

# **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **Large Print**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

**November 30, 2025**  
**9:00 A.M. Traditional**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**HOPE**



## **GATHERING THOUGHT**

"Friend, you are clothed in grace. You are a beloved child of the living God. God still plants dreams in our heads and hearts. God invites us to move forward toward a hopeful future. God gives new names. So, let us set our hopes high. Living into Advent means living into the hope that good news is coming."

-Rachel Billups, from *An Unlikely Advent*

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - Hope

November 30, 2025

9:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE**      *"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us, BWV 645*  
*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

**Week One: Hope**

*Lighter: Maria Syska and Peyton*

*Reader One: In a world longing for good news, we remember  
God's promises.*

*Reader Two: Zechariah and Elizabeth, our ancestors in faith,  
waited for years, longing for a child.*

*People One: Their hope seemed gone, yet God was faithful.*

*People Two: The angels declare good news to them, and to us.*

*People One: Even in silence and uncertainty, God's Word brings life.*

*Reader Two: We trust that nothing is impossible with God.*

*Reader One: Today we light the first candle of Advent,  
the candle of Hope.*

*Reader Two: As we light this candle, we proclaim:*

**People: Our hope is in the Lord, who keeps promises  
to God's people.**

## Lighting of the Candle of Hope

### Candle Lighting Hymn #85

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*



1. Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si-ah:  
let the light ban-ish dark-ness.  
He shall bring sal-va-tion to Is-rael,  
God ful-fills the prom-ise.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1. Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si-ah:". The second staff continues: "let the light ban-ish dark-ness.". The third staff continues: "He shall bring sal-va-tion to Is-rael,", and the fourth staff concludes: "God ful-fills the prom-ise." The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, with some notes beamed together. The final note of the fourth staff is a double bar line.

### UNISON PRAYER

God of hope, we come with hearts open to your surprising grace. So often your promises can feel delayed and prayers seem unanswered. Lift our eyes to the signs of your presence among us, even in unlikely places and people. As we begin this new season of your good news in Christ, guide us by your Word and Spirit. You are the One who has come, you are with us now, and you are Lord of the future. Amen.

**\* HYMN #88**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
**(stanzas 1, 2, 6 and 7)**



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are glorious, just, generous, and righteous. You call us to listen to your Word, and act in faith. Yet so often we do not believe you, we scoff at the good news as too good to be possible. We experience injustice and see it growing around us. We look at this world and feel hopeless. Yet, you call us to see your new life all around. Lift our eyes, our hearts, our spirits to you, that we may rejoice in our Savior, who is drawing near...*(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 #111** *From Heaven Above*

“Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto us the Christ has given.”  
With angels sing the Savior’s birth, a glad new year to all the earth.

### \* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** adapted from the Confession of Belhar

We believe

that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;  
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peace-maker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;  
that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

## THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

## CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “*The Peace of Christ*”

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Shop for Hope*

## 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

*The Dream Isaiah Saw*

Troeger/ Rudolph

*Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay,  
leopards will join with the lambs as they play,  
wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade,  
blood will not darken the earth that God made.*

*Little child, whose bed is straw,  
take new lodgings in my heart.*

*Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw.*

*Peace will pervade more than forest and field:*

*God will transfigure the Violence concealed  
deep in the heart and in systems of gain,  
ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain.*

*Little child, whose bed is straw,  
take new lodgings in my heart.*

*Bring the dream Isaiah saw: justice purifying law.*

*Nature reordered to match God’s intent,  
nations obeying the call to repent,  
all of creation completely restored,  
filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.*

*Little child, whose bed is straw,  
take new lodgings in my heart.*

*Bring the dream Isaiah saw: knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.*

**\* DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**Sung to the tune of The First Nowell**

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**

Blessed are you, O Lord, for you do wondrous things. We thank you for these gifts and our lives, which we offer before you. May these offerings fill the whole earth with signs of your hope, giving new life to barren places and a fresh spirit of expectation of your reign on earth, as it is in heaven. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen. *(please be seated)*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 1:5-17

