

LARGE PRINT BULLETIN

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

August 29, 2021
9:00 A.M. Traditional



GATHERING THOUGHT

"One cannot separate action and prayer, struggle and contemplation, solidarity and inner life. True religion is never a flight from the realities of life. For James, the refusal of worldliness is consistent with commitment to the poor in distress."

- Bible meditation on James 1:19-27
on the Taizé Community website

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 29, 2021

9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Grazioso

Sherman/Luttrell

Ron Bellamy, handbells; Linda Lorgus, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD VISION CHOSEN UPDATE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather to worship in the presence of God,

People: as if we stood on God's holy hill.

Leader: We gather to worship as children of God,

People: as if we were standing in the waters of grace.

Leader: We gather to worship the living God,

People: for God is here among us.

HYMN #333 *How Our Hearts with Joy Abound* (stand if able)

1 How our hearts with joy a - bound, with your beau-ty all a - round;
2 Fair - er still than hu - man frame, ev - er to our eyes the same,
3 Yours the scep - ter, yours the throne; you to us are God a - lone.

words are fee - ble to ex - press your great love and righ - teous-ness.
stead - fast love shines from your face; from your lips flow words of grace.
Vast the mer - cies to us given: wealth of earth, and joy of heaven.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 15: 1-2)

You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in Your presence, who may dwell on Your holy hill: those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and who speak the truth from their heart. And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly. So often we stumble on the path of faith. The truth makes us nervous, and we pretend not to know what is right. Have mercy, O God. Convict us by Your wisdom, cleanse us by Your grace, challenge us by Your presence, and, by Your forgiveness, free us to try again.....(*time to offer 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 Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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.

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN AND PASSING THE PEACE

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 *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?* arr. S. Garton

DOXOLOGY

(please stand if able)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from James 1: 17-18)*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Use these gifts, O God, to fulfill Your purpose in the world. Amen. *(please be seated)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 1: 17-27 (pew Bible pg. 980)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think

they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“True Religion”

Jon Frost

HYMN #295

Go To The World (please stand if able)

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

S. Campra



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.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY are: *Semicontinuous:* Song of Solomon 2:8-13 and *Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9*; *Complementary:* Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and *Psalm 15*; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. In addition to Sunday readings, there are lectionary readings for every day. Go to www.westminsterpc.org/grow/spiritual-practices/daily-lectionary to the box called "Lectionary Reading" and click on the date.

NO JOURNEY CLASS THIS MORNING. Journey Class will resume on Sunday, September 12, at 10:45 a.m. in Spellman Jr. and via Zoom.

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.

USHERS: Steve Brown and Jerry Shuts

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.

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NEWS AND EVENTS

August 29, 2021



**Knowing Christ,
Making Christ Known**

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CLERK'S CORNER

During its August 17th meeting, the Session:

- Approved the baptism of four (4) children;
- Elected Valerie Wallace as Treasurer to begin service upon Donna Harrison's retirement and continuing for the balance of 2021;
- Formed an ad hoc committee to review Westminster's bylaws with an eye to submitting some amendments to the congregation at January's annual meeting;
- Reviewed the Independent Accountants' Report of their review of Westminster's books and records from 2020 and received same;
- Added Maddie Day to the Serve Our Neighbors vision team;
- Approved Outreach motion to direct our local portion (25%) of Peace and Global Witness Offering to Rise Against Hunger;
- Learned about numerous Outreach opportunities including WC Food Cupboard blanket drive, Rise Against Hunger event planned for Oct 15-17 and Disaster Relief trip Oct 24-29;
- Approved Personnel's Job Description for the Director of Children and Family Ministries role;
- Approved PNC's Ministry Information Form as an early step in the search for Westminster's next Head of Staff;
- Heard ASG's recap of Global Leadership Summit and plans for Journey classes this fall;
- Received report on the fall stewardship campaign with the theme Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow;
- Heard Deacons report on all their activities and celebrated the wonderful peach festival;
- Received updates on the Expanding Our Witness vision team's efforts with the Andrew L. Hicks Jr. Foundation, CC Prison and reaching out beyond our walls;

- Heard report on Home Team's various initiatives including possible use of some of our land for attainable housing;
- Learned some details about World Vision's coming Chosen Launch Sunday (8/21) followed by the Reveal Sunday (8/28) and were encouraged to participate in a Zoom meeting with World Vision and Vietnamese coordinators; and
- Shared congregational cares, concerns, joys and celebrations and lifted all these in prayer at the end of the meeting.

Ed McFalls, Clerk of Session

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
THIS AFTERNOON, 4:00-4:45 PM
UNDER THE FRONT PORTICO

Families with children are invited to join us for a brief worship gathering before the start of the school year. Kids can bring their school backpacks, as we'll be offering a blessing to each child and giving them a colorful backpack tag as well. To register type the following in your browser:

<https://bit.ly/3CfhXCc> .

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!

BECOME A **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER**

We're looking for a few teachers for our middle school Sunday school class this year, which begin Sunday, September 12. Middle school (Grades 6-8) is an awesome age group to work with, as they're creative, ask great questions, and can bring a lot of joy to our Sunday morning class. Interested? For more information, contact Chris Clark at cclark@westminsterpc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Westminster is currently searching for a full-time Director of Children & Family Ministries to oversee the programs for children from nursery age through 5th grade. For a copy of the full job description please contact the church office. Interested candidates should submit their resumes to csg@westminsterpc.org. Questions? Contact Jennie Clark at jclark@westminsterpc.org.

Youth Choir Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, September 8, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Are you in grades 6-12 and interested in singing? Join Mr. Bob & Mr. Glenn for an ice cream social to kick off the first youth choir rehearsal! Youth must be vaccinated to sing.

New Fall Book Study Opportunity. This fall, Westminster is partnering with First Presbyterian Church to offer a six-week study of *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Reconciliation*. This book is an honest conversation about unspoken hurts and mounting tensions and how we can use Biblical principles to pursue restoration, and designed for all, whether you are relatively new to the racial justice conversation or have participated in past

programs. It will begin the week of September 19 over Zoom on Sunday or Tuesday nights (depending on participant availability). Questions or to sign up, contact Sue Kelly at mahealani104@gmail.com by September 13.

Book Discussion Group: The Splendid and the Vile, Monday, September 13 at 10:00a.m. in the Courtyard. Join our monthly book group in discussing *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz* by Erik Larson.

Become a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry is one of the ways Westminster cares for people who are hurting. Does this sound like you? ...a child of God who walks and prays with another? ...a caring Christian who *really* listens? ...a quiet servant of God? If so, our Stephen Leaders are looking for people who feel called to be Stephen Ministers. The next Stephen Ministry Training Class begins in January 2022. To learn more, please let the church office know or speak to any Stephen Minister.

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.

Thrift Shop. THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the thrift shop's recent drop-off. It is only through your generosity that we are able to continue our mission as we begin our 32nd season. And, THANK YOU to the thrift shop volunteers who have so graciously given of their time during the summer months. PLEASE NOTE: the thrift shop will be CLOSED through Monday, September 6, reopening on Tuesday, September 7 with our regular business hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study, Wednesday starting September 22 from 9:30-11:15am in Spellman Hall. Women, join us in reading [*Finding God Faithful*](#) by Kelly Minter which traces the path of

Joseph's life in Genesis to observe how God's sovereignty reigns, even in our darkest moments. Learn to recognize when God is working during periods of waiting, trust God's plan when life doesn't make sense, and rest in the sufficiency of His presence in every circumstance. This group will be hybrid over Zoom and in Spellman. Book can be ordered on Amazon.com.

Questions? Contact Kathy Smedley at ksmed@aol.com or Ellen Musser at greateast@comcast.net.

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

Food Drop Off for Senior Center, Wednesday, September 8, 9:00-9:30am under the Front Portico. The West Chester Senior Center is seeking healthy snack products and meal items they can set out on tables for their community. These items must be shelf-stable or remain fresh for a few days with a minimum of refrigeration. Requested items include pasta and pasta sauce, canned tuna or chicken, applesauce and fruit cup snack packs, cheese sticks, cereal bars, and cheese and cracker snack packs. There are no minimums or limits to the quantities. Questions? Contact Terri Pennington at tpennington1211@yahoo.com.

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.

Westminster Endowment Grants. Looking for funds to help those non-profits where you serve? Westminster's Endowment Fund may be able to help. Contact Rich Birkenmaier at richbirk@mail.com for more information. **The next grant deadline is Friday, September 3.**

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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July 2021 General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget
Tithes & other revenue	\$1,271,653	\$1,265,586	0%
Expense	\$1,188,957	\$1,340,797	-11%

We want to sincerely thank you for keeping your General Fund pledges up to date, as you can see, this month tithes and offering is ahead of budget. We encourage you to keep up consistent giving, so that we can achieve 100% of our pledged support. Please consider electronic giving. Setting up your giving is simple through the “Donate” button on the “Give” page on the church website, or request an authorization form by contacting the church office.

Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of Westminster.

Attendance: 8/22/21: 608

Weekly Offering Figures for 8/22/21:

General Fund \$28,434.46

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS –

LAST DAYS FOR MAC AND CHEESE AND PASTA SIDE DISHES

SEPTEMBER – CANNED FRUIT

PLEASE DROP OFF IN THE MARKED BINS UNDER THE FRONT PORTICO

OR

IN THE NARTHEX

Calendar for week of August 29, 2021

Sunday, August 29

- 9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship
- 10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship
- 4:00 P.M. Blessings of Backpacks Service under front portico

Monday, August 30

- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop closed until Sept. 7

Tuesday, August 31

- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop closed until Sept. 7

Wednesday, September 1

- 9:10 A.M. Prayer and Communion Service
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop closed until Sept. 7
- 7:00 P.M. A Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr.)
- 7:00 P.M. Worship Band rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 2

- Thrift Shop Closed until Sept. 7
- 7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery via Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. PNC Meeting (Spellman Jr.)

Friday, September 3

- Thrift Shop Closed until Sept. 7

Saturday, September 4

- Thrift Shop Closed until Sept. 7

Sunday, September 5

- 9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship
- 10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship