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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

August 1, 2021
10:30 A.M. Contemporary

We Believe

Exploring Our Confessions and Creeds



GATHERING THOUGHT

"Whether or not Christianity, in an alienated, divided and oppressive society, itself becomes alienated, divided and an accomplice of oppression, is ultimately decided only by whether the crucified Christ is a stranger to it or the Lord who determines the form of its existence."

-Jürgen Moltmann, *The Crucified God*

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE

God of Wonders

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Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle, Glory to the Lord on high

*God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy*

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light
And when I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night

*God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy (repeat)*

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth (3x)
You are holy, holy

*God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy (repeat)*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(from the Barmen Declaration)

Holy Creator, we are sometimes prone to abandoning the message of the gospel in exchange for the prevailing ideologies of our time. In our pursuit of proximity to the halls of power, we have forsaken the free grace found in Jesus Christ. Forgive us for not speaking truth to power when the world has needed the righteous witness of Your Church. When we lose our way, draw us back onto Your path of peace, love and justice. In the power of your Spirit, convict us and renew us as we offer our silent prayers to You now.....(*time to offer silent prayers of confession*).

SONG FOR CONFESSION *Here I Am To Worship* John 8:12

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Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Refrain: *So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (*Refrain*)

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross (2x)
(*Refrain*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN AND PASSING THE PEACE

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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

This I Believe

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Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Savior

Refrain: *I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender, suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high (Refrain)

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (pew Bible pg. 926)

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

"Consider the Call"

Chris Clark

THEOLOGICAL DECLARATION OF BARMEN

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together.” (Eph. 4:15-16.)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Prayer

SONG OF RESPONSE *Jesus Lead On*

Brent Helming 1996 Mercy/VineyardPub, VineyardMusicUSA, CCLI#2254621

This is my cry, this is my song.
You are my guiding light when the way is unknown.
And when these sunny skies turn shades of gray,
I'll stay close by Your side as You lead the way.

Refrain: *Jesus, lead on, I will follow. Jesus lead on.
Let Your love light the way.
Jesus, lead on, I will follow. Jesus lead on.*

Hear now this cry. Hear now this song.
You are my guiding light for this journey I'm on.
And when my vision is clouded by the wind and the rain,
I'll stay close by Your side as You lead the way. *Refrain (2x)*

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING *Jesus Lead On*

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Worship Times:
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you are here today. To help us welcome you personally, please fill out the Visitor Card found in the pews with your name, address, email and/or phone number and drop in the offering boxes located at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

The next new members' class is Sunday, October 24, 2021. Childcare is available during the class upon request.

The **NINE BANNERS** reminding us of our theological heritage are displayed in the sanctuary. They represent the creeds, confessions, and catechisms in our denomination's "Book of Confessions" – from the Apostle's and Nicene Creeds produced in the first few centuries of Christianity, all the way to the Brief Statement of Faith written by Presbyterians in the United States in 1983.

NO JOURNEY CLASS THIS MORNING.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE knowing what percentage of the congregation has been vaccinated. If you are willing to share your status, please call the church office at 610-399-3377, and they will be happy to update your profile. Thank you.

**FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
AUGUST – MACARONI AND CHEESE AND
PASTA AND RICE SIDE DISHES
DROP OFF UNDER THE PORTICO**

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Ministers of Jesus Christ	All the Members of the Congregation
Pastors	Jennie Clark, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield, Don Lincoln
Pastor Emeritus	Robert D. Young
Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries	Chris Clark

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WORSHIP INFORMATION

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sanctuary

9:00am – Traditional worship

10:30am – Contemporary worship with band

Wednesday Morning

9:10-9:30am – Prayer and Communion worship

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.

TEXT GIVING is available. You can give via your phone; it's easy, secure and instant. Start a new text message to 610-616-2826. Enter the dollar amount of your gift as the text. Send. First time givers are prompted to a link to enter credit/debit card 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 CHAIN 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 Chain or to become a member, contact Jeanne Klaver at jeanneklaver@gmail.com or the church office.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION is celebrated the first Sunday of every month in all services.

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 10:00 a.m. Contact the office to register for the baptism class.

VIDEO AND TEXT VERSIONS OF PREVIOUS SERMONS can be found online at www.westminsterpc.org.