(Pew Bible pg. 830)

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

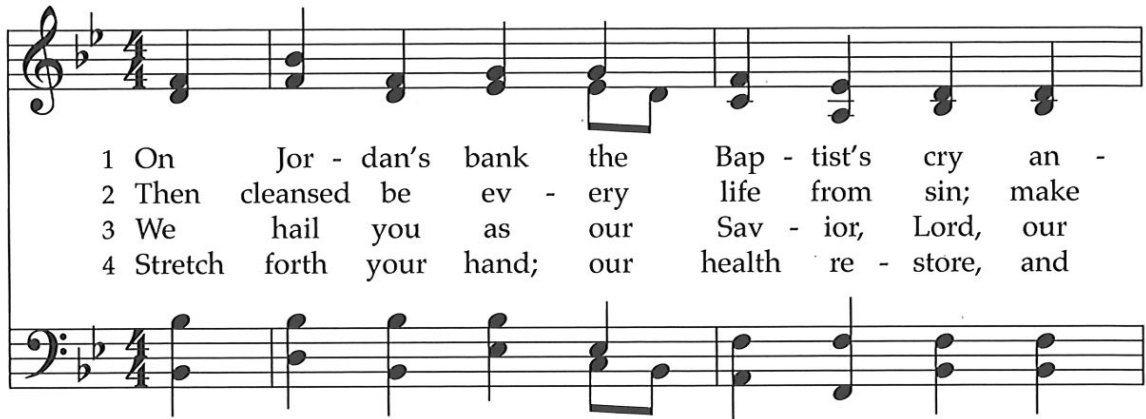
Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him.

But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.

You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.'

## HYMN #96

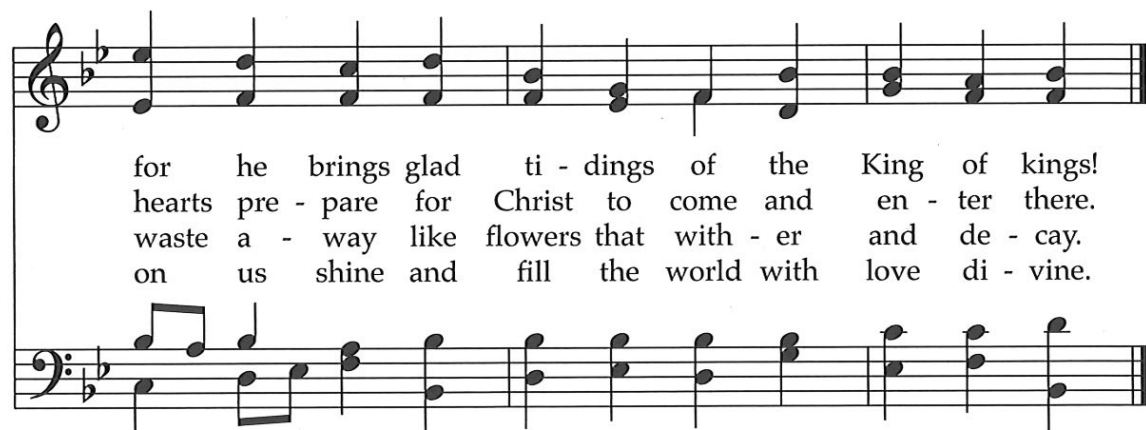
### *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our  
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and



nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -



for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.



