

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LARGE PRINT
Knowing Christ....Making Christ Known

July 13, 2025
9 A.M.
Traditional Worship



GATHERING THOUGHT

"All this battle imagery sounds a bit disconcerting. It is, however, John's imagery. For John, weakness is the silver bullet that God fires out like a deadeye marksman against the scarcely exposed heart of cosmic and human evil."

Brian K. Blount, *Can I Get A Witness? Reading Revelation through African American Culture*

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 13, 2025

9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

*Blessed Assurance
Thanks Be to Thee*

Gilbert Pirovano
G.F. Handel

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Community Volunteers in Medicine

CHORAL INTROIT

Holy, Holy, Holy

Harold Darke

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high, Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 2:3, Revelation 5:12

Leader: The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one.

People: Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Leader: Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power. With the saints of all ages we say,

People: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

* HYMN #275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. ...*(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 #384** *Soon and Very Soon*

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We're going to see the King.

* **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*”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

.....Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

OFFERTORY

Assurance

John Ness Beck

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless’d, Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

*** RESPONSE #1** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 12 and 13 (Selected verses)

(Pew Bible pgs. 1001-1002)

Pastor: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Dragon and the Beasts

Jon Frost

* HYMN #356

Sing Praise to God, Whose Mighty Acts

1 Sing praise to God, whose might - y acts still strong in
2 Though mon - u - ments of e - vil rise in mar - ble,
3 Rise up, O God, re - claim the power u - surped by

(Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am) (Dm7)
Gm Dm Am Dm Gm7

mem - ory stand to give us hope when e - vil seems to
guilt, and stone, time's search will find their boasts un - true, their
mor - tal pride; de - flate the hol - low pomp of those whom

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (G) (F)
Dm Gm Dm F C B^b

gain the up - per hand. Give thanks for deeds of
mak - ers' names un - known. Mute av - e - nues of
rank and ti - tles hide. Let not the need - y

(Em) (G) (Em) (Am) (Em)
Am C Am Dm Am

stead - fast love, for won - ders new and old: for fire and
ruins will mark where once proud cit - ies stood, but from de -
cry un - heard, the suf - fering hope in vain; re - store the

(Dm) (Am) (Dm7) (Am) (Dm7) (Am)
Gm Dm Gm7 Dm Gm7 Dm

cloud, for dai - ly food, for mer - cies yet un - told.
struc - tion God will save the faith - ful, just, and good.
fal - len, bless the meek, till peace and jus - tice reign.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God*
Benedetto Marcello

* *Please rise in body or in spirit*

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Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!

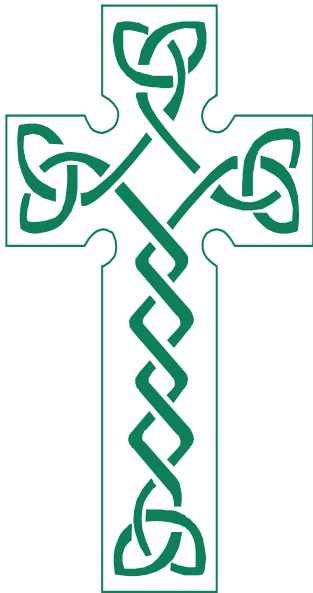
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Sing Praise to God, Whose Mighty Acts

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Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

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Worship Times:
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you are here today. To help us welcome you personally, please 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 members' class will be held on **Sunday, September 14, from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** Childcare is available for children 6 months-4 years during the class if requested by September 5. Register on the website or call the church office.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES: Amos 7:7-15, Psalm 82; Deuteronomy 30 :9-14 and Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

JOURNEY CLASS, 10:30AM, Spellman Jr.: *Seal the Deal – What Revelation’s Letters Mean for Us Today.* Led by Eric Dorville

SUMMERCONNECT MORNING SCHEDULE:

- 8:15am – **Childcare (6 months thru 4 years old)** available **until 11:45am** in Room 109.
- 9:00am - **Children age 3 through 5th grade** will start out in worship with their parents and after the Thought for Children will be dismissed. Please pick up your child(ren) at 10:00 A.M. in the Chapel.

USHERS: Jerry Shuts (lead usher), Judy Bianchi, Lee Flurer, Chuck Lambing, Don Urban

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Ministers of Jesus Christ	All the Members of the Congregation
Pastors	Eric Dorville, Jon Frost, Leah Hrachovec
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
Director of Children and Family Ministries	Jill Reichert
Director of Communications	Lynn George
Church Administrator	Gerry McShane

WORSHIP INFORMATION

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning in the Sanctuary

9:00am – Traditional worship

10:30am – Contemporary worship with band

Wednesday Morning in the Chapel

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

CARING FOR OUR SANCTUARY – We ask that you refrain from bringing food and drink into our Sanctuary to protect our carpet.

PHONE MINISTRY - Calling in for Worship is offered for those who want to listen to the 9:00 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.



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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 Eric Dorville, Transitional Associate Pastor at 610-399-3377 ext. 109.

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. in room 405. Contact the office to register for the baptism class.

NEWS AND EVENTS

July 13, 2025



**Knowing Christ,
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May 2025

General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Pledge Revenue	\$ 965,722	\$1,006,900	(4.1 %)
Non-pledged giving	\$ 104,854	\$ 110,100	(4.8 %)
Total Revenue	\$1,182,181	\$1,276,090	(7.4%)
Total Expenses	\$1,013,524	\$1,060,639	4.4%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 138,658	\$ 215,451	(21.7%)

CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMP - Children entering K-6 in the fall can now register for summer Music Camp (August 18-21, 9:30-11:30am) at Westminster!

This free camp includes singing songs, playing games and percussion instruments, making crafts, and more. Use the QR code to sign up.



For more info (or to volunteer), contact Kirsten Santos

Rutschman at krutschman@westminsterpc.org

SUMMER SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN - SummerConnect - Sunday Classes for Ages 3 thru Grade 5. This summer through August 3 we will have combined-aged classes, learning two Bible stories through Drama/Storytelling, Music, Art, Mission, and more.

If your child is not currently registered, please register using the bit.ly address below so that we have important contact and medical information.

bit.ly/SummerConnect25

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 5K FOR LIVING WATERS

3:00-5:00 pm Sunday, September 7 • Oakbourne Park

Join our annual 5K for Living Waters! Living Waters for the World (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. **Can't join us in person for the 5K?** Join the team anyway and do the 5K wherever and whenever! You can also support members doing the 5K by donating to our team. **bit.ly/LWW2025** to donate or register. Questions? Contact Jon Frost at jfrost@westminsterpc.org.

LOOKING AHEAD — Mark your calendars for these special Sundays.

Popsicle Sunday — Following both worship services on **July 20**, join us for fellowship and popsicles in the courtyard. All ages are welcome!

Vespers — July 20, 4:00 P.M Nothing but fun and play planned. If the weather cooperates, this will be an outside event. Bring games and activities to share with others. We will pivot inside if necessary. Bring a bagged dinner if you want to stay for additional fellowship.

Ice Cream Sunday – Join us for a one service (10am) Sunday on **August 24** with an Ice Cream Truck to celebrate back to school and blessings of backpacks.

Financial Peace University - If you've ever felt like you just can't get control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. When you take the course, that struggle will end. In just nine commonsense ways of handling money.



Financial Peace University lessons, you'll learn biblical,

Classes begin on September 14 at 3pm. Sign up using the QR code.

SAVE THE DATE:

Tickets on Sale Now: Sandra McCracken Concert

7:00-9:00 pm Saturday, October 25 • Sanctuary

Join us as we welcome Sandra McCracken and featured guest Jon Guerra for an unforgettable evening of music and community. bit.ly/102525concert to purchase \$20 tickets (\$10 for students). Questions? Contact [Jon at jfrost@westminsterpc.org](mailto:jfrost@westminsterpc.org).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're Hiring! This full time position of Church Administrator is responsible for administrative leadership, property management, and planning of church day-to-day operations; management analysis and strategic development; and oversight and direction of human resources, finance, facilities, and office staff. The job listing is available upon request. Interested or know someone who may be? Contact [Gerry McShane](mailto:gmcshane@westminsterpc.org) at gmcshane@westminsterpc.org.

Care for Creation— Have a special event coming up? Rather than buying an outfit for one-time use, consider renting instead! Men have done this for tuxedos for decades...now women can too! RenttheRunway.com is one of the best known options, -but you can find others by simply doing an internet search for “rent women’s fashion.”

Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday at 7:00 pm in Rm. 414. Zoom option available. Questions?, Email us at westminsterpresCR@gmail.com. You don't have to struggle alone anymore.

Thrift Shop: The Thrift Shop has reopened after being closed for the past seven weeks due to climatic flooding. Our summer schedule: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Wednesday, August 20. Should you have donations, please drop them off at the shop during our summer hours. Thank you for your continued support.

Westminster's Library-Visit the library to see our "Summer" display. While there, feel free to check out any books or DVDs of interest. Please remember to check out any books/DVDs taken from the library.

Blood Drive – Wednesday, July 30, 11 am to 4 pm, Spellman Hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter WPC to schedule an appointment.

Offering for 7/6/25		
General Fund-Sunday		
Svc/Mailed/Online	\$	31,015.62
Pentecost Offering	\$	160.00
Directed Gifts - CSG Special		
Offering	\$	12.50
Directed Gifts - Microphones	\$	3,628.00
Total	\$	34,816.12

Attendance: 7/06/25
In Person and Live Stream Total: 902

<u>FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS</u>
JULY – PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY
BOXES OF PASTA FOR BROAD STREET LOVE

Calendar for week of July 13, 2025

Sunday, July 13

- 8:15 A.M. Nursery Care (109)
- 9:00 A.M. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 A.M. SummerConnect (Heckert – Lower Level)
- 10:30 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr)
- 10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 A.M. SummerConnect (Heckert – Lower Level)

Monday, July 14

- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open
- 12:00 P.M. Brown Bag Lunch (Spellman Hall)
- 5:30 P.M. Property Committee Meeting (Spellman Jr.)
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees (Spellman Jr.)

Tuesday, July 15

- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open
- 7:00 P.M. Session (Spellman Jr.)

Wednesday, July 16

- 9:10 A.M. Prayer and Communion Service (Chapel and Zoom)
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open
- 10:00 A.M. Women's Weekly Bible Study (Spellman Jr.)
- 12:30 P.M. Stitch Unto Others (413)

Thursday, July 17

- 10:00 A.M. Tech Time with Lynn (Zoom)
- 7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery (414)

Friday, July 18

Saturday, July 19

Sunday, July 20

- 8:15 A.M. Nursery Care (109)
- 9:00 A.M. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 A.M. SummerConnect (Heckert – Lower Level)
- 10:30 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr)
- 10:30 A.M. Popsicles (Courtyard)
- 10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 A.M. SummerConnect (Heckert – Lower Level)
- 11:30 A.M. Popsicles (Courtyard)
- 4:00 P.M. Vespers (Outside, weather permitting)

For questions about any of our activities or events, please visit the website at westminsterpc.org or call the church office 610-399-3377