### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knowing Christ ..... Making Christ Known

January 28, 2024 10:00 A.M. Combined Worship Ordination and Installation of Church Officers



# **GATHERING THOUGHT**

"To have a personal relationship with Christ is to be part of his body. Like it or not, everyone has to learn to live with the smell! Belonging to the body is to feel all its pains, share its hungers, know its limits, suffer in its illnesses, dance its liturgies, feed its growth, breathe its spirit, expect its healing, die its death, and hope for its resurrection."

-Dennis Ormseth, "Showing the Body: Reflections on 1 Corinthians 12"

#### ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 28, 2024 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE See How Good It Is McCracken&Kimbrough
Here For You Maher,Redman,Reeves,Wanstall

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 111)

Leader: Alleluia! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

People: Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.

Leader: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

People: You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

# **HYMN** #412 God, Reveal Your Presence (please stand if able)



### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit, wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be...(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

(please stand if able)

### **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"** 

Walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

Lord, our Lord, Thy glorious name. All thy wondrous works proclaim. In the heavens with radiant signs evermore thy glory shines.

### 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.



### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Pastor: For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function

People: so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Pastor: Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

People: And let our love be genuine; let us hate what is evil, and hold fast to what is good.

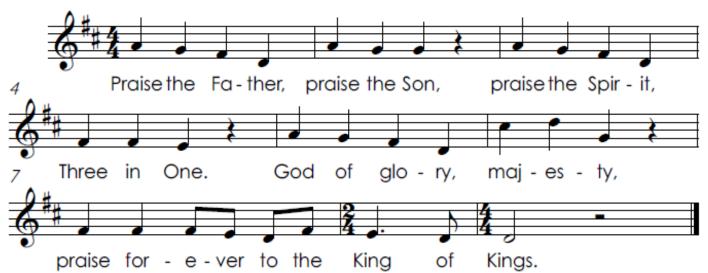
### INTRODUCTION TO OFFERTORY AND DEDICATION PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** 

King of Kings

B.Ligertwood, J.Ingram, S.Ligertwood

# Congregation please join in singing the Refrain



For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** 

"Christ's Body, Together"

Leah Hrachovec

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** 

Festival Toccata

Mendelssohn



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. **LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY** are: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 and Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.

**WORSHIP BAND:** Jon Frost, acoustic guitar; Tim Evers, bass guitar; Tyler Lindblade, drums; Becky Reid, piano; Emily Bowen and Lauren Coffey, vocals

### **KIDSCONNECT MORNING SCHEDULE:**

- 8:45am Nursery Care (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 <a href="mailto:childcare@westminsterpc.org">childcare@westminsterpc.org</a>.
- 10:00am 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:** Rob Necarsulmer (head usher), John Caldwell, Susan Caldwell, Doris Green, Larry Krablin, Nancy Krablin, Barb Necarsulmer, Eric Schenk,

**FOLLOWING THE SERVICE** we will begin our annual congregational meeting in the Sanctuary.

Ministers of Jesus Christ All the Members of the Congregation Leah Hrachovec, Jennifer Clark, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield **Pastors Pastor Emeritus Bob Young** Director of Music Ministries Tim Evers Association Director of Music Ministries Kirsten Santos Rutschman Director of Youth and College Ministries Chris Clark Director of Children's and Family Ministries Jill Reichert **Director of Communications** Lynn George Church Administrator Gerry McShane Financial Administrator Sandy Kurek



### 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 <a href="mailto:skurek@westminsterpc.org">skurek@westminsterpc.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:gauger.janet@gmail.com">gauger.janet@gmail.com</a> or the church office.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION is celebrated the first Sunday of every month in all services. If you desire or know of someone desiring **HOME COMMUNION**, please contact Ann Hatfield, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care at 610-399-3377 ext. 114.

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

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### **CLERK'S CORNER**

During its January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Session:

- Joined with Deacons for the annual joint meeting unfortunately via Zoom due to the snow and heard rich statements of faith from seven incoming deacons and six incoming ruling elders, sustained their examinations and planned their ordination/installation for Sunday, January 28 this is annually one of the holiest, most sacred experiences for deacons and elders;
- Offered Thanks and Appreciation to out-going officers Elders Connie Amend, Diane DeSieno-Lane, Terri Pennington, Rich Birkenmaier and Cathryn Schenk; Deacons Sam Blank, Nancy McCabe, Grace McCord, Betsy McFadden, Carol Olver and Susan Zamrowski, and Trustees Rick Bates and Janet Colliton;
- Authorized the Outreach Committee to conduct its annual collections for various causes including: underwear, hygiene kits, toiletries, soup making, diapers, backpacks, socks, coats, turkeys, Giving Tree, prepared meals, household items, scarves, gloves & mittens, food and furniture;
- Approved Westminster's again participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring offering on February 11, 2024 to benefit the Cheney University resource pantry;
- Approved four children for baptism;
- Received the encouraging report from Trustees that Westminster ended 2023 with a small surplus;
- Received a report from Church Administrator that the family restroom in the Spellman Hallway is now operational;
- Formed a Legacy Gift Acceptance Committee to research possibilities to appropriately address conditions of an offered legacy gift;
- Reviewed Elder assignments to committees and teams for 2024;
- Approved conducting a single service of Worship on Sunday, February 1, to appropriately celebrate Pastor Jennie's final Sunday in Worship as she retires;
- Reviewed planned ASG and CSG programming plans for the first half of 2024;
- Received a Year End report from the Thrift Shop indicating a 2023 donation of \$16,000 to the Thrift Shop Mission Fund;
- Shared congregational cares, concerns, and joys, and lifted all these in prayer at the end of the meeting.

Ed McFalls, Clerk of Session

# JANUARY 28, 2024 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 2024 budget overview, and
  - 3. Receiving the 2023 Annual Report.

The annual report and other documents will be sent out prior to the meeting.

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.



### HELP US CELEBRATE REV. JENNIE CLARK'S RETIREMENT

After 41 years of ordained ministry, including over 6 years at Westminster, Rev. Jennie Clark retires from her call as Associate Pastor for Spiritual Growth. Come hear Pastor Jennie preach her final sermon during both morning worship services next Sunday, February 4. We will recognize and celebrate Pastor Jennie on her final Sunday in worship on February 11, when there will be one service at 10 am with Director of Youth and College Ministries Chris Clark preaching. Following the service, we will gather in Spellman Hall for a church-wide reception.

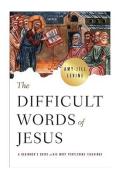
If you would like to share thoughts and memories about Jennie's leadership, you're invited to drop off photos, cards or letters in baskets found in the Narthex during the first two Sundays in February.

# **2024 JOURNEY CLASS LENTEN STUDY**

### "Difficult Words of Jesus:

# A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings"

6-week DVD study by Amy-Jill Levine February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24



Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God's word. He told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature. He offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found troubling. In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill shows how these

challenging teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the gospel of love and reconciliation. In this study, Amy-Jill invites us to look at sayings that puzzle not only beginners, but even seasoned students of Scripture. She brings these challenging texts alive for us and invites us in as active participants in the gospel story. Participants are encouraged to get a copy of "The Difficult Words of Jesus" to read along. People are welcome to attend all or any sessions, whether they read the book. Facilitators are listed for each week.

2/18	Session 1 "Sell What You Own" (Ann Hatfield)
2/25	Session 2 "Hate Father and Mother (Leah Hrachovec)
3/3	Session 3 "Slave of All" (Ann Hatfield)
3/10	Session 4 "Nowhere Among the Gentiles" (Leah Hrachovec)
3/17	Session 5 "Outer Darkness" (Chris Clark)
3/24	Session 6 "Your Father the Devil" (Bob Boell)
3/31	(Easter- No Journey Class)

4/7 Earth Care Presentation- Betsy Ballantyne

4/14 Earth Care Presentation- Betsy Ballantyne

4/21 (Women's Retreat / Earth Day Event

4/28 (Rise Against Hunger)

