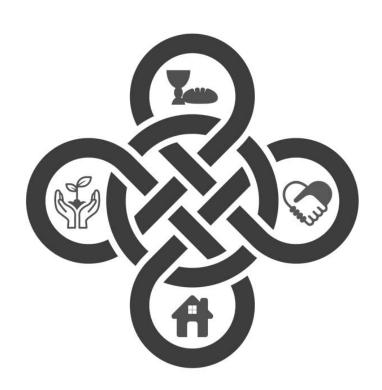
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Knowing Christ Making Christ Known

April 28, 2024 11:00 A.M. Contemporary



GATHERING THOUGHT

Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful, and praising God until we ourselves are an act of praise.

- Richard Rohr

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 28, 2024

11:00 A.M.

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

MINUTE FOR WELLNESS Narcan Training Brenda Schivito

SONGS OF PRAISE Arise, My Soul, Arise K.Twit & C.Wesley

Arise my soul arise, shake off your guilty fears, The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears Before the throne my surety stands Before the throne my surety stands My name is written on His hands.

Refrain: Arise (echo), arise (echo), arise, arise my soul arise Arise (echo), arise (echo), arise, arise my soul arise Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above for me to intercede, His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead, His blood atoned for every race His blood atoned for every race And sprinkles now the throne of grace. (*Refrain*)

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear, He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear, With confidence I now draw nigh With confidence I now draw nigh And Father, Abba Father cry. (*Refrain*)

There is a higher throne than all this world has known Where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb Believing hearts find promised grace, Salvation comes

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing, Their thunderous anthem rings Through emerald courts and sapphire skies, Their praises rise All glory wisdom power, Strength, thanks and honor are To God our King who reigns on high, Forever more

And there we'll find our home, Our life before the throne We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King, We'll reign with Him *Refrain (2x)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SONG Brokenness Aside L.Jordan/D.Leonard

Will Your grace run out if I let You down, 'Cause all I know is how to run.

Refrain: 'Cause I am a sinner,
If it's not one thing it's another,
Caught up in words tangled in lies.
But You are a Savior and You take brokenness aside
And make it beautiful, beautiful.

Will You call me child when I tell You lies, 'Cause all I know is how to cry. *Refrain (2x)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING - "The Peace of Christ"

SHARING OUR GIFTS

This I Believe

Fieldings&Crocker

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

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

PAY IT FORWARD HIGHLIGHT

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40 (Pew Bible pg. 892)

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PAY IT FORWARD HIGHLIGHT

REFLECTION "From Faith to Action"

Confirmands/Leah Hrachovec

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our 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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus Lead On

Brent Helming

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

Brent Helming

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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.

Worship Times: 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

The next new member class will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 9:00am-1:30pm.

Nursery care is available if requested by May 6.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY are: Acts 8:26-40 and Psalm 22:25-31 and Exodus 19:1-6 and Psalm 118:19-25; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

THE NEWS AND EVENTS and other information normally inserted in your bulletin may be found on tables in the narthex for anyone wanting copies.

WORSHIP BAND: Tim Evers, acoustic guitar; Andy Reid, bass guitar; Chris Clark, drums; Tom Russell, piano; Emily Bowen and Lisa Merrill, vocals

KIDSCONNECT MORNING SCHEDULE: 11:00am – **Young Children & Worship** will start out in worship with their parents and after the Thought for Children will be dismissed to the Chapel.

USHERS: Chuck Lambing and Joyce Carey

Ministers of Jesus Christ **Pastors Pastor Emeritus Director of Music Ministries** Associate Director of Music Ministries Director of Youth and College Ministries

All the Members of the Congregation Leah Hrachovec, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield **Bob Young** Tim Evers Kirsten Santos Rutschman Chris Clark

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 Sunday update. We invite you to join us at westminsterpc.org when you are not able to attend worship.

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PRAYER MINISTRY members receive a weekly list of prayer requests via email and members include them in their conversations with God. To have a prayer request included in the Prayer Ministry or to become a member, contact Janet Gauger at gauger.janet@gmail.com or the church office.

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

April 28, 2024



Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

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CLERK'S CORNER

During its April 16th meeting, the Session:

- Approved a request for Baptism;
- Spent time in leadership training listening to an excerpt of Intel CEO Pat Gelsinger's talk to the Global Leadership Summit urging leaders to set audacious, God-sized goals;
- Received 15 Thank You letters for Outreach donations from Westminster;
- Approved an Endowment Fund Board Grant request for the Bridge of Hope;
- Approved a Living Waters for the World Site Visit to Honduras for Jon Frost and Jim Hatfield;
- Voted to accept the recommendation of a Gift Acceptance Committee to accept with gratitude an offered gift of new green paraments (signifying Ordinary Time in the church year) from Joanne and Rex Ebert in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary the paraments being designed and created by fabric artist Anne Anderson of Interwoven;
- Received another encouraging report from Trustees President Ann McNally on robust giving year to date;
- Heard a report from Church Administrator Gerry McShane on new controls for our HVAC systems, developments on exterior digital signage, replacement trees outside office and choir room including one memorial dedicated to Barb Simpers and other capital expenditures;
- Heard good comments from ASG on Men's retreat and anticipated a wonderful Women's retreat the next weekend;
- CSG is grateful Ann Hatfield and Gerry McShane signed up for Nursery coverage for Mother's Day – THANK YOU;
- Heard report on a lot of Outreach activity including Rise Against Hunger April 28th, May 18th Living Waters walk and Care of Creation activities all month of April;
- Approved a recommendation from Personnel and Trustees to hire a part-time financial assistant to assist Sandy Kurek;
- Heard from Preschool Board liaison that enrollment is almost full for next fall;
- Elected Commissioners to the May 21 Donegal Presbytery meeting;
- Shared congregational cares, concerns and joys, and lifted all these in prayer at the end of the meeting.
 Ed McFalls, Clerk of Session

