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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

January 9, 2022

9:30 A.M. Traditional



GATHERING THOUGHT

God looks at us, and says, "You are my dear, dear child; I'm delighted with you." Try reading that sentence slowly, with your name at the start, and reflect quietly on God saying that to you, both at your baptism and every day since.

NT Wright, Mark for Everyone

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022 9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE Prayer Humperdinck/Bish

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Portrait of Praise

Butler

I will sing a song of praise to God, for He has given my heart a new song. I will sing a song of praise to God, for He has given my heart a new song.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Isaiah 43)

Leader: Thus says the LORD, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

People: When we pass through the waters, God will be with us. The rivers shall not overwhelm us.

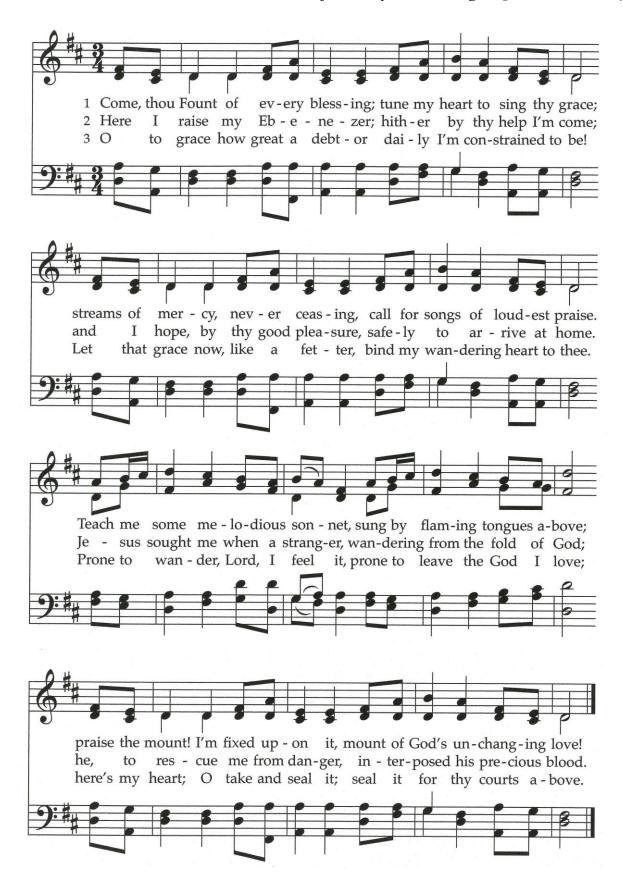
Leader: For the LORD, the Holy One of Israel is our Savior.

People: We are precious in the sight of the LORD, and honored; for God declares His love for us,

Leader: and calls each one of us by our own name.

People: Let us worship the LORD, the Redeemer of all!

HYMN #475 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (please stand if able)



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in baptism You joined us to Christ in His death, that we might be raised with Christ to new life. But we cherish old ways, and fail to embrace the new. We confess we remain preoccupied with ourselves. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and allow the past to hold us hostage. In Your loving kindness, remember the promises You made to us in our baptism, and grant us Your mercy. Forgive our sinful ways, heal our brokenness, set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Christ.....(time for us 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

North Star

PASTORAL 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

Eternal Life

Englert

Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes, eternal pow'r, be my support; eternal wisdom make me wise.

Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me, help me to see. O Spirit, give me breath, eternal Savior come to me, O come to me.

Until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word, at last I come before your face to know you, to know you, to know you my eternal God.

DOXOLOGY

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 Feasting on the Word)

O God, at His baptism, You acknowledged Jesus as Your beloved Son, and through Him you opened to us a way to become Your children by grace. May these gifts we return to You be a sign of our dedication to live as Your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray, AMEN.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

(Pew Bible pg. 812)

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; ^[d] with you I am well pleased."

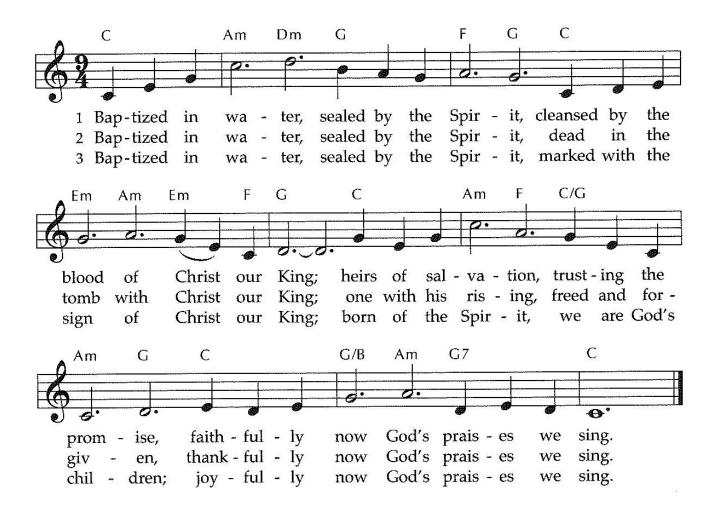
Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Remember Your Baptism"

Don Lincoln



BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise Ye The Lord

Saint-Saëns



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 fill out the Visitor Card found in the pews with your name, address, email and/or phone number and drop in the offering plates.

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.

Our next new members' class is Sunday, February 27, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY are: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. In addition to Sunday readings, there are lectionary readings for every day. Go to www.westminsterpc.org to the box called "Lectionary Reading" and click on the dates for the readings for the week.

KIDSCONNECT AND YOUTH MORNING SCHEDULE:

- 9:30am **Childcare** for infants through 3 years of age available during 9:30 worship. If you plan to use the nursery for childcare and/or if you are willing to serve as a nursery volunteer, please contact Nancy Brink at childcare@westminsterpc.org.
- 9:30am Children Pre-K through 5th grade will meet downstairs in the large group area for KidsConnect and NOT go to the sanctuary. Children and teachers must be masked. For families not comfortable having children inside for KidsConnect, we will make the curriculum available for home use with your children.
- 9:30am **Middle School Sunday School** in The Site.

JOURNEY CLASS at 10:45am in Spellman Jr. or via Zoom: A three-week Adam Hamilton DVD series Forgiveness – Finding Peace Through Letting Go begins this morning. Hamilton says that "forgiveness is a gift you give to yourself, not just the person you are forgiving". The heartbeat of the gospel is grace. In Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go, Adam Hamilton reminds us about the importance of reconnecting the broken pieces of our lives, but show how the process of grace and forgiveness is possibly our most complete picture of God." Today's discussion is entitled The Divine Answer led by Jennie Clark. Adam Hamilton helps us to learn how to apologize and how to forgive. He illustrates the weight of carrying around resentment or guilt and explains how we can turn to God to help us unburden ourselves and repent.

USHERS: Steve Brown (lead usher), Craig Garner, Peg Garner, Toni Hawkins, Dorene Winters

PASTORAL HOSPITAL VISITS: It is a joy for the pastoral staff to visit congregation members and participants in the hospital. Due to current hospital protocols, we can only do so if notified that someone is in the hospital. Please let us know when a visit would be welcome.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Are you a college student and interested in connecting with other college students within the congregation? Please contact Pastor Jon Frost at ifrost@westminsterpc.org.

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.

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Ministers of Jesus Christ All the Members of the Congregation Jennie Clark, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield, Don Lincoln **Pastors Pastor Emeritus** Robert D. Young Director of Music **Bob Morris** Associate Director of Music/Organist Glenn Kinckner Director of Youth Chris Clark Director of Children and Family Ministries Jill Reichert Church Administrator Gerry McShane

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WORSHIP INFORMATION

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sanctuary

9:30am – Traditional worship

11:00am - Contemporary worship with band

Wednesday Morning

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

KIDS CONNECT CELEBRATE WONDER SUNDAY SCHOOL

(pre-K-5th grade) gathers weekly in the large group area in the Preschool area at 9:30 a.m. Everyone must be masked regardless of vaccination status. Children do NOT go to the sanctuary.

A REMOTE TV MONITOR is in the church parlor (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.

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 Sue Spotts at sue.es.spotts@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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WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

This week we welcomed two new staff members to our team!



Jill Reichert, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Born and raised in Coatesville, Jill graduated from Shippensburg University with a Biology/Marine Science degree. She worked for 11 years as an Environmental Scientist before sensing a different call to educational ministry. With the encouragement of her pastor (which happened to be Jennie Clark, at the time) she began a new calling as a Christian Educator and headed down the road of further theological and educational ministries training and education at Lancaster Theological Seminary and Union Presbyterian Seminary. Jill served First Presbyterian

Church of Strasburg (7 years), Wayside Presbyterian Church (9 years), First Presbyterian Church of West Chester (1 1/2 years), the Parish Resource Center (2 years), and Grace United Church of Christ (3 years). Jill and her husband, Brian, live in Strasburg and have 2 grown children, Brandon (married to Olivia) and Jake (a senior in high school). When not working, Jill enjoys going to marching band performances (where Jake is Drum Major and plays tuba), high school baseball games, and traveling to Ohio to visit her new granddaughter, Aubrey.