5/5 and 5/12

"Christian Nationalism: In Biblical and Historical Perspective." Manfred Brauch

# COLGATE® ORAL CARE FREE RECYCLING PROGRAM



Westminster has signed up with Terracycle to be a Public Drop off Point for Recycling ALL BRANDS of oral care products and packaging. This includes toothpaste tubes, caps and packaging, toothbrushes and packaging and dental floss containers. A Public collection bin can be found in the parking lot near the Gleaning Garden. A bin is also located in the Heckert Center for congregation drop-off. Questions? Contact <a href="mailto:Angela Emrich at ang.emrich@gmail.com">Angela Emrich at ang.emrich@gmail.com</a>.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tuesday Fellowship**- fellowship Speaker for Tuesday, January 30 is Reverend Karen Lenora Johnson, who is presenting: "Growing Up & now Preaching at 2nd Presbyterian Church in West Chester." She will talk about her unique impressions as a young child & then becoming a leader within the West Chester Community. We will meet in Spellman Jr at 9:30 AM for Fellowship, coffee, tea & treats and from 10-11 AM.

Rev Karen Johnson will speak to us about her initial impressions & then her more mature views of the West Chester Community. Contact Dave Goodale (<a href="mailto:dbgpharma@gmail.com">dbgpharma@gmail.com</a>) to be sent the ZOOM information.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study <u>Hidden: Finding Delight in Your Life In Christ</u> by Allison Allen. Meets weekly beginning January 24 in Spellman Jr.,9:30-11:30 am. Questions: Contact Kathy Smedley at <u>ksmed@aol.com</u> or Ellen Musser at <u>greateast@comcast.net</u>.

**Westminster outreach:** If you have a passion for Outreach and would like to explore joining Westminster's Outreach committee, please contact <u>Angela Emrich</u> – <u>ang.emrich@gmail.com</u> or <u>Rob Necarsulmer</u>- <u>robnecar@gmail.com</u>.

# 2024 Safe Harbor Meals - Limited Spots Remain!

We're still looking to fill a handful of lunches and dinner spots to fulfil our meal commitment to Safe Harbor in 2024. Please help us reach our goal and consider volunteering your time and cooking talents!



<u>Lunch Volunteers needed</u>: to prepare 30 bagged lunches. Remaining dates include: 7/6, 7/15, 8/3, 8/19, 10/5, 12/7. Volunteers must shop, assemble, and deliver the lunches. Volunteers can select 1 date or more!

<u>Dinner Volunteers needed</u>: to prepare and serve dinner for 25 residents of Safe Harbor. Remaining dates include 6/2, 8/4 & 10/6. Volunteers must shop, assemble, deliver, and serve the dinners. Volunteers can select 1 month or more!

Additional information can be found in the Signup Genius using the QR codes. Please reach out to Christine Philbin (<a href="mailto:cphilbin31@gmail.com">cphilbin31@gmail.com</a>) with any questions!

**Thrift Shop. WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!!** The thrift shop needs Valentine's Day and St. Patty's Day items of all types. We certainly **appreciate your support,** and our customers are **very much appreciative**. God Bless!!!

# Help Support DAWN'S PLACE in January. 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 in the marked bins located near the entrances. Questions? Contact Diane DeSieno-Lane at <u>dianedesieno@msn.com</u>. Here is a list of items or types of items being collected:

Large trash bags – 30 gallons Toilet paper

Dish washing detergent Kleenex

Ziplock bags – 1 gallon Paper towels

Disinfecting wipes Napkins

Laundry detergent Swiffer Wet Jet refill

Bathroom cleaner spray Hand soap

Glass cleaner Dryer sheets

Furniture polish

# **FINANCIAL**



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# December 2023 **General Fund – Mission and Church Operations**

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget Better/(Worse)
Pledge Giving	\$1,779,305	\$1,736,796	2.4%
Total Revenue	\$2,253,904	\$2,118,741	6.4%
Expense	\$2,253,200	\$2,302,435	2.1%

Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of Westminster. Message from Gerry McShane, Church Administrator- We ended the year with strong giving, 12% above last December, and enough to give us a small surplus for the year. Remember where we were at this time last year, projecting a budget that would force us to withdraw \$183k from our operating reserves. The results are impressive when one considers our pledge drives have declined every year since 2020. Historically, we have averaged a 3% allowance for uncollected pledges but in the past two years we are less than 1%. While our unfulfilled pledges were 5% of total pledged dollars this past year, we have donors who fulfill and then exceed their pledge, thus bringing the percentage of pledged dollars received this year to 99.6%. In fact, our average pledged dollar has increased 35% in the past two years. This is meaningful. In summary, while our individual pledgors are down, we have a significant number of dedicated and engaged members who are joyfully giving.

Controlling expenses was also a large contributing factor to this year's small surplus, as personnel costs were down 6% vs. plan. The strong December allowed us to contribute an additional \$25k to our Property Reserve fund, an important decision based on our heavy property investments from this past year led by the new chiller, and projected investments for '24, (i.e., Spellman roof, new doors, and windows for Sanctuary wing). We enter the 2024 calendar year with a new Associate Music Director and a 2<sup>nd</sup> FT custodian, the latter to handle the increase in church ministry engagement and outside group usage. Thank you to everyone who is contributing their time, their talent and ultimately their treasure!

Offering Figures for 1/21/24 (includes online giving)				
General Fund-Sunday S		\$77,433.13		
· ·	Joy, OGHS, Pentecost)	340.00		
Per Capita		224.00		
Initial Offering		85.00		
Rise Against Hunger Total		<u>600.00</u> 78,682.13		
Attendance: 1/14/24				
In Person	420			
Phone	6			
Live Stream Total	<u>572</u> 998			

# Calendar for week of January 28, 2024

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Sunday, Janua	<u>ry 28</u>				
8:30 A.M.	Nursery care (109)				
9:30 A.M.	Baptism Class (405)				
10:00 A.M.	Combined Worship/WeeConnect 3-4 yrs				
	KidsConnect (K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade)				
11:00 A.M.	Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)				
12:30 P.M.	Legacy Task Force (Library)				
1:00 P.M.	Stephen Ministry Training (405)				
5:00 P.M.	Youth Choir (Music Room)				
5:30 P.M.	Youth Group (Cove)				
Monday, January 29					
9:00 Å.M.	Thrift Shop workday until 3PM				
Tuesday, Janu	•				
9:30 Å.M.	Tuesday Morning Fellowship (Spellman Jr)				
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M.				
Wednesday, J	anuary 31				
9:00 A.M.	Women's Weekly Bible Study (Spellman Jr.)				
9:10 A.M.	Prayer and Communion Service (Chapel)				
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M.				
5:00 P.M.	Children's Choir (Spellman Hall)				
7:00 P.M.	Care of Creation Meeting via Zoom				
7:00 P.M.	Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)				
7:00 P.M.	A Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr.)				
7:00 P.M.	Handbell Rehearsal (Spellman Hall)				
Thursday, Feb	Thursday, February 1				
·	Thrift Shop Closed				
10:00 A.M.	Tech Time with Lynn (Zoom)				
7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)				
7:00 P.M.	Celebrate Recovery (414)				
7:00 P.M.	Boy Scouts (Spellman Hall)				
Friday, Februa	ary 2				
10:00 P.M.	Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M.				
Saturday, Feb	<u>ruary 3</u>				
9:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until noon.				
9:00 A.M.	Chancel Choir Workshop (Music Room)				

Sunday, February 4		
8:30 A.M.	Nursery Care (109)	
9:30 A.M.	Traditional Service/WeeConnect 3-4 yrs	
	KidsConnect (K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	
11:00 A.M.	Contemporary Service (Sanctuary)	
	/Young Children in Worship (Chapel)	
1:00 P.M.	Stephen Ministry Training (405)	
5:00 P.M.	Taizé Worship (Chapel)	
5:00 P.M.	Youth Choir (Music Room)	
5:30 P.M.	Youth Group (Cove)	

For questions about any of our activities or events, please visit the website at westminsterpc.org.

or call the church office.

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
JANUARY – CHUNKY SOUP (LAST WEEK)
FEBRUARY – CEREAL