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**2025-2026 SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

9:00 AM WORSHIP	10:30 AM WORSHIP	ROOM	DISMISSAL TIME
Nursery Care (6 mos-4yrs)	Nursery Care (6 mos-4yrs)	109 (Downstairs)	10 /11:30 am
WeeConnect (3-5 yrs)	---	Chapel (Upstairs)	10:10 am
KidsConnect – Gr. K-1	---	103 (Downstairs)	10:10 am
KidsConnect – Gr. 2-3	---	405 (Upstairs)	10:10 am
KidsConnect – Gr. 4-5	---	406 (Upstairs)	10:10 am
---	Young Children & Worship (All ages , Pre-K-Gr.5)	Chapel (Upstairs)	11:40 am

On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate the sacrament of Communion. Everyone, regardless of age, is invited to the table. Children will remain in the sanctuary during the entire service to celebrate the Lord's Supper. *Note: Nursery children will remain in the Nursery. You're invited to get your children from the Nursery and bring them into the Sanctuary for Communion.*

**OUR VISION**

**LOVING GOD, LOVING NEIGHBOR (MARK 12:30-31)**

To instill a sense of wonder about God's stories... our stories.

To show them they are BELOVED children of God, and nothing can separate them from the Love of God in Christ Jesus.

To ensure our children are an integral part of the ministry and mission of this congregation because our children are not the future of the church... they are the NOW of the church.

**OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES...**

... are Christ-centered. The curriculum is Bible-based and relevant to children's lives.

...build relationships. We help children discover their relationship with God. We want every child to be known and loved, and to build lasting friendships.

...believe all God's children are graced by the Holy Spirit. Through worship, prayer, encouraging their natural sense of wonder, and intentional service, we foster children's spiritual growth.

...place a high priority on safety and security. We provide children with a safe, fun, and welcoming place to explore their personal relationships with God. All of our volunteers have background clearances and are PA safe child certified. We have safety policies and procedures in place to make their safety our #1 priority.

**PARENTS CONNECT BY SERVING**

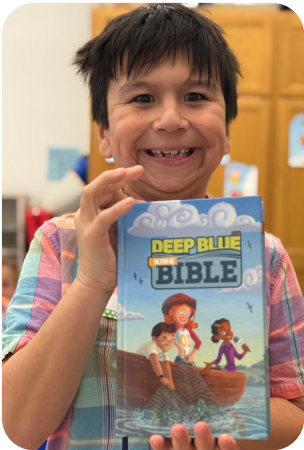
We would love to partner with you so you can share your gifts at Westminster. **We can use your gifts in all areas but we have an urgent need for nursery volunteers.** If you're interested in serving with our children and families, please contact Jill Reichert. **Here are a few ways to serve:**

- Children's Spiritual Growth Team
- Nursery Care Team (URGENT NEED)
- Grade Level Coordinators
- Classroom Teaching/Assistant
- Milestone Ministry Teams
- Camp SPARK Leadership Team
- Event Planning Team
- Seasonal Event Team
- Young Children & Worship Leaders

**CHILDREN &  
FAMILY MINISTRIES**



**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WEST CHESTER**  
**2025-2026**





# SAVE THE DATE NURSERY

## KICK OFF SUNDAY SUN. SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Join us as we kick off the new program year. Meet and greet your teachers before and after worship.

## 3RD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY SUN. OCTOBER 26, 2025

3rd graders receive their Bibles during morning worship.

## CHRISTMAS EVE WED. DECEMBER 24, 2025

*Christmas Eve Services:*  
**10 am • 3 pm • 5 pm • 7 pm • 9 pm • 11 pm**  
Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with us. Children & Family service is 10 am.

## EPIPHANY SUNDAY SUN. JANUARY 11, 2026

“Wise Guys” visit children. What gifts did they bring Baby Jesus?

## ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30-8 PM WED. FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Join us for a pancake dinner before the Ash Wednesday worship.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 PM THURS. APRIL 2, 2026

Gather with our community as we remember Jesus’ last meal.

## EASTER SUNDAY SUN. APRIL 5, 2025

*Easter Services: 6 am • 8:15 am • 9:30 am • 11:00 am*

Join as we worship and celebrate our Risen Lord. Bring flowers and help decorate the Easter flower cross in the courtyard throughout the morning.

## PENTECOST & LAST SUNDAY OF REGULAR PROGRAM YEAR SUN. MAY 24, 2026

Wear red, orange or yellow and join us to celebrate Pentecost and the last Sunday of regular children programing before the summer.

## 8:15 AM-11:45 AM SUNDAYS

Care for children ages 6 months to 4 years is available at both Sunday morning services as well as some special services and events. **Volunteers needed! Please consider serving!** CONTACT: MARY MAINA AT [CHILDCARE@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG](mailto:CHILDCARE@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG).

# KIDSCONNECT & WEECONNECT

## 9:00 AM SUNDAYS

Children will leave following the Thought for Children. After seeing & hearing their Bible story unfold through storytellers & drama, they will continue to wonder and unpack the stories in their grade level classes. K & Grade 1 will use Young Children & Worship while Grade 2-5 will use the Living the Word curriculum. See flip side for more info.

# YOUNG CHILDREN & WORSHIP

## 10:30 AM SUNDAYS

A time for children (pre-K - Gr. 5), this gathering uses the Young Children & Worship model of worship & wonder together. Children are dismissed from the Sanctuary following the Thought for Children.

# COMMUNION SUNDAYS

## FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Everyone, regardless of age, is invited to the table. Children will remain in the Sanctuary to celebrate the Lord’s Supper with the whole church family.

# SUMMERCONNECT

## 9:00 & 10:30 AM SUNDAYS

## JUNE 7-AUGUST 2, 2026

Children from age 3 thru 5th grade will combine to learn and experience Bible stories through rotations of art, music, drama, mission, and more.

# FAMILY NIGHTS

## WELCOME BACK!

## 4-5:30 PM SUN. SEPT. 21, 2025

Join us for a prayer walk at Oakbourne Park. This is a time to reconnect and enjoy God’s beautiful creation. Bring a picnic meal for your family.

## FALL FEST

## 5:30-7:30 PM FRI. OCTOBER 10, 2025

Join us for an evening of fall activities, dinner, and a chili cook-off with family and friends.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

## 4-5:30 PM SUN. OCTOBER 19, 2025

A worship service to bless your family’s animals. Bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier for a special blessing as we give thanks to our/their Creator for their love and companionship. If your pet has passed, you are welcome to bring a picture of them to remember and bless the time that you had with them.

## ADVENT NIGHT

## 5-7 PM SUN. NOVEMBER 30, 2025

An evening of worship, activities, and a meal as we await the coming Christ child.

# PARENT GROUPS

## MOMS NIGHT OUT

## 7:30-9:30 PM FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

An informal monthly gathering of moms for conversation and fellowship. CONTACT KRISTI FITZGERALD AT [FITZGERALDKRISTI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FITZGERALDKRISTI@GMAIL.COM) OR CHRISTINE PHILBIN AT [CPHILBIN31@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CPHILBIN31@GMAIL.COM).

## DADS NIGHT OUT

## 7:30-9:30 PM THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

An informal monthly gathering of dads for conversation and fellowship. CONTACT: JON FROST AT [JFROST@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG](mailto:JFROST@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG).

## GAME NIGHT

## 4-5:30 PM SUN. JANUARY 11, 2026

Join us for games and fellowship. Details to follow.

## MOVIE NIGHT

## 5:30-7:30 PM FRI. FEBRUARY 27, 2026

We will gather for pizza, popcorn and a movie. More details to come.

## PALM SUNDAY

## 4-5:30 PM SUN. MARCH 29, 2026

Start off Holy Week for an intergenerational worship service of singing, prayer and reflection.

## CARE FOR CREATION

## 4-5:30 PM SUN. APRIL 19, 2026

Details to follow.

## END OF YEAR PICNIC

## 4-5:30 PM SUN. MAY 17, 2026

Time and details to follow.

## WELCOME SUMMER!

## 4-5:30 PM SUN. JUNE 14, 2026

Time and details to follow.

## SUMMER GAMES

## 4-5:30 PM SUN. JULY 19, 2026

Time and details to follow.

# MILESTONE MINISTRIES

## BAPTISM CLASSES LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Parents who wish to have their children baptized will discover what baptism means and looks like in the Presbyterian church. Questions or for more info, CONTACT BARB DRAIN AT [BDRAIN@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG](mailto:BDRAIN@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG)

## 3RD GRADE BIBLE WORKSHOP

## 11:30 - 2 PM SUN. OCTOBER 12, 2025

This workshop (lunch provided) is for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and parents to learn what the Bible is, how it came to be, how to read it, and how to use the special tools that are inside the Bibles they will receive. They will also choose a special verse to be inscribed on the inside cover of their Bible. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders receive Bibles at worship services on Sunday, October 26 followed by a Bible-Party celebration.

## COMMUNION WORKSHOP

## 11:30 AM - 2 PM SUN. FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Learn about the Lord’s Supper at Westminster. We encourage participants to attend and help lead the Ash Wednesday service on February 18, when children will take communion with their new-found understanding from the workshop on Ash Wednesday, February 18.

# CAMP SPARK

## 8 AM-12 PM (OPTIONAL 12-4 PM) JUNE 22-26, 2026

Camp SPARK is our summer children’s program. It shares the worship, ministry, and mission of Westminster. The morning activities focus on Worship Arts (e.g., creative reading, music, drumming, dance, art, prayer expressions, etc.) while the afternoon will focus on Westminster’s ministry and mission (e.g. knitting/weaving, baking, lunch-making, packing backpacks, pickleball, etc.) and recreation!

# MISSION & OUTREACH

## LIVING WATER 5K

## 3-5 PM SUN. SEPT. 7, 2025

Walk, run, or push a stroller with us to bring life-changing clean water and fullness of life with the help of Living Waters for the World. Afterwards, join us for food and fellowship.

## SOCK IT TO US MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Help homeless and disadvantaged people in Chester County by bringing in new socks.

## RISE AGAINST HUNGER OCTOBER 4 & 5, 2025

Spend an hour packing meals for hungry families around the world.

## MLK DAY OF SERVICE 9-11 AM MON. JAN. 19, 2026

Bring items to assemble lunches for The Vine Ministry on Martin Luther King Jr Day. You can also make lunches at home and drop them off.

## CREEK CLEAN UP 9-11:30AM SAT. MARCH 21, 2026

Join in cleaning the area around our local creeks. Gloves, bags, and refreshments provided.

# CHOIR & MUSIC

## CHERUB & CHILDREN’S CHOIR

## 4:45 - 5:45 PM WEDNESDAYS

The Cherub Choir is for beginner singers, Grades K-1. The Children’s Choir shares the fundamentals of music through games and musical activities with children in Grades 2-5. For more info or to sign up your child, CONTACT KIRSTEN SANTOS RUTSCHMAN AT [KRUTSCHMAN@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG](mailto:KRUTSCHMAN@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG).

## CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM

## 5:00 PM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2026

Support our Children’s music program by attending their Christmas music program.

# WESTMINSTER PRESCHOOL

## SEPTEMBER-MAY

Children in the church and the community are invited to enroll in part-time preschool classes here at Westminster. Pre-school classes are available for children 2-5 years old in the morning, with extended day options. CONTACT [PRESCHOOL@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG](mailto:PRESCHOOL@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG).