

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Large Print Bulletin

Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

April 28, 2024

9:30 A.M. Traditional



### 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**

**9:30 A.M.**

**PRELUDE** *Andante (Variations) from* George Handel  
*Organ Concerto Set 1, Op. 4, No. 1*

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

**MINUTE FOR WELLNESS** *Narcan Training* Brenda Schivito

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!*

*The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out. But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Psalm 22

*Leader: I will declare God's holy name in the community and in the congregation.*

**People: For the Lord does not despise nor draw back from the poor in their poverty; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

*Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God, and all the families of the nations shall bow before the Lord.*

**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise.**

*Leader: My soul shall live for God, and my descendants will belong to the Lord forever.*

**People: They shall make known the saving deeds that God has done.**

**HYMN #485**      *We Know That Christ is Raised*      *(please stand if able)*



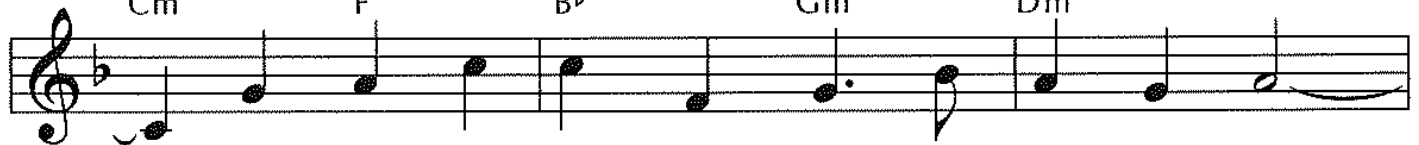
1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D) (A) (D) (E7) (A)  
 F C F G7 C



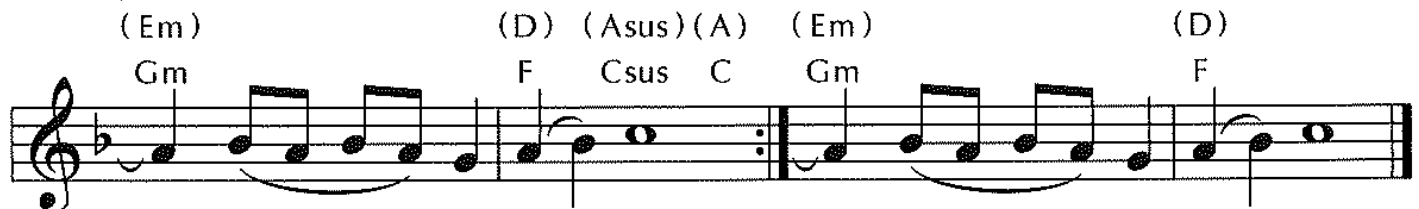
Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Bm)  
 Cm F B<sup>b</sup> Gm Dm



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3 4  
 (Em) (D) (Asus) (A) (Em) (D)  
 Gm F Csus C Gm F



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we have fallen short of the goodness you so desire to manifest in us. You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in you. You extend your promise to all, yet we seek to cut off and exclude. Forgive us, God of grace. Sanctify us in your perfect love, that love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord...*(time for silent prayers of confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## RESPONSE #244                      *This Joyful Eastertide*                      *(please stand if able)*

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain.  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!

## APOSTLES' CREED    *(please stand if able)*

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”*

#### ANTHEM

*Trust In The Lord*  
Youth Choir

Claude Bass

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.*

*Rejoice in the Lord always. Let your gentleness be known to all. The Lord is near. Be fearful for nothing. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

#### OFFERTORY

*Cry No More*

Dan Forrest

*In the shadow where linger, in this darkness we call home, where the sighs are deep and doubtful and our aspirations groan. All is not in vain, Beloved, our travail is not unknown. Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last; love Incarnate, hold your children till the storm of life is past.*

*Though we have not faith to seek him, Christ himself will draw us near, deep, abiding rays of mercy cast their light on only fear. Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here. Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last; love Incarnate, hold your children till the storm of life is past.*

*Sure defender, never failing, radiant Savior, Holy Friend, gift of glory, hope of heaven, call us now to faith again! Alleluia! Blest compassion, Grace is shining without end! Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last; love Incarnate, hold your children till the storm of life is past.*

## **DOXOLOGY #606**

*(please stand if able)*

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

## **UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Living God, we thank you for abiding in us in Christ, as we abide in him. He is the source of our bearing good fruit, and we dedicate these first fruits - our tithes, gifts, and offerings – to you. In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us, we pray with thanksgiving. Amen.

*(please be seated)*

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 15:1-8

(Pew Bible pg. 878)

”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

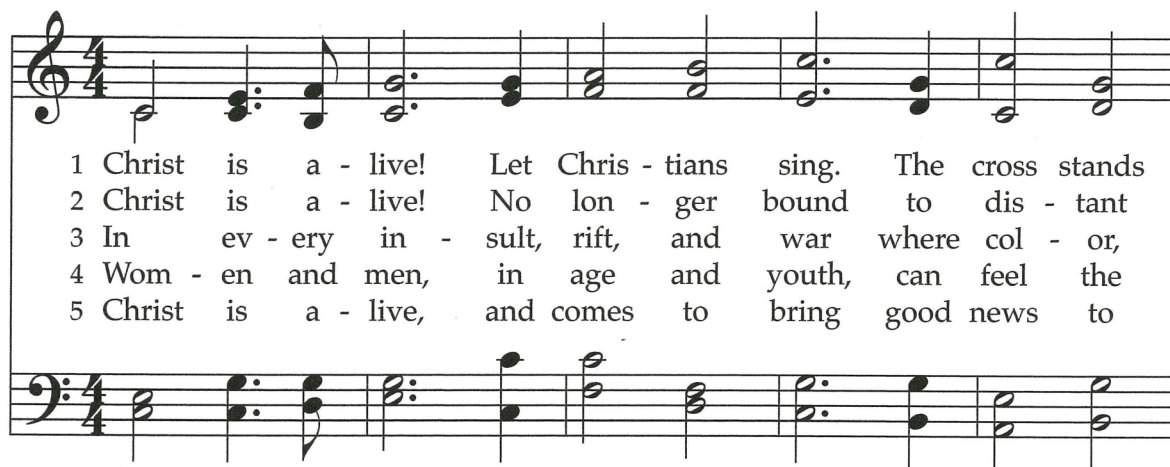
## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Leader: Lord, in your mercy*

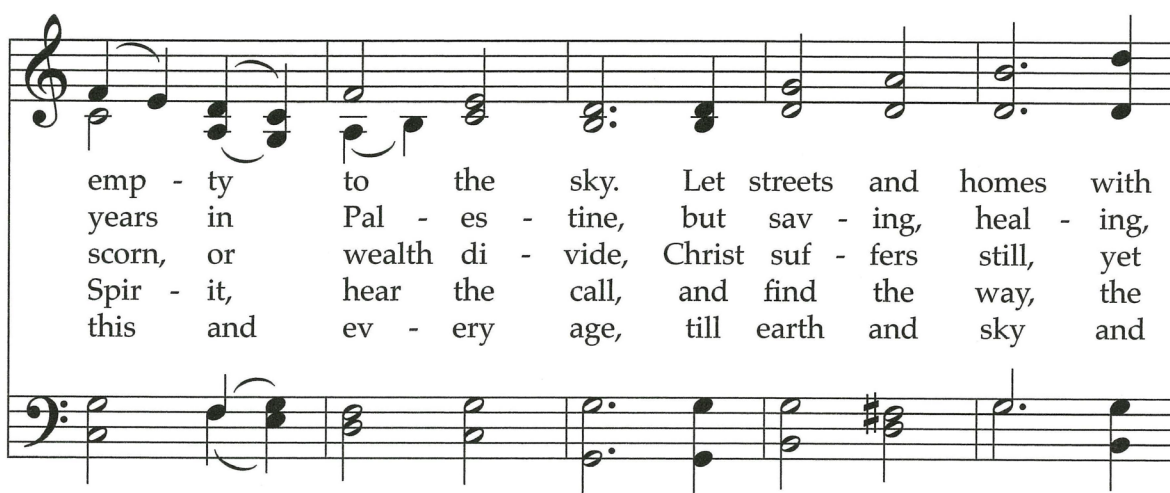
**People: Hear our prayer.**

.....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.

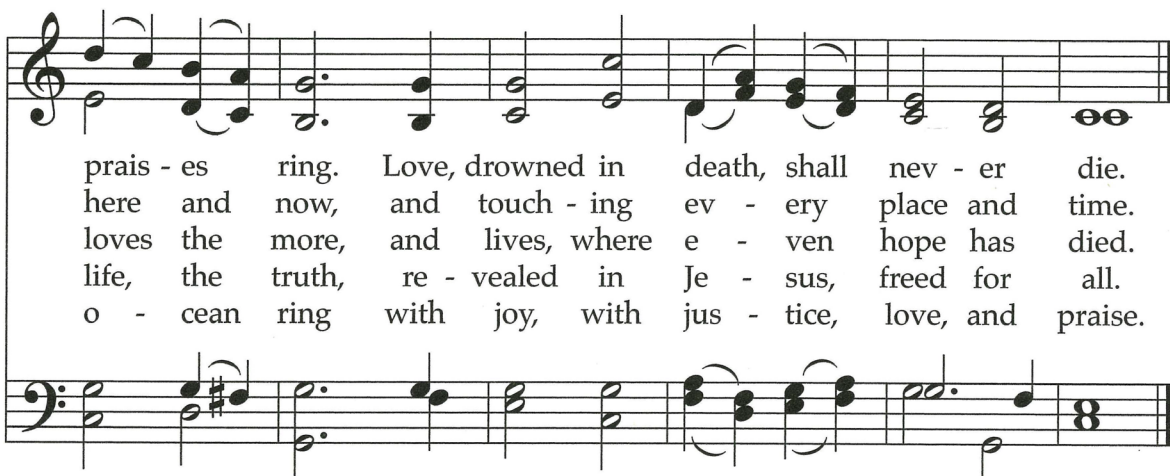


**HYMN #246***Christ is Alive!**(please stand if able)*


1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE** *Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne, Bux WV 137*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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**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.

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.

**A WARM THANK YOU TO OUR CONFIRMANDS** helping to lead worship this morning: Christian Kammeier, Emmy Kropp, Max Lockledge, Edward Luttrell, Eliza Stilley, Kasey Terranova, Allie Van Tine

**THE NEWS AND EVENTS** is available for pick up on tables in the narthex and Café 10 West.

## **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 nursery care and/or if you are willing to serve as a nursery volunteer, please contact Mary Maina at [childcare@westminsterpc.org](mailto:childcare@westminsterpc.org).
- 9:30am - **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

**NEW JOURNEY CLASS BEGINS NEXT WEEK, MAY 5, 10:45am in Spellman Jr.** Two-week class on *The Danger and Heresy of Christian Nationalism: Historical and Biblical Perspective* facilitated by Dr. Manfred Brauch. Flyer available for pick up in the narthex.

**USHERS:** Steve Brown (lead usher), Rex Ebert, Lou Haas, Jim Hatfield, Toni Hawkins, Rob Necarsulmer, Greg Nelms, Dave Stilley

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Ministers of Jesus Christ	All the Members of the Congregation
Pastors	Leah Hrachovec, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Young
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Evers
Associate Director of Music Ministries	Kirsten Santos Rutschman
Director of Youth and College Ministries	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.

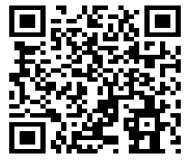
**A REMOTE TV MONITOR** is in the Quiet Room (just outside the sanctuary in the west hallway) to view and hear worship in progress for those with restless children or who need to leave the sanctuary.

**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](http://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](mailto: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

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April 28, 2024



**Knowing Christ,  
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## CLERK'S CORNER

During its April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 Simperts 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 28<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ringinron@gmail.com).



# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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### HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:ang.emrich@gmail.com).

**Tuesday Fellowship:** Our Tuesday APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> 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 ([dbgpharma@gmail.com](mailto:dbgpharma@gmail.com)) 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](http://westminsterpc.org) or call the church office.**

## FINANCIAL



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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	<u>114.00</u>
Total	\$24,678.93

**Attendance: 4/21/24**

In Person	450
Phone	7
Wellington	10
Live Stream	<u>474</u>
Total	941

## Calendar for week of April 28, 2024

### 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<sup>th</sup> 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)

### Tuesday, 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

4:00 P.M. Handbell Festival (Sanctuary)

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-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

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

11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service/Children In Worship

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 (407)