MEMBERS CLASS SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024 9 AM – 1:30 PM IN SPELLMAN HALL

Interested to learn more about or to become a member of Westminster?

This class is for you! All are welcome.

There's no obligation to join.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Childcare is available if requested by May 6.

The goals of the class are to:

Increase awareness and understanding of

- The basics of Christian faith and practice
- The Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Westminster Presbyterian Church

Provide experiences of

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

Provide opportunities for:

- Deepening our commitment to Jesus Christ
- Making friends through the class
- Discovering ways to connect with ministries of WPC

Register online at: **westminsterpc.org/about-us/membership** or call the church office at 610-399-3377 to request a registration form.

Those joining will be introduced in worship on **Sunday, May 12 at either service.** For questions or more information, contact Pastor Leah Hrachovec at lhrachovec@westminsterpc.org.

ENDOWMENT AWARDS

The Endowment Fund Board of Managers approved a grant of \$14,500 for Bridge of Hope sponsored by Westminster Member Cristina Combee, on behalf of the WPC Session. Bridge of Hope is a Christian organization working to end family homelessness in Chester County. This project is to renovate a donated condo for a homeless family. Families using the program are provided with housing, money management, emotional support, and overall wellbeing.

WESTMINSTER'S ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER DRIVE

We will be collecting Diapers and Wipes during the **Month of May**. Diapers and wipes will be distributed to 7 organizations in Chester County that work with families in need of Diapers. Diapers and wipes can be left in collection bins throughout the church. Diapers and wipes may also be purchased online and delivered directly to Westminster at 10 West Pleasant Grove Road, West Chester, PA 19382.

1 in 3 US Moms report suffering from Diaper Need. **Diaper Need** is the lack of a sufficient supply of diapers to keep an infant or toddler clean, dry, and healthy. Please consider honoring a Mom you know by donating Diapers & Wipes this month. Questions? Contact Angela Emrich at ang.emrich@gmail.com.



SAVETHE DATE: 5K FOR LIVING WATERS

9 am – 12 pm Saturday, May 18 • Oakbourne Park

This year's 5K will support Living Waters for the World (LWW), one of our partners since 2014. LWW trains volunteers to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with communities to implement and operate sustainable water purification systems and health education programs. Westminster has supported five water system installations in Honduras to date and with this year's 5K we hope to expand clean water in Honduras for years to come. Every dollar raised from this year's 5K, including registration, will go towards the Honduras Network Staff Sustainers initiative of LWW. Can't join us in person for the 5K? Join the team and do the 5K wherever you happen to be in the world or on another day! You can also support members doing the 5K by donating to our team. Use the QR code here to donate or register. Questions? Contact Jon Frost at jfrost@westminsterpc.org.

PHILADELPHIA HANDBELL ENSEMBLE CONCERT SATURDAY, MAY 4, 4:00 PM WESTMINSTER'S SANCTUARY

You won't want to miss this concert! Under the direction of Ron Bellamy, the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble is comprised of auditioned, advanced-level handbell ringers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Their repertoire spans original compositions, transcriptions of classical literature, and arrangements from a wide array of musical genres. No tickets needed, a free-will offering will be taken. Join us for this joyful concert! Questions? For more info, contact Ron Bellamy at ringinron@gmail.com.

We are deeply grateful for your contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing! During Lent, we collected close to \$16,400 for this special offering. Your financial gifts will make a difference in people's lives by directly addressing issues of hunger, thirst, refugee assistance, education, and disaster recovery efforts throughout the world. Thank you so much for making this possible through your generous donations!

WEST CHESTER SENIOR CENTER FOOD DROPOFF

May 8, 9 - 9:30 am • Front Parking lot or 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. Items desired include pasta, pasta sauce (no glass containers), applesauce snack packs, fruit cup snack packs, cheese and cracker snack packs, canned tuna or chicken, cheese sticks, cereal bars, and bagged fresh fruit. There are no minimums or limits to the quantities. Questions? Contact Gail Tanzola Seymour at tanzolaseymour@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Red Cross Blood Drive at Westminster, Friday, May 3, 11:00 am -4:00 pm in Spellman Hall. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code WPC.

Rise Against Hunger: Meal Packing Event Today 8:30am — 1:00pm Spellman Hall

Help us come together to package as many as 30,000 meals to help communities facing hunger to meet their basic needs. Walk ins welcome to help! Donations to Rise Against Hunger can be made using the same QR code or by check to Westminster Presbyterian Church with RAH in the memo field. Questions? Contact Angela Emrich at ang.emrich@gmail.com.

Tuesday Fellowship: Our Tuesday APRIL 30th presentation is by an **Anonymous Agent** whose presentation is entitled **Spying, Espionage & Intelligence.** The subject of his talk is public and concerns the unlawful commission of crimes that are hurtful to the public. If any of the last sentence is invisible... then you most likely broke a law sometime in your life. If so, choose carefully if you want to show up in person and risk apprehension. If you come, then WELCOME and ENJOY!

We will meet **in Spellman Jr** at 9:30 AM for fellowship, coffee, tea and treats and enjoy the presentation by the **Anonymous Agent** from 10 - 11 AM. Contact Dave Goodale (<u>dbgpharma@gmail.com</u>) for ZOOM information. If you want to ZOOM under an assumed name we can secretly do that too.

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS APRIL – CANNED MEAT AND FISH MAY – CANNED FRUIT

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

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March 2024 General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget Better/(Worse)
Pledge Giving	\$ 697,387	\$ 623,949	11.8%
Total Revenue	\$ 915,637	\$ 795,491	15.1%
Expense	\$ 602,534	\$ 629,060	4.2%
Net	\$ 313,103	\$ 166,431	88.1%
Surplus/(Deficit)			

Message from Gerry McShane, Church Administrator: Either we're not effective budgeters or the Spirit is doing some magical things. I caution excessive optimism as we have had a record number of pledges paid in full. Our non-pledged giving is 46% ahead of 1st Quarter, 2023. We set an aggressive goal of \$300k for the year and are already at 29% of budget for the year. One area that has not performed is our per capita income. These are the dues our members pay to Donegal Presbytery for all the good work they do to support our church. The per capita is \$38 per member this year, and we're 28% below budget YTD. Our annual revenue budget for this category is \$25k, so if you haven't already paid your share, we encourage you to help make up this shortfall.

While expenses have been held in check, we expect increases in the coming months for HVAC and Personnel. We must invest in a new HVAC controls system. The Personnel budget will be stressed in the 2nd half of the year as we look to add a PT Finance Assistant, a position we held off hiring to save money. Jennie Moffitt graciously agreed to take on that role in addition to her normal duties in the front office. The office responsibilities however have increased considerably which has impacted her ability to perform the finance office needs.

Offering Figures for 4/21/24 (includes online giving)

General Fund-Sunday Svc/Mailed/Online \$24,539.88
CSG Special Offering Collections 25.05
Per Capita 114.00
Total \$24,678.93

Attendance: 4/21/24

In Person 450
Phone 7
Wellington 10
Live Stream 474
Total 941

Calendar for week of April 28, 2024

	Curendur for Week of riprin 20, 2021		
Sunday, April 28			
8:30 A.M.	Nursery Care (109)		
8:30 A.M.	Rise Against Hunger until 1:00PM (Spellman)		
9:30 A.M.	Traditional Service/WeeConnect 3-4 yrs		
	KidsConnect (K-5 th grade)		
11:00 A.M.	Baptism Class (405)		
11:00 A.M.	Contemporary Service/Children In Worship (Chapel)		
1:00 P.M.	Stephen Ministry Training (405)		
5:00 P.M.	Youth Choir (Music Room)		
5:30 P.M.	Youth Group (407)		
Monday, April 29			
9:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop workday until 3PM		
6:00 P.M.	Pickleball (rear parking lot)		
<u>Tuesday</u> , April 30			
9:30 A.M.	Tuesday Morning Fellowship (Spellman Jr.)		
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M		
Wednesday, May 1			
9:10 A.M.	Prayer and Communion Service (Chapel)		
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M.		
4:30 P.M.	Contemplative Small Group via Zoom		
5:00 P.M.	Children's Choir (Music Room)		
6:00 P.M.	Pickleball (rear parking lot)		
7:00 P.M.	Care of Creation (hybrid)		
7:00 P.M.	Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr)		
7:00 P.M.	Handbell Rehearsal (Spellman Hall)		
7:00 P.M.	Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)		
Thursday, May 2			
	Thrift Shop Closed		
10:00 A.M.	Tech Time with Lynn (Zoom)		
7:00 P.M.	Boy Scouts (Spellman Hall)		
7:00 P.M.	Celebrate Recovery (414)		
7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)		
Friday, May 3			
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 3 P.M.		
11:00 A.M.	Blood Drive (Spellman Hall)		

Saturday, May 4 9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until noon Handbell Festival (Sanctuary) 4:00 P.M. Sunday, May 5 8:00 A.M. Wellness Fair until 12:30PM (Spellman Hall) 8:30 A.M. Nursery Care (109) 9:30 A.M. Traditional Service/WeeConnect 3-4 yrs KidsConnect (K-5th grade) Journey Class (Spellman Jr.) 10:45 A.M. Contemporary Service/Children In Worship 11:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Stephen Ministry Training (405) Taizé Worship (Chapel) 5:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Music Room) Youth Group (407) 5:30 P.M.