## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LARGE PRINT Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

> February 23, 2025 10 A.M. Combined Worship



## GATHERING THOUGHT

"So I am a radical in the truest sense of the word: an ordinary radical who wants to get at the root of what it means to love, and to get at the root of what has made such a mess of our world."

> - Shane Claiborne, *The Irresistible Revolution*

#### ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD ary 23, 2025 10:00 A.M.

February 23, 2025

PRELUDE

The Bell Symphony All Creatures of Our God and King Chancel Ringers

Purcell Moklebust

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

 SONG
 See How Good It Is
 Psalm 133

 Sandra McCracken & Wendell Kimbrough
 Congregation invited to sing beginning at verse 2

See how good it is, gathering with friends Welcoming the stranger in, see how good it is.

*Refrain:* When God's children live as one, by the Spirit we become the open arms of God to a world in need of love.

Sad divisions cease, we're ordained as priests, Spreading out God's joyful feast, see how good it is. *(Refrain)* 

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:

- People: We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.
- Leader: Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.

## People: We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

- Leader: Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.
- **People:** We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

#### Leader: Life a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

People: We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.



## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord...(time for silent prayers of confession).

#### SONG OF CONFESSION

Lord I Need You D.Carson, M.Maher, C.Nockels, & J.Reeves

Congregation invited to join on each refrain Lord I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest, And without you I fall apart,

You're the one that guides my heart.



Where sin runs deep your grace is more,

Where grace is found is where you are,

And where you are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me. (*Refrain*)

So teach my song to rise to you, When temptation comes my way. And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you, Jesus you're my hope and stay. (*Refrain*)

My one defense my righteousness, Oh God how I need you.

#### **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

## **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** One Faith, One Hope, One Lord Ct

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:4-6, 13

#### \*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**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Teach us to use what we have with wisdom and compassion. Bless these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. *(please be seated)* 

## SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 3:14-4:6

(Pew Bible pg. 950)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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

**SERMON** Rooted and Grounded in Love

Jon Frost

#### HONORING REVEREND ANN HATFIELD

From All that Dwell Below the Skies



#### **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE** I Sing Because I'm Happy

#### \* Please rise in body or in spirit

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#### I Sing Because I'm Happy

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	<b>WELCOME VISITORS!</b> We are glad you are here today. To help us welcome you personally, please sign the <i>Friendship Pad</i> with your name, address, email and/or phone number.
Ň N N	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.
Worship Times: 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	The next new members' class will be held on <b>Sunday</b> , <b>June 1, from 11:30 a.m2:30 p.m.</b> Childcare is available for children 6 months-4 years during the class if requested by May 23. Register on the website or call the church office.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY: Luke 7:18-35 (*Psalm 146:5-10*); Jeremiah 17:5-10 *and Psalm 1;* 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26.

## NO JOURNEY CLASS THIS MORNING.

## **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 <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 102
	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:** Jerry Shuts (lead usher), Judy Bianchi, Sam Blank, Dan Carrone, Rex Ebert, Lee Flurer, Jim Hatfield, Pete Hillyer

## **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 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 <u>skurek@westminsterpc.org</u> 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.

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# NEWS AND EVENTS

February 23, 2025



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#### HELP US CELEBRATE REV. ANN HATFIELD'S RETIREMENT 10am February 23



After 14 years of ordained ministry at Westminster, Rev. Ann Hatfield retires from her call as Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Outreach. We will recognize and celebrate Pastor Ann today in the worship service at 10 am.

Following the service, we will gather in Spellman Hall for a church-wide reception.



## <u>Ash Wednesday at a Glance</u>

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our journey in Lent, a time in Christian life historically marked by prayer, fasting, and a return to other spiritual practices in preparation for the Easter season.

## Morning Worship

9:10-9:30 am Wednesday, March 5 • Sanctuary & Live Stream Prayer, Communion, Imposition of Ashes.

#### Pancake Dinner

5:30-7 pm Wednesday, March 5 • Spellman Hall

Start the Lenten season with our annual pancake supper. Gather with your Westminster family for dinner and fellowship followed by the Ash Wednesday worship service. Suggested dinner donation is \$5/person or \$10/family.

## **Evening Worship**

7 pm Wednesday, March 5 • Sanctuary & Live Stream Traditional service with imposition of ashes. Walk the Stations of the Cross We will place our Stations of the Cross in each window of the Sanctuary. Come and walk the Stations around the Sanctuary.

#### <u>Evening Vespers</u> Sunday, February 23 @ 4pm...



Join us as we venture into molding Vespers into something a bit different but still focuses on family-friendly intergenerational worship. This month our theme is Compassion. We'll sing, pray, tell the story of the Good Samaritan, reflect and respond in community discussion.

We'll share how you can continue to engage with this story and theme throughout the week and the rest of the month... in your own space and in your own time. Let us know you can come! bit.ly/FebVespers

#### **NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 2, our new Sunday schedule will be:

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir KidsConnect and WeeConnect offered during worship
- 9:00 or 10:30 am- Journey Class in Spellman Jr and Zoom (We will offer Journey Class at two different times. Pick the one that works best for your schedule.)
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Young Children and Worship program offered during worship service
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Youth Group

#### CELTIC PSALMS CONCERT 7:30 pm Monday, March 17 • Sanctuary



Celebrate Saint Patty's Day with the Irish. Celtic Psalms sing Psalms set to traditional Irish and Scottish melodies. They have recorded four albums featuring stellar Irish traditional musicians, traveled to the US/Canada on five tours, appeared on Irish and British national TV and radio, participated in international conferences and a Northern Ireland-based TEDx. Through music that is soothing and uplifting, Celtic Psalms brings people together across community divides.

#### <u>COMMUNION WORKSHOP</u> 9-11:30 AM SATURDAY, MARCH 1 • SPELLMAN HALL

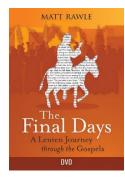
Learn about communion, why & how we celebrate it and who can take communion. Spoiler: Everyone is welcome at the table! This interactive workshop is designed to help children (2-5th grade) and parents better understand Communion in our tradition. Preparing the table, drama, arts/crafts, and cooking are all part of this workshop! And parents will have a separate time to learn and share, as well. We'll prepare you to help lead communion during the Ash Wednesday service.



#### **CARING FOR CREATION**

Please join us to remove trash from our environment during the CRC Annual Streams Cleanup on Saturday, March 29, (Rain or Shine). Choose Site 111 West Goshen & put WPC as group to meet at the Gay & Montgomery St. McDonalds rear parking lot, 9 -11:30AM. Gloves, trash bags and refreshments will be provided. Contact Sue Bruegel Suebrue@verizon.net or cell 484-321-1938.

#### Join a Lenten Series: The Final Days of Jesus



The four New Testament Gospels aren't the same story, but they offer the same Resurrection hope. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John devote most of their story detailing Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, all highlighting Jesus' triumphant entry into the city, the suffering and humiliation of the cross, and the empty tomb come Sunday morning. These different perspectives aren't a reason to dismiss the Gospels; rather then reveal an abundant, diverse, and complementary picture

of God's work in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Join us for this DVD/book study, *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey through the Gospels* by Matt Rawle during the season of Lent. We encourage you to read the book but not required to participate.

#### Hybrid: Sunday Journey Class

<u>9:00 or 10:30</u> am Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6 & 13 • Spellman Jr. & Zoom Look for Zoom link in the Thursday eblast. • Contact: Eric Dorville at edorville@westminsterpc.org

#### In Person Only: Monday Men & Women Group

7-8:30 pm Mar. 10, 17, 24, 31, April. 7 & 14 • McFalls home Facilitators: Ed and Diane McFalls • Contact: Ed McFalls at mcfallse@aol.com

#### HELP SUPPORT ACT IN FAITH IN February

This month bring in items for ACT in Faith of Greater West Chester, which is an interfaith organization that helps individuals and families with immediate needs. Staff and volunteers work to stabilize households, encourage self-sustainability, and build community. Please bring in toilet paper, paper towels, and full-size items of bar soap,



toothpaste, deodorant (male/female/unisex) during the month of February and place them in the marked bins located in Café 10 West. Questions? Contact <u>Ann</u> <u>Hatfield</u>.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>Women's Retreat</u> Friday, Mar 21 – Saturday, Mar 22 7 Openings left for Friday only. Call the office to add your name to the waiting list.

#### **CPR/AED** Training

#### 9-11:00 am Saturday, March 8 • Spellman Hall

Join The Good Fellowship Ambulance Education Department to learn how – and when – to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) CPR/AED. Questions? Contact <u>Brenda Schivito at bschivito@gmail.com.</u>

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, February 25 at 6:00pm.

