOURNEY CLASS, 10:45am, Spellman Jr.** We continue our three-week discussion on *Exploring Our Christian Faith Through Indigenous Peoples' Perspectives*, led by Betsy Ballantyne.

# **KIDSCONNECT MORNING SCHEDULE:**

- 8:45am 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 <u>childcare@westminsterpc.org</u>.
- 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 their classes. Dismissal time is 10:40am.
   WeeConnect 3-4 year olds in the Chapel

KidsConnect	K-1 <sup>st</sup> grade in room in Room 108
	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grades in Room 105
	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades in Room 406

**USHERS:** Larry Graves (lead usher), Rick Dietrich, Geoff Smith, Nancy Steiginga, Steve Vicker, John Villella, Carol Williams, Dan Williams

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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 Min	istries Kirsten Santos Rutschman

### **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

### WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday

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 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 when you are not able to attend worship.

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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.

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.



# NEWS AND EVENTS

November 17, 2024



Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

> WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 10 W. Pleasant Grove Rd. West Chester, PA 19382 610-399-3377 www.westminsterpc.org

### NOVEMBER VESPERS/DINNER TODAY, 4:00-6:30PM

Join us for this intergenerational opportunity for prayer and worship. This month we will:

- Explore the theme of gratitude in prayer and worship.
- Help hang the greens for the Christmas season on the exterior of the church building.
- Share a meal together.

To register, type the following in your browser so we can plan for the meal accordingly: <u>https://bit.ly/3NYKPFL</u>.

# HELP DECORATE OUR WPC FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE



The Christmas tree next to Spellman Jr is now designated as our Family Christmas Tree.

The tree will be blessed after the Family Vespers Service today and will be ready for Children and Youth to decorate it! Throughout the Advent season, you are invited to bring in an ornament that you have made, purchased, or brought from home

and add it to the tree. There will be hanging labels to add to the ornament if you'd like. Questions? Contact Gail Lee at <u>pleeglee@comcast.net.</u>



### POINSETTIAS

You can help us adorn our sanctuary with poinsettia plants this Christmas. If you'd like to order a poinsettia plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one or friend,

contact Barb Drain at <u>bdrain@westminsterpc.org</u> or 610-399-3377 ext. 100 with your name and the dedication you would like listed in the bulletin. **Cost is \$10**. Make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church (with poinsettia on memo line) and drop off in the church office. 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.

# ILLUMINE OUR HEARTS

SATURDAY, DEC 14 2:00 & 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, DEC 15 3:00 & 6:00 PM

FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS

Westminster Presbyterian Church • West Chester

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

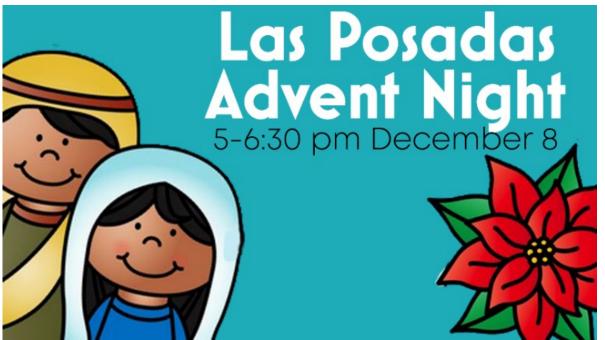
Join us for our 34th annual Christmas concert! Our Chancel Choir returns to perform with a full orchestra. Concerts last approximately one hour. Tickets are free but are required to avoid overcrowding. Your financial gifts help make these concerts possible.

This year ticket requests will be **online only** through TicketLeap. There is a limit of 6 tickets per family. If there are any groups who are interested in more than 6 tickets, please contact the church office. Unused tickets will be released 15 minutes before the program begins. You can still enjoy the concert by watching the live stream concert at 3 pm on Sunday, December 15. <u>The link to order tickets is available on our website.</u>

### Concert schedule this year:

Saturday, December 14	2 & 5pm
Sunday, December 15	3 & 6pm

Childcare for children 4 and under is available at 2 pm on December 14 and 3 pm on December 15 by reservation only. Please contact Mary Maina, our childcare coordinator at childcare@westminsterpc.org if childcare is needed.



Come and join us on December 8 for our Intergenerational Advent Night! The night will begin with an interactive journey of worship. After the journey, there will be opportunities for Advent crafts and activities. We'll cap the night off with a meal together!

- 5:00-5:15 pm: Las Posadas Journey
  - Help Mary & Joseph look for room at an inn around the building!
- 5:15-5:45 pm: Activities in Spellman Hall
  - Family Advent activity/craft
  - Children's activity/craft
  - Games and more
- 5:45-6:30 pm: Dinner
  - Beef/chicken tacos, chips/salsa, veggies, fruit, beans
  - Finish up activities

### WESTMINSTER'S GIVING TREE IS ONLINE !

The Gifts for each organization are posted on separate links including:

Domestic Violence Center, Family Promise, and Bridge of Hope. **<u>bit.ly/2024GivingTree1</u>** 

Migrant Ministries - bit.ly/2024GivingTree2

Pocopson Nursing Home - <u>bit.ly/2024GivingTree3</u>

Simply type the link in your browser, sign up for the gifts you wish to purchase, and follow the directions provided.

Please drop off your gifts in the Narthex on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 1 and Sunday</u>, <u>December 8</u>. We will be delivering the gifts on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 11</u>, so please let us know if you need to make other arrangements for drop off.

For questions or assistance with gift delivery please contact <u>Angela Emrich at</u> <u>ang.emrich@gmail.com or Debbie Zakarian at dzakarian@verizon.net.</u>

### Advent Candle Lighting



Anyone interested in participating in lighting the advent candle at either the Traditional or Contemporary service may sign up here.

### **USHERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

This Christmas Eve Westminster will offer the following Worship Services:

10 am – Children and Family Worship

3 pm – Contemporary Worship

5 pm – Traditional Worship/Youth Choir

7 pm – Traditional Worship/Chancel Choir

9 pm - Traditional Worship/Chancel Choir

11 pm – Lessons & Carols Worship

Signup sheets for each service will be available in the narthex in the coming weeks. The staff thanks you for your willingness to serve as an usher on Christmas Eve.

### **DINNER FOR EIGHT**

"Dinner for 8" now welcomes signups for our upcoming spring session! "Dinner for 8" is an opportunity to join a small group of eight people (couples and singles – all are welcome!) to gather for good food, great conversation, and Christian fellowship by rotating dinner at a different household or restaurant each month. The spring session will run from January through May. Please email Scott & Erin Lockledge at wpcdinnerfor8@gmail.com by December 20 if you would like to participate. The spring schedule will be sent to participants by January 4.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Bag lunch date change to November 18

Normally we meet the second Monday of the month; however, this month the second Monday is Veterans Day. So pack your lunch on Monday, November 18, and join us in Spellman at noon to share some fellowship with friends. All are welcome.

**Westminster's Library-**Please visit the library to see our "Giving Thanks" display. While there, feel free to check out any books or DVDs of interest. Two Westminster members' works are on display, Margaret Yarosh (author) and Terry Hawkins (illustrator).

**Tuesday Fellowship, November 19,** our presentation will be learning about the "*Brief History of Westtown Township: From Farmland to Suburbia*" - the municipality in which the church is located - from Township historian Dave Walter (10-11am in Spellman Jr.). Founded in 1685, Westtown's people, institutions, and events have all contributed to the colorful history of our area. Come out and learn more about the evolution of our township from the Lenape Indians to a busy and vibrant community of 12,000 residents.

Come early at 9:30 am to enjoy coffee / tea, delicious treats and great conversations. David Walter's talk will be in Spellman Jr. from 10 to 11 am For ZOOM link information contact Dave Goodale (<u>dbgpharma@gmail.com</u>) **The annual** *Shop for Hope* event is returning to WPC on **Sunday, December 8**, from **10:30 AM to 12:30 PM** in Spellman Hall. Join us to shop for unique and meaningful gifts for everyone on your list, while supporting partner ministries and spreading hope this Advent season. As you browse this year's market, children can enjoy festive music, crafts, and tasty treats too! We look forward to seeing you there!

Thrift Shop – As Thanksgiving 2024 approaches, and we reflect on our blessings, we recognize and thank our dedicated thrift shop manager and volunteers, and YOU, the congregation for your generosity and continued support.
In celebrating Thanksgiving, the thrift shop's holiday hours schedule is as follows: CLOSED: Thursday, Nov. 28, Friday, Nov. 29, Saturday, Nov. 30

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Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group. If you are a loved one supporting someone with Alzheimer's/Dementia, please join us! Our meeting is on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Spellman Jr. (in person or on Zoom). Email Page Hinkle at <u>phinkle@brandywineECM.com</u> for Zoom link. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 26 at 6:00pm.Topic of discussion is "Tips on navigating the holidays with loved ones who may be experiencing cognitive changes."

<u>Food for Our Neighbors</u> November – Canned Meat and Fish

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

### **FINANCIAL**

### September 2024 General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget Better/(Worse)
Pledge Giving	\$1,339,061	\$1,193,795	12.2%
Total Revenue	\$1,744,739	\$1,664,991	4.8%
Total Expense	\$1,672,802	\$1,717,335	2.6%
Net Surplus	\$ 71,937	\$ (52,344)	0.0%
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October giving met budget as we continue to be surprised on the upside. Nonpledged giving has been growing the past two years and is at \$223k through October, the highest it's ever been at this time of the year. Total revenue was helped by strong interest income from maturing CD's as we continue to take advantage of the higher interest rates. Facility revenue also hit a record high, exceeding the annual budget. This reflects the increased activity in the building as the church returns to pre-Covid usage. It does present a challenge to our facility staff however, with cleaning and set-ups.

On the expense side, we benefited in lower Personnel costs as we had budgeted a new pastor starting October 1. Eric Dorville began his ministry here on November 10. Property expenses are slightly below budget, but we are seeing some significant repairs needed on the HVAC system, a chronic issue during my tenure here. The good news is we are converting over to a new controls system that should help considerably. As we approach the holidays and finalizing the budget, we thank you for your generosity and don't forget to send in your pledge! You will find pledge cards in the pews or online at the website.



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Offering Figures for 11/10/24 (inclue	<u>les online giving)</u>
General Fund-Sunday Svc/Mailed/Online	\$27,874.50
Prepaid Pledges (2025)	3,500.00
Concerts	2,547.27
Endowment Fund	10,000.00
Per Capita	20.00
Total	\$43,941.77
<u>Attendance: 11/10/24</u>	
In Person 422	2
Phone 6	
Live Stream 497	7
Total 923	5

## Calendar for week of November 17, 2024

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Sunday, Nove	ember 17
8:30 A.M.	Nursery care (109)
9:00 A.M.	Turkey Drop-off (Portico)
9:30 A.M.	Traditional Worship / WeeConnect 3-4 yrs
	KidsConnect (K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade)
10:45 A.M.	Journey Class (Spellman Jr.)
11:00 A.M.	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary),
	Young Children & Worship (Chapel)
4:00 P.M.	Vespers (Chapel)
5:00 P.M.	Youth Choir (Music Room)
5:30 P.M.	Youth Group (Spellman Hall)
Monday, Nov	vember 18
9:00 Å.M.	Thrift Shop workday until 3 P.M.
12:00 P.M.	Brown Bag Lunch (Spellman)
1:00 P.M.	Women's Retreat Planning (Spellman Jr.)
3:30 P.M.	Racial Justice Study Group (Spellman Jr.)

Tuesday, November 19

- 9:30 Å.M. Tuesday Fellowship (Spellman Jr.)
- 9:30 A.M. Tuesday Women's Circle (414)
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open until 3 P.M.

7:00 P.M. Session Meeting (Spellman Jr. and zoom)

Wednesday, November 20

- 9:10 A.M. Prayer and Communion Service (Chapel)
- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study (Spellman Jr.)
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open until 3 P.M.
- 4:15 P.M. Cherub Choir (Spellman Hall
- 4:45 P.M. Children's Choir (Spellman Hall)
- 7:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal (Spellman Hall)
- 7:00 P.M. Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 P.M. Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr.)

<u>Thursday</u>, November 21

Thrift Shop Closed

- 10:00 A.M. Tech Time with Lynn via Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts (Spellman Hall)
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
- 7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery (The Site)

Friday, November 22

10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open until 3 P.M.

Saturday, November 23

9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open until noon

Sunday, November 24

- 8:30 A.M. Nursery care (109)
- 9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship / WeeConnect 3-4 yrs KidsConnect (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 10:30 A.M. Baptism Class (405)
- 10:45 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr.)
- 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary), Young Children & Worship (Chapel)
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Music Room)
- 5:30 P.M. Youth Group (Spellman Hall)