

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

January 19, 2025

11 A.M. Contemporary



GATHERING THOUGHT

"All life is interrelated, and all men are interdependent. The agony of the poor diminishes the rich, and the salvation of the poor enlarges the rich. We are inevitably our brothers' keeper because of the interrelated structure of reality."

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Lecture, December 11, 1964

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 19, 2025

11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

My Lighthouse

Rend Collective Experiment

In my wrestling and in my doubts,
In my failures you won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence you won't let go,
In the questions your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Refrain: *My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore---
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings,
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea *(Refrain)*

To The One

Abbie Parker, Adam Palmer, & Jeff Pardo

Bring the pain that you've been hiding,
Bring your scars and bring your shame
Every failure, every secret, bring your fear that things won't change
Bring your dreams and bring your worries,
Highest highs and lowest lows
Every hope you pin your heart on, every hurt you can't let go

*Refrain: To the One who's name is healer,
To the One who came to save
To the One who's love is stronger than the power of the grave
Come and raise your hallelujah to the God who overcomes
Lift your hands, lift your heart to the One*

There is joy and sweet forgiveness where the fount of mercy flows
Child of heaven wait no longer, hear the call come back home
(Refrain)

He is grace, he is peace, he is light, he redeems
Lift your voice, lift your eyes, give your praise, give your life
(Refrain)

Lift your hands, lift your heart to the One, to The One

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SONG

He Is Among Us (The Least Of These)

A. Piercy, I. Wardell, J. Swinton, O. Palmer, P. Zach

You'll find me with the broken and the weak
In the spaces in between
You'll hear my voice cry out with those who weep
Only if you're listening

Refrain: *Whatever you do for the least of these
You do it unto me*

You'll find me with the ones without a voice
The forgotten and ignored
My blessing is on those who love the poor
Will you open up the door

*Hallelujah hallelujah
He is among us, He is among us (2x)*

By this the world will know the Father's love
We will know the Father's love

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.

You heard the cry of our hearts, and You came down.
Freely You gave us Your love, showing us how.
Make me an instrument of Your peace,
Where there is hatred let me sow love,
Where there is darkness let me shine light and,

Refrain: *May Your love cause us to open us,
cause us to open up our hearts.
May Your light cause us to shine so bright
That we bring hope into the dark.*

All that we do without love, it means nothing.
Grant us the courage to give as You're calling.
Make me an instrument of Your peace,
Where there is hatred let me sow love,
Where there is darkness let me shine light and, (*Refrain*)

*Hope for the hopeless your love is
Strength in our weakness your love is
May we love as you love
Hope for the hopeless your love is
Strength in our weakness your love is
May we love as you love
May we love as you love
May we love as you love*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 4: 14-30 (Pew Bible pg. 835)

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Above The Fold

Leah Hrachovec

SONG OF RESPONSE

Lay Me Down

Myrin,Redman,Tomlin

With this heart open wide, from the depths from the heights
I will bring a sacrifice.

With these hands lifted high, hear my song, hear my cry
I will bring a sacrifice, I will bring a sacrifice.

Refrain: *I lay me down, I'm not my own, I belong to You alone*
Lay me down, lay me down, oh
Hand on my heart this much is true, there's no life apart from you
Lay me down, lay me down

Letting go of my pride, giving up all my rights
Take this life and let it shine, take this life and let it shine.

I lay me down, I'm not my own, I belong to You alone
Lay me down, lay me down, oh
Hand on my heart this much is true, there's no life apart from you
Lay me down, lay me down (2X)

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING

Lay Me Down

Myrin,Redman,Tomlin

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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, February 2, from 12:00-3:30 p.m.** Childcare is available for children 6 months-4 years during the class if requested by January 24. Register on the website or call the church office.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY are:

Narrative: Luke 4:14-30 (*Psalm 146*);

Revised Common: Isaiah 62:1-5 and *Psalm 36:5-10*;

1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is administered this morning at the 9:30am traditional service to Henry Robert Speedy, son of Theodore and Monique Speedy.

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; Trey Collins, bass guitar; Tyler Lindblade, drums; Becky Reid, piano; Lisa Merrill, vocals

USHERS: Eric Emrich

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Ministers of Jesus Christ
Pastors
Pastor Emeritus

All the Members of the Congregation
Eric Dorville, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield, Leah Hrachovec
Robert D. Young

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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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.

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.