NEWS AND EVENTS

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CLERK'S CORNER

During its July 20th meeting, the Session:

- Celebrated having most Session members in-person for the first time since February of 2020;
- Affirmed a vote to approve an Endowment Fund Grant of \$1,600 to Chester County Migrant Ministries for 10 window air conditioners;
- Approved the baptism of four (4) children;
- Heard a report from the Clerk that Crebilly II application hearings concluded on July 12th with the first in-person hearing in 16 months – a decision by the Board of Supervisors is due by September 27th;
- Learned Westminster's Session and Congregational meeting minutes for 2020 were approved without exception on June 20, 2021;
- Endorsed the concept of presenting an amendment to Westminster's bylaws to the congregation at its next Annual Meeting in January 2022 to either provide for a review of our books and records by an outside, independent firm (preferred current practice) or have our own internal review by 3 elected auditors (past practice);
- Heard from Ann McNally and Gerry McShane a candidate has been identified to succeed Donna Harrison as Financial Administrator and Treasurer;
- Learned more details from Church Administrator Gerry McShane about the church's HVAC system and its need of significant repair and renovation to address high humidity, leaking pipes and bleeding valves;
- Reviewed a statistical analysis prepared by Pastor Lincoln of the recent Worship Survey in which many of the congregation participated and passed a Motion to schedule traditional worship at 9:30 AM and contemporary worship at 11:00 AM beginning on September 12, 2021;
- Received a report from PNC co-chair Lynae Young about the PNC's early efforts in beginning its work to identify the next Head of Staff and received encouragement for all committees to consider updates to their sections of

Westminster's website to bring it more in alignment with our mission and vision;

- Received reports from numerous other Ministry teams about the careful steps being taken to re-engage in in-person ministry and fellowship, but also were encouraged to continue to avoid close personal contact like hand shaking;
- Were encouraged as leaders to sign up for the Global Leadership Summit for August 5-6, 2021;
- Shared congregational cares, concerns, joys and celebrations and lifted all these in prayer as well as an affirmation of Pastor Ann Hatfield as she begins her sabbatical.

Ed McFalls, Clerk of Session

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE
BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

As a result of the feedback received from the congregation on the recent worship survey, the best option for our new worship schedule starting Sunday, September 12, will be:

9:30 AM Traditional Service
11:00 AM Contemporary Service

Most likely KidsConnect Sunday school will be concurrent with the 9:30 service and the Journey Class will be concurrent with the 11:00 service; however, the two groups will meet and make that decision in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to all who participated in the survey. We hope to welcome a big crowd back in September!

MEET OUR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE



We are excited to introduce Valerie Wallace, our new Director of Finance. Originally from Liberia/West Africa, Valerie lived in Chambersburg, PA for 10 years. Valerie holds a Master's in Business Administration from Shippensburg University and a Master's of Science in Accounting from University of Phoenix. Prior to joining Westminster's team, Valerie worked with different churches as Accounting Manager, VBS volunteer, Sunday School volunteer, Member of Endowment committee, Worship Lead/Singer and her most recent position with Park Avenue UMC as Office Manager. Valerie and her husband Melvin have been married for 13 years. Melvin is an Rn.BSN graduate of Widener University. They are blessed with two daughters: Michelle, 10, and Jordan 8; and Charles, their toy poodle. During her spare time Valerie enjoys time with her kids. One of her favorite things to do is making music with her daughters. They enjoy practice sessions singing and dancing to familiar tunes. Valerie recently recorded an album titled "In Awe of You" published in April 2021.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
AUGUST 5-6 IN SPELLMAN HALL
OR VIA LIVE STREAM

Once again we are hosting The Global Leadership Summit to enhance your influencing and leadership skills. Because of the continuing effects of Covid-19, you will be able to watch this two-day event via live stream in the safety of your own home or you can watch in Spellman Hall where we will offer limited in-person seating. To register type the following in your browser: <https://bit.ly/2RWHJsF>. Questions? Contact Ann McNally at goodchowpa@verizon.net.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are happy to announce that we are once again looking for volunteers to help support Habitat for Humanity. Build sites are now open and space is available to support construction projects in Coatesville.

Dates Available:

Wednesday, August 11

Saturday, August 21

Habitat for Humanity partners with people in your community, and all over the world, to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families. Contact Paul Cofrancesco at info@paulco.net to sign up or for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Matter Signs. In partnership with West Chester Communities That Care, the Youth Vision Team has yard signs for congregants to place in their yards. Signs will be available after each worship service outside by the main church entrance. Take a sign to let the young people in your neighborhood and community know that they are celebrated and valued by their neighbors!

We would appreciate knowing what percentage of the congregation has been vaccinated. If you are willing to share your status, please call the church office at 610-399-3377, and they will be happy to update your profile.

Gathering of Men Small Group starts a new study on Wednesday, August 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Spellman Jr. and via Zoom. We will be studying the letter to the Hebrews using the book *Hebrews and James* by Frances Taylor Gench. Questions? Contact Ed Kane at edwardfkane@aol.com.