**Westminster's Library-**Please visit the library to see our "Black History Month" display. While there, feel free to check out any books or DVDs of interest. Please remember to check out all books/DVDs taken from the library.

Tuesday Fellowship continues to celebrate BLACK HISTORY Month this Tuesday, February 25. The Tuesday Fellowship Group will hear a presentation entitled: "The Amazing Legacy of Inventor: William Chester Ruth" The presentation will be given by his own granddaughter Gwen Ruth Dickinson. Not only will we hear firsthand accounts of this amazing inventor, but we will also hear about her nonprofit organization whose mission is to publicize and ensure his amazing legacy endures for all future generations. All ARE WELCOME to attend at 9:30am for coffee, goodies, and conversation and perhaps even bring a friend who is interested in this accomplished and highly successful inventor. Gwen's presentation will begin 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- When downsizing, redecorating, or just house cleaning, please consider your thrift shop before donating to Goodwill, Salvation Army, Green Drop, etc. Keep in mind that all revenue from your donations support the many local and world-wide organizations in need. A listing of the organizations the thrift shop has supported, 54 organizations in the past 35 years the shop has been in business, can be found on the thrift shop's bulletin board near Spellman. An organization that you support may be on the list. Thank You.

Lunch Bunch Thursday, Feb 27 at 12:00 noon. WPC's Lunch Bunch will meet at Patelmos at 1530 Paoli Pike West Chester (13 minutes from WPC) Contact Carol Edwards at 610-306-0674 or Carol Olver at 610 883-6176 to reserve your chair.

#### **FINANCIAL**

## January 2025 General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs l Better/(Wo	Budget rse)
Pledge Giving	\$453,191		\$432.000	4.9%
Non-pledged giving	\$18,477		\$18,000	2.7%
Total Revenue	\$498,543		\$486,090	2.6%
Total Expense	\$191,598		\$211,838	8.6%
Net Surplus	\$ 304,945		\$274,252	11.2% -
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#### Offering Figures for 2/16/25 (includes online giving)

General Fund-Sunday Svc/Mailed/Online	\$49,905.98
Per Capita	338.00
Souper Bowl	660.00
Disaster Relief – CA Wildfires	700.00
Memorial Fund	100.00
Initial Offering	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$51,723.98

#### Attendance: 2/16/25

In Person	431
Phone	7
Live Stream	<u>688</u>
Total	1,126

#### FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS FEBRUARY - CEREAL

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 February 23

Sunday, February 23 Nursery care (109) 8:30 A.M. Combined Worship/ WeeConnect 3-4 yrs 10:00 A.M. KidsConnect (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) 11:00 A.M. Reception for Ann Hatfield Vespers (Chapel) 4:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Music Room) 5:00 P.M. Youth Group (407 and Spellman Hall) 5:30 P.M. Monday, February 24 9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop (workday until 3 P.M) Tuesday, February 25 9:30 A.M. Tuesday Fellowship (Spellman Jr.) 10:00 A.M. Library Committee (Library) Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M. 10:00 A.M. Altzheimer's/ Dementia Support Group (212) 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Endowment Committee (Zoom) Wednesday, February 26 Chapel Worship Service (Chapel) 9:10 A.M. Women's Weekly Bible Study (Spellman Jr.) 9:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M. Cherub Choir (Spellman Hall) 4:15 P.M. Contemplative Small Group via Zoom 4:30 P.M. Children's Choir (Spellman Hall) 4:45 P.M. Worship Collective Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 P.M. A Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr.) 7:00 P.M. Handbells Rehearsal (Spellman Hall) 7:00 P.M. Thursday, February 27 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, February 28

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

<u>Saturday, March 1</u>

- 9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until noon
- 9:00 A.M. Communion Workshop (Spellman Hall)
- 9:30 A.M. Confirmation Community Gathering (407)
- 12:00 P.M. Youth Cradles to Crayons

Sunday, March 2

- 8:15 A.M. Nursery care (109)
- 9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr.)
- 9:00 A.M. WeeConnect 3-4 yrs KidsConnect (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr.)
- 10:30 A.M. Young Children and Worship (Chapel)
  - 5:00 P.M. Taizé Worship Service (Chapel)
  - 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Music Room)
  - 5:30 P.M. Youth Group (407/ Spellman Hall)