NEWS AND EVENTS

January 19, 2025



**Knowing Christ,
Making Christ Known**

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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610-399-3377 www.westminsterpc.org

JANUARY 26, 2025
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 2025 budget overview
3. Receiving the 2024 Annual Report
4. Update from the Strategic Visioning Team
5. The Annual meeting of the Corporation

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

Light 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.*

NEW MEMBERS CLASS
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025
12 – 3:30 PM IN SPELLMAN HALL

Interested to learn more about or to become a member of Westminster? This class is for you! All are welcome. There's no obligation to join. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Childcare is available if requested by Sunday, January 26.

The goals of the class are to increase awareness and understanding of the basics of Christian faith and practice. The Presbyterian Church (USA) and Westminster

Presbyterian Church provide experiences of the Christian community as a place of support and encouragement and reflection and conversation on God's relationship with us. Deepen our commitment to Jesus Christ, make friends and discover ways to connect with the ministries of WPC. Register on our website. At the top of the home page, hover over the heading "About" and click on "Membership." Scroll halfway down the page and you will see the New Member Registration Form to complete and submit. Or you can call the church office. Questions? Contact Eric Dorville at edorville@westminsterpc.org.



HELP SUPPORT DAWN'S PLACE

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 them in the marked bins located near the entrances. Here is a list of items or types of items being collected:

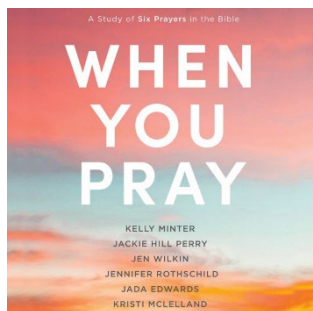
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| Large trash bags – 30 gallons | Toilet Paper |
| Dish washing detergent | Kleenex |
| Ziplock bags – 1 gallon | Paper towels |
| Disinfecting wipes | Napkins |
| Swiffer Wet Jet refill | Laundry detergent |
| Bathroom cleaner spray | Glass cleaner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

CA WILDFIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS

Southern California is facing multiple uncontrolled fires, exacerbated by strong winds and dry conditions. Tens of thousands of residents have been forced to evacuate. Residents are struggling with water contamination, electricity outages, major fire damage, poor air quality, and the ongoing risk of flying embers. In response, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with affected presbyteries to share information, award emergency assistance grants, and coordinate resources as needs are assessed.

Along with your prayers, your generous financial gifts will bring hope, help, and encouragement to communities impacted by these fires. [Click here](#) to support the PDA's efforts or make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church, designating "CA Wildfires" in the memo line. We will forward the collected funds to PDA. Thank you for your generosity!

WOMEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY



"Prayer is a gift; an invitation to talk with God. But prayer can also be a challenge. Do you have trouble thinking of words to say, fear some emotions are too intense to express to God, or reach the end of the day only to realize you haven't prayed at all? You're not alone. Thankfully, in God's Word we encounter many voices who teach us how to pray. In this study we will hear from six teachers who highlight six prayers in the Bible that can help inspire your own."

Join the **Women's Weekly Bible Study** on **January 22** as we begin this study. We meet in Spellman Jr. on Wednesday mornings from 9:45-11:30. This is a hybrid format, so you have the option to join us on Zoom.

Members purchase the workbook on their own.

For more information contact Kathy Smedley 484-678-9474 ksmed@aol.com

The study guide with video access-**When You Pray**-can be found on Lifeway.com or Amazon.com



WOMEN'S RETREAT

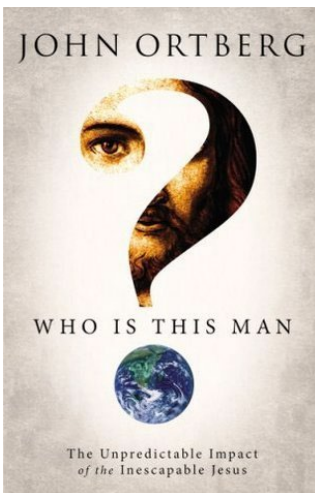
SOUL TENDING FOR...LIFE!

Friday, Mar 21 – Saturday, Mar 22

Registration forms are available in the Narthex, on the website or use this QR Code to sign up.



A GATHERING OF MEN



Meet Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. In person and via Zoom. Spellman Jr.

New Study starting January 15 and is a five-week study.

Who Is This Man by John Ortberg – The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus.

In this book, John Ortberg shows how Jesus' influence has swept over history, bringing his inspiration to areas of culture such as art, science, government, medicine, and education. He also reveals how Jesus' vision for us to lead lives of dignity, compassion, forgiveness, and hope continues to inspire and

challenge humanity today.