Peach Festival, August 8, 9:00am-12:00pm in Spellman Hall. Our Deacons are hosting their annual peach festival (peaches, shortbread, and ice cream) to celebrate the end of summer. You won't want to miss this! Questions? Contact Carol Olver at ccolver@comcast.net.

Red Cross Blood Drive, August 12 and 24, 11:00am-4:00pm in Spellman Hall. The American Red Cross is experiencing a blood emergency. The Red Cross is working around the clock to meet the extraordinary blood needs of hospitals and patients but can't do it alone. We need your help to overcome the severe blood shortage. To sign up visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code WPC.

CREDO Confirmation 2021-2022, August 16 at 7:30pm via Zoom. Join us for an information meeting about our annual Confirmation Class for any youth in 8th-12th grades who has not been confirmed as well as their parents. Learn about the class and the curriculum. Questions? Contact Chris Clark at cclark@westminsterpc.org.

Recycling: Help reduce landfill waste by bringing the following **used** items to WPC for recycling: 1) Alkaline Only Batteries (place tape over both ends and 2) K-pods. Leave them in the bins provided under the front portico.

Volunteer with WPC's Gleaning Garden. Things are growing at the WPC Gleaning Garden, and we're hoping for a more productive year for the Food Banks. With harvesting in the near future, we need more volunteers. For more information or to volunteer, contact Anita Gordon at anita4cfpa@gmail.com.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Save the Date: First Crew Disaster Relief Mission Trip, October 24-29, 2021 to New Bern, NC. Hurricane Florence was a powerful hurricane that caused catastrophic damage in the Carolinas in September 2018, primarily as a result of freshwater flooding due to torrential rain. Be part of a 10-person team that will help repair homes in the New Bern area that were severely damaged by the floodwaters. The materials and tools to do the repairs will be provided. All levels of expertise are needed. For more information, contact Bill Stewart at williamstewart@janney.com.

No Plastic is Fantastic! Pick up your free reusable produce bag on Sunday after worship. As part of Westminster's ongoing commitment to care for God's creation, we are providing each family with an alternative to single use plastic bags. Together we can reduce the amount of plastic polluting the environment.

EVENTS RETURNING THIS FALL



LOSS AND GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MONDAYS, OCTOBER 18-NOVEMBER 22 7:00-8:30 PM

We all experience loss in our lives: loss of jobs, loss of health, loss of dreams, and loss of loved ones. This six-week group examines the pain we encounter from the losses we endure. We will prayerfully explore the courageous process of grieving, which allows us to move through the pain and enter into healing and wholeness. For questions or more information, contact Ann Hatfield at ahatfield@westminsterpc.org.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT

Friday, October 15, 9am-8pm
Saturday, October 16, 9am-8pm
Sunday, October 17, 8am-5pm

SAVE THE DATES!
WE WILL NEED MANY VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CONNECT WITH A COLLEGE STUDENT

The Equipping our Emerging Generation (EEG) team is kicking off another year of the College Connection Program, and needs volunteers to be "Connectors". By signing up for this program, the EEG Team will pair you with a Westminster College Student based on your mutual interests. As a College Connection "Connector", you would reach out to your student via your preferred platforms: handwritten letters, care packages, text messages, phone calls, etc. Interested in being a "Connector"? For more info or if you know of a High School Graduate who would like to be a part of this program, contact Chris Clark at cclark@westminsterpc.org or Laura Davis at lauragdavis@verizon.net.

FINANCIAL

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June 2021

General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget
Tithes & other revenue	\$1,154,439	\$1,111,731	4%
Expense	\$1,010,427	\$1,154,372	-12%

Attendance: 7/25/21: 729

Weekly Offering Figures for 7/25/21:

General Fund

\$16,095.00

Calendar for week of August 1, 2021

Sunday, August 1

9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship with choir

10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship

Monday, August 2

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

7:00 P.M. Stephen Ministry via Zoom

Tuesday, August 3

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

1:30 P.M. Westminster Knitters (414-415)

Wednesday, August 4

9:10 A.M. Prayer and Communion Service

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

7:00 P.M. A Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr.)

Thursday, August 5

Thrift Shop Closed

9:00 A.M. Global Leadership Summit (Spellman)

7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery via Zoom

7:00 P.M. PNC Meeting (Spellman Jr.)

Friday, August 6

Thrift Shop Closed

9:00 A.M. Global Leadership Summit (Spellman)

Saturday, August 7

Thrift Shop Closed

Sunday, August 8

9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship with choir

9:00 A.M. Peach Festival after each service (SH)

10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship