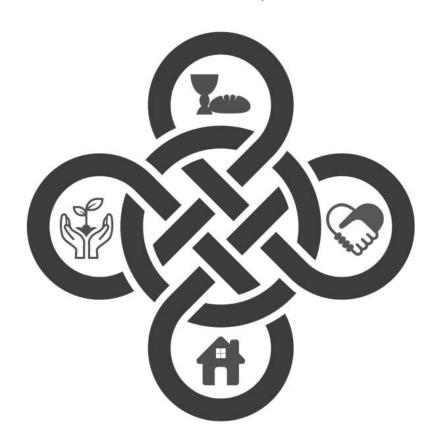
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Knowing Christ Making Christ Known

January 19, 2025 9:30 A.M. Traditional



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

9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE Preamble from 24 Pieces in Free Style Prelude in G major, Op. 37, No. 2

Louis Vierne Mendelssohn

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Come, Worship God

Michael Perry

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor; enter God's presence with thanks and a song! You are the rock of your people's salvation to whom our jubilant praises belong.

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 146

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

People: We worship the Lord, who sets the prisoners free, who opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, and loves the righteous.

People: The Lord watches over the strangers, and upholds the orphan and the widow.

Leader: The Lord will reign forever, for all generations.

People: Praise the Lord!



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you know how we love miracles, signs of your power and presence. Yet, we find you among the poor, the downtrodden, the widow, the orphan. In their midst we are in your presence. Dwell with us, as we make the struggles of the oppressed and afflicted our own struggles. Join us at your table, as we join the effort to feed and clothe those who live in want. Grant us your compassion, we pray, that we may truly be your people...(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** #582 Glory to God

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* 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 he may confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? If so, signify by saying, "We do."

Response: We do.

Questions to Children (read by Finn Caldwell): Will we help Henry remember that God loves him and we love him?

Response: We will.

Will we share the stories of Jesus with Henry?

Response: We will

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – "The Peace of Christ"

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 All Shall Be Amen and Alleluia

arr. John Leavitt

All shall be Amen and Alleluia. We shall rest and we shall see. We shall see and we shall know. We shall know and we shall love. We shall love and we shall praise. Behold our end, which is no end. (St. Augustine, 4th c.)

*DOXOLOGY #606

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

Lord, we are grateful for your mission to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery and freedom for those who wait upon you. We dedicate these gifts and our lives, that they may be part of your work of life and new life in this world. By your Spirit, guide them and us to proclaim your love and mercies. Through Christ we pray. Amen. *(please be seated)*

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



BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Joy

J. S. Bach

^{*} Please rise in body or in spirit

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In Christ There is No East or West

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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Be Thou My Vision

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In Thee Is Joy

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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.

KIDSCONNECT MORNING SCHEDULE:

- 8:45am Childcare (6 months thru 4 years old) available until 12:15pm in Room 109. If you plan to use the nursery for childcare and/or if you are willing to serve as a nursery volunteer, please contact Mary Maina at childcare@westminsterpc.org.
- 9:30am Children Pre-K through 5th 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

Director of Communications

KidsConnect K-1st grade in room in Room 102

2nd-3rd grades in Room 105 4th-5th grades in Room 406

JOURNEY CLASS, 10:45AM, Spellman Jr.: Rebuilding with Purpose: A New Year, A Renewed Faith facilitated by Pastor Eric Dorville.

USHERS: Roger Mecouch (lead usher), Judy Bianchi, Sam Blank, Lee Flurer, Jim Hatfield, Ron Hoess, Chuck Lambing

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Director of Children and Family Ministries
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Lynn George

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 weekly update. We invite you to join us at westminsterpc.org when you are not able to attend worship.

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.

TAIZÉ PRAYER and contemplative worship occurs various times throughout the program year. Visit our website or call 610-399-3377 for dates and times.

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 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 10 W. Pleasant Grove Rd. West Chester, PA 19382 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:

Large trash bags – 30 gallons

Dish washing detergent

Ziplock bags – 1 gallon

Disinfecting wipes

Swiffer Wet Jet refill

Bathroom cleaner spray

Hand soap

Furniture polish

Toilet Paper

Kleenex

Paper towels

Napkins

Laundry detergent

Glass cleaner

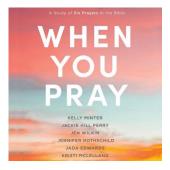
Dryer sheets

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. <u>Click here</u> 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

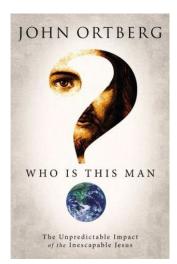


WOMEN'S RETREAT
SOUL TENDING FOR...LIFE!
Friday, Mar 21 — Saturday, Mar 22

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 at danaloundas1@gmail.com or Joni Taylor 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.

<u>FINANCIAL</u>

November 2024 General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

		% vs Budget	
Year To Date	Actual	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	\$ (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-5 th 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, Ja	nuary 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 Nursery care (109) 8:30 A.M. 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) Youth Choir (Music Room) 5:00 P.M. 5:30 P.M. Youth Group (Spellman Hall)