Questions? Contact Gerry McShane at gmcshane@westminsterpc.org

SAVE THE DATE - MEN'S RETREAT

April 25-27

Men's retreat returns to Sandy Cove in Northeast, MD the weekend of April 25 - 27. Michael Wilson is leading our retreat this year and our planning team is feeling blessed to have Michael guide us in the theme of leadership built around Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. More information in the weeks to come, registration opens soon. For more inquiries, please contact Gerry McShane, Church Administrator at gmcshane@westminsterpc.org.

DAYS FOR GIRLS KIT MAKING EVENT

Sunday, February 23- 9:00 am - 12:30 pm Spellman Hall. 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](mailto:Danaloundas1@gmail.com) at danaloundas1@gmail.com or [Joni Taylor](mailto:jetta.taylor@gmail.com) at jetta.taylor@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLK Jr. Service Day 9-11 am Monday, January 20 • Kitchen or Portico. We invite you to this intergenerational event (adults, families with young kids or youth) to bring items to assemble lunches for The Vine Ministry on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. You can also make lunches at home and drop them off under the church portico. Sign up at bit.ly/MLKlunch2025 to provide lunches or see details on what is in each lunch. Questions? Contact Chris Clark at cclark@westminsterpc.org or Jill Reichert at jreichert@westminsterpc.org.

Westminster Preschool Registration. Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open. All registrations will be done online through our website. Westminster members have priority registration through today. Here is the direct link to that section of our website:
westminsterpc.org/grow/preschool

Tuesday MEN & WOMEN's Fellowship

“Exercise & Diets for Staying Young” Tuesday, January 21. David Goodale will begin his talk by giving examples of seniors in the USA who have decided to throw away their walkers & oxygen tubes and start **actively aging** with daily movement. As a clinical neuropharmacologist & anesthesiologist he has used his expertise in diets and supplements to control different conditions including heartburn/ stomach ulcers, migraine, and fibromyalgia.

He will also talk about the important role of ketones with reduction of dietary sugars in diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Diseases. Questions are all welcome!

Come in person to Spellman Jr. for the social coffee and snacks at 9:30 AM, followed by Dave Goodale's talk starting at 10 AM. Those wishing to join via Zoom should contact Dave Goodale (dbgpharma@gmail.com) to be included with those receiving the ZOOM Link.

Thrift Shop-Open with regularly scheduled hours.

Westminster's Library. Please visit the library to see our “President Jimmy Carter, Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. and Winter” display. While there, feel free to check out any books or DVDs of interest.

FINANCIAL

November 2024

General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	% vs Budget	
		Budget	Better/(Worse)
Pledge Giving	\$1,566,157	\$1,428,723	9.6%
Total Revenue	\$2,061,202	\$1,969,995	4.6%
Total Expense	\$2,062,275	\$2,107,216	2.1%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,073)	\$(137,221)	-



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Offering Figures for 1/12/25 (includes online giving)

General Fund-Sunday Svc/Mailed/Online	\$55,322.53
Music Fund	350.00
Per Capita	518.00
Initial Offering	195.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	100.00
Disaster Relief	<u>1000.00</u>
Total	\$57,485.53

Attendance: 1/12/25

In Person	341
Phone	7
Wellington	5
Live Stream	<u>604</u>
Total	957

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
JANUARY – SOUP, ESPECIALLY CHUNKY

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

Calendar for the Week of January 19

Sunday, January 19

- 8:30 A.M. Nursery care (109)
9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship/ WeeConnect 3-4 yrs
KidsConnect (K-5th grade)
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)

Monday, January 20 – MLK Day – Office Closed

- 9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop (workday until 3 P.M)
9:00 A.M. MLK Day of Service (Kitchen)

Tuesday, January 21

- 9:30 A.M. Tuesday Fellowship (Spellman Jr.)
10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M.
12:00 P.M. Stitch Unto Others (201)
5:00 P.M. Dinner – Deacons and Session (Spellman Hall)
7:00 P.M. Session Meeting (Spellman Jr.)
7:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting (414)

Wednesday, January 22

- 9:10 A.M. Chapel Worship Service (Chapel)
10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M.
4:15 P.M. Cherub Choir (Spellman Hall)
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. Handbells Rehearsal (Spellman Hall)

Thursday, January 23

- Thrift Shop Closed
10:00 A.M. Tech time with Lynn via Zoom
12:00 P.M. Lunch Bunch (Offsite)
7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery (414)
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts (Spellman Hall)

Friday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 26

8:30 A.M. Nursery care (109)

9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship/ WeeConnect 3-4 yrs
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