Jennie Moffitt Administrative Assistant

Jennie grew up in Pittsburgh, PA graduating from Penn Hills High where she completed her training as a licensed hairdresser. After raising three children, Jennie pursued a change in career and started working in the church office at Hebron United Presbyterian Church. Prior to joining Westminster's team, Jennie worked for 14 years at Hebron (10 as office manager), and then moved with her husband Ed to Birmingham, Alabama when her husband Ed took a new position. Jennie was the Church Administrator for the Birmingham Unitarian Universalist Church for 6 years before moving to West Chester to be near their daughter and family. Jennie and Ed have been married for 41 years and have three adult children and two grandsons. When not working, Jennie loves to cook, read, and play with the grandchildren.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 30, 2022, 12:00 PM via Zoom

Join us over Zoom for our annual meeting for the purpose of:

- 1. Voting on changes in the terms of call for installed pastors
 - 2. Voting on proposed amendments to the bylaws
 - 3. Hearing the 2022 budget overview, and
 - 4. Receiving the 2021 Annual Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Discussion Group, Monday, January 10 at 10:00am via Zoom this month. Join our monthly book group to discuss <u>America's First</u>

<u>Daughter</u> written by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie. For more information or questions, contact Ivy Jost at <u>donivyjost@verizon.net</u>.

Tuesday Morning Fellowship, Tuesday, January 11 at 9:30am in Spellman Jr. or via Zoom at 10:00am. Join Dr. William Watson for his presentation, *The Duffy's Cut Massacre in Malvern*." For more information or questions, contact Nick Tortorello at njtortorello@yahoo.com.

Yoga for Everyone, 5-6pm on Wednesdays via Zoom. Join us to practice gentle yoga poses, stretching, meditation and breathing exercises. Your body will appreciate it. No yoga experience necessary, all levels welcome. No cost, just bring a mat. Interested in joining? Contact Nancy Murphy at nmurphy49@gmail.com.

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. The beginning of a new year is a time to reflect and count our blessings. We, at the Westminster Thrift Shop, would not be able to continue our mission of supporting the much needed outreach organizations without the generous donations of this congregation. We are also very appreciative of our dedicated volunteers who provide hundreds of volunteer hours, our thrift shop regulars, and the thrift shop's new enthusiastic shoppers. **God Bless You All in the New Year 2022.**

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and we are collecting household items for Dawn's Place all month long. Place any of the following items in the marked bins near the entrances:

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

Expanding Our Witness to Seniors. As a result of our Fall calls to seniors, we are in need of 14 members who are willing to call a Westminster senior quarterly and send Christmas, Easter, and birthday cards to them. Questions? Contact Nancy Christy at christygn@verizon.net with any questions or to volunteer.

Drop Off Food for Senior Center, Wednesday, January 12, 9:15-9:30am 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. There are no minimums or limits to the quantities.

TORNADOES RESPONSE EFFORTS

On December 10 and 11, several tornadoes ripped through multiple U.S. states, resulting in extensive damage and significant loss of life. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with affected areas to coordinate resources and assistance. Additionally, Pastor Don has connected with the staff at the First Presbyterian Church in Mayfield, KY to see how Westminster can directly support that congregation and community. Our financial gifts are needed to assist the thousands of people who have been affected. To support the work of PDA make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church, memo line: "December Tornadoes" and mail to the church. We will send the collected donations to PDA. Visit https://pda.pcusa.org/ for updates on response efforts.

New Members' Class Sunday, February 27, 2022 1:00-3:00 PM via Zoom

Interested in learning more about Westminster or in becoming a member of Westminster? This class is for you! All welcome. No obligation to join. The goals of the class are to:

- 1. Increase awareness and understanding of:
 - The basics of Christian faith and practice
 - The Presbyterian Church (USA)
 - Westminster Presbyterian Church

2. Provide experiences of:

- Christian community as a place of support and encouragement
- Reflection and conversation on God's relationship with us

3. Provide opportunities for:

- Deepening our commitment to Jesus Christ
- Discovering ways to connect with ministries of WPC

To register online, go to www.westminsterpc.org, hover over "About Us" at the top for the drop down menu and then click on "Membership." Scroll down a bit and fill out the registration form and hit "submit." If you have any questions, contact Jennie Clark at jclark@westminsterpc.org or call the church office.

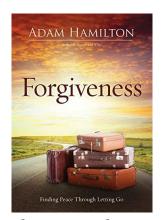
WESTMINSTER'S PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Westminster's Preschool registration begins on Thursday, January 13, 2022. It can be done online or through the mail. Registration information will be emailed to all interested families during the first week of January or whenever you contact us. Church members will receive priority registration but they must have their information submitted on or before Wednesday, January 20 in order to be enrolled before anyone else. Questions? Contact Jackie Steinmetz, our Director of the Preschool, at isteinmetz@westminsterpc.org.

COVID-19 TESTING IN WESTMINSTER'S BACK PARKING LOT

Hours are 8:00am-2:00pm Monday-Friday and 8:00am-12:00pm on Saturday. Closed on Sundays. Testing is by appointment only. Visit **covidtestdelco.com** to make an appointment or for more information or call 610-484-4449. Tests are free but please bring your insurance card.

JANUARY JOURNEY CLASSES



FORGIVENESS

Finding Peace through Letting Go

A three-week Adam Hamilton DVD series 10:45 AM via Zoom In Person (Spellman Jr.) or via Zoom January 9, 16, 23

Adam Hamilton says that "forgiveness is a gift you give to yourself, not just the person you are forgiving". The heartbeat of the gospel is grace. In Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go, Adam Hamilton reminds us about the importance of reconnecting the broken pieces of our lives, but show how the process of grace and forgiveness is possibly our most complete picture of God." In his warm relatable style Hamilton leads us through the challenges that come with learning to forgive and ask forgiveness. Freedom, grace, reconciliation, and joy are all promised to those who embrace forgiveness. Participants are encouraged to get a copy of the book, "Forgiveness" to read along with the DVD series. However, even without having a copy of the book, all are welcomed to join in all or any sessions as able.

January 9 The Divine Answer - Jennie Clark

The Divine Answer, Adam Hamilton helps us to learn how to apologize and how to forgive. He illustrates the weight of carrying around resentment or guilt and explains how we can turn to God to help us unburden ourselves and repent.

January 16 Seventy Times Seven- Jennie Clark

Seventy Times Seven, Adam Hamilton explores the importance of forgiveness for our health. He speaks on when to offer mercy and when repentance is needed to move forward.

January 23 The Dreamcoat- Jennie Clark

The Dream coat, Adam speaks on how to provide forgiveness in the context of our families. He uses the example of Joseph and his brothers to show how we can move beyond the hurts inflicted on us by family.

January 30 NO CLASS

FINANCIAL

Help Us Finalize Our Budget! Westminster's Mission and Ministry Goal = \$1,960,000

Donate from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response code reader.

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Scan the QR code with your Smart phone to give online.

November 2021 General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget
Tithes & other revenue Expense	\$1,824,749	\$1,940,099	-6%
	\$1,867,652	\$2,070,706	-10%

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 slightly lower compared with 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: 1/2/22:	In Person Live Stream Phone Ministry		6	<u>876</u>	
Offering Figures for 1/2/22	:				
Sunday & m	ail in envelopes		\$	7,871.50	
Joy	•		\$	190.00	
Initial Offer	ing		\$	225.00	
Per Capita	C		\$	856.00	
Household pledg	ges to date = 670) totaling	ς\$1,	844,099.	

Calendar for week of January 9, 2022

Sunday, January 9

- 9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship / Middle School Sunday School (414-415) / KidsConnect (430) / Childcare thru age 3
- 10:45 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr. & zoom)
- 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship
 - 5:00 P.M. Taizé Worship
 - 5:30 P.M. Youth Group (407-408 and 414-415)

Monday, January 10

- 9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop workday until 3PM
- 9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Circle (414-415)
- 10:00 A.M. Book Group Discussion via Zoom
 - 5:30 P.M. Property Committee (Spellman Jr.)
 - 7:00 P.M. Trustees (Spellman Jr.)
 - 7:00 P.M. Stephen Ministry via Zoom

Tuesday, January 11

- 9:30 A.M. Tuesday Morning Fellowship (Spellman Jr.)
- 9:30 A.M. Tuesday Morning Circle at Maris Grove
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3PM
 - 7:00 P.M. Committee meetings via Zoom

Wednesday, January 12

- 9:10 A.M. Prayer and Communion Service
- 9:30 A.M. Wednesday Morning Circle (413)
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3PM
 - 7:00 P.M. A Gathering of Men via Zoom
 - 7:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal (Spellman Hall)
 - 7:00 P.M. Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 13

Thrift Shop Closed

- 10:00 A.M. Tech Time with Lynn
 - 7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery via Zoom
 - 7:00 P.M. Troop 93 (Spellman Hall)

Friday, January 14

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

Saturday, January 15

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

Sunday, January 16

9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship / Middle School Sunday School (414-415) / KidsConnect (430) / Childcare thru age 3

9:30 A.M. Credo meeting – Boys (407-408)

9:30 A.M. Credo meeting – Girls (Library)

10:45 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr. & zoom)

11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship

5:30 P.M. Youth Group (407-408 and 414-415)

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS -

JANUARY – SOUPS (ESPECIALLY CHUNKY SOUP)

PLEASE DROP OFF IN THE MARKED BINS IN THE NARTHEX