**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Luke 1: 57-66      (Pew Bible pg. 832)

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

*Pastor:                      The Word of the Lord.*

**People:                      Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*An Unlikely Hope*

Leah Hrachovec

**\* HYMN #106**

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*



- 1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw-ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,

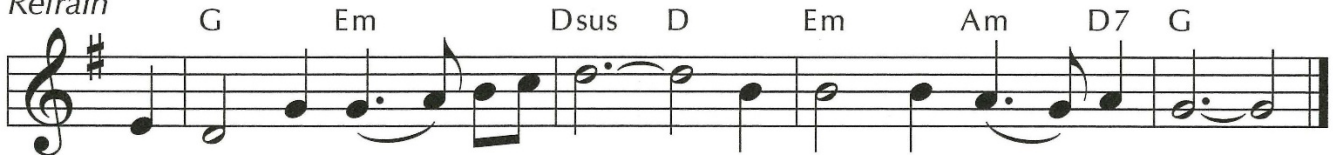


Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro-claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re-sound-ing, for grace and joy a - bound-ing.  
All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

*Refrain*



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

Emma Lou Diemer

\* *Please rise in body or in spirit*

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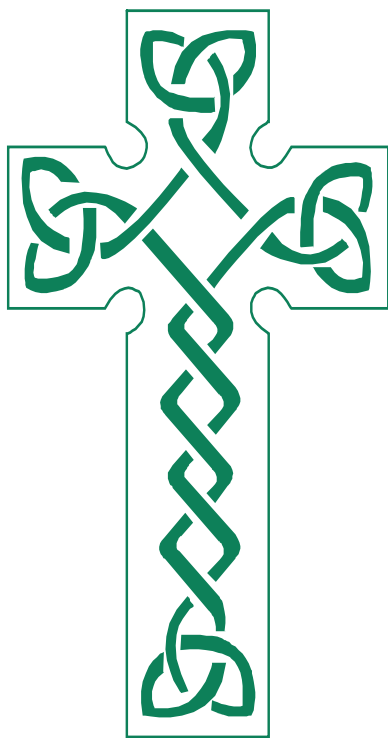
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Worship Times:  
9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

**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, February 1, 2026 from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** Childcare available if requested by Jan. 25. Register on the website or call the church office.

**LECTIONARY PASSAGES:** Isaiah 2:1-5 *and Psalm 122*; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44. **NARRATIVE LECTIONARY:** Daniel 3:1-30

### **KIDSCONNECT MORNING SCHEDULE:**

- 8:15am – **Childcare (6 months thru 4 years old)** is available **until 11:45am** in Room 109.
- 9:00am - **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 10:10am.

**Nursery** – Room 109 (Downstairs)

**WeeConnect (Ages 3-5)** – Chapel (Upstairs)

**Grades K-1** – Room 103 (Downstairs)

**Grades 2-3** – Room 405 (Upstairs)

**Grades 4-5** – Room 406 (Upstairs)

**JOURNEY CLASS.** Our series “An Unlikely Advent” begins today.

## **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](http://westminsterpc.org) when not able to attend worship.

**FINANCIAL:** Donate from your smart phone. Scan this image using your phone's QR code reader. Your Giving Makes a Difference. Give online ([westminsterpc.org/give](http://westminsterpc.org/give)), text Give and amount to 1-877-361-7859, or mail to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 10 W. Pleasant Grove Rd., West Chester, PA 19382.

**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 [mailer@churchcenteronline.com](mailto:mailer@churchcenteronline.com) or the church office.

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# NEWS AND EVENTS

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November 30, 2025



**Knowing Christ,  
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## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Advent and Christmas season are right around the corner and there are several opportunities for you and your household to be part of the behind-the-scenes magic. Opportunities include:

- Help decorate the church building for the season.
- Volunteer with a team for our wonderful Advent Night.
- Help stuff candles for Christmas Eve
- Help illuminate our church entrance for Christmas Eve with luminaries!

For each opportunity, you will see the date and time frame as well as a brief description of the position.

You are welcome to sign up for more than one slot! **Make sure you make a selection for each person participating. [bit.ly/AdventVolunteer25](https://bit.ly/AdventVolunteer25)**

Thanks for being part of the magic of the season!

### ADVENT NIGHT EVENT

*5:00-6:30 pm Sunday, November 30 • Spellman Hall*

Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, and hope as we walk into the journey of Advent.

#### **5:00-5:15pm: Gathering, Fellowship, & Table Activities**

- **5:15-6:00 pm: Dinner**  
Suggested donation: \$5/person; \$10/family
- **6:00-6:45 pm: Activities in Spellman Hall**
- **6:45-7:00 pm: Closing Carol Sing**

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Anyone interested in participating in lighting the advent candle at either Traditional or Contemporary service may sign up by copying the link into a browser.

**[bit.ly/AdventCandles25](https://bit.ly/AdventCandles25)**

## **GET YOUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS!**

**7:30PM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12,**

**3:00PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**3:00 & 6:00PM, DECEMBER 14 (3:00PM LIVE STREAMED)**

Concerts last about an hour. Tickets are free but are required to avoid overcrowding. There is a limit of 6 tickets per reservation. A \$25 donation per ticket is suggested. If groups are interested in more than 6 tickets, please contact the church office. Unused tickets will be released 15 minutes before the program begins. Childcare is available at the afternoon concerts by reservation. Contact Mary Maina to reserve space for your child(ren).

**Ordering tickets is online only on our website.** Go to [westminsterpc.org](http://westminsterpc.org), at the top of the page within the blue banner, Alert 1/4, click on **Reserve Your Tickets Now.**

## **WESTMINSTER'S GIVING TREE ONLINE**

The need for gift donations is even greater this year and we need your help to share God's love at Christmas! The Gifts for each organization are posted on separate links: Pocopson Nursing Home, Migrant Ministries, and a separate link which includes Domestic Violence Center, Family Promise, and Bridge of Hope. Simply type the specific link for the gifts you wish to purchase, and follow the directions provided.

Please drop off your gifts in the narthex by the Giving Tree on Sunday, November 30 and Sunday, December 7. We will be delivering the gifts on Wednesday, December 10, let us know if you need to make other arrangements for drop off.

Please take time to visit these links with your family and friends and help to make this holiday season special for those in need. For questions or assistance with gift delivery, please contact Angela Emrich at [ang.emrich@gmail.com](mailto:ang.emrich@gmail.com) or Debbie Zakarian at [dzakarian@verizon.net](mailto:dzakarian@verizon.net).

**Migrant Ministries - [bit.ly/Migrant25](http://bit.ly/Migrant25)**

**Pocopson Nursing Home - [bit.ly/Pocopson25](http://bit.ly/Pocopson25)**

**DVCCC, FPSCC and BoH - [bit.ly/GivingCards25](http://bit.ly/GivingCards25)**

## **SHOP FOR HOPE: AN ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**Sunday, December 7 | 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM | Spellman Hall**

This Christmas, celebrate the season of giving in a meaningful, sustainable way! Join us for **Shop for Hope**, Westminster's annual **Alternative Christmas Market**, where you'll find thoughtful gifts that give back — and inspire hope around the world.

Explore creative ideas for **alternative and eco-friendly gifts, beautiful sustainable wrapping**, and **charities and organizations** you can support this season.



You'll also find **handmade treasures from our Westminster children, fair-trade olive oil, and fun activities for kids.**

Come share in the joy of giving that truly matters — gifts that bring hope to others and warmth to your heart.

"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store.

Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more."

— Dr. Seuss, *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*

## **BLOOD DRIVE IN JANUARY**



Friday, January 9, 2026

11:00 am to 4:00 pm., Spellman Hall

Use [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) to register using the code WPC.

## **POINSETTIAS**

You can help us adorn our sanctuary with poinsettia plants this Christmas. If you'd like to order a poinsettia plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one or friend, contact Barb Drain

at [bdrain@westminsterpc.org](mailto:bdrain@westminsterpc.org) or 610-399-3377 ext. 100 with your name and the dedication you would like listed in the

bulletin. **Cost is \$10.** Make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church (with poinsettia on memo line) and drop off in the church office. Session also encourages those who wish to

contribute to the **Endowment Fund** in memory or honor of a loved one or friend to do so; names will also be listed.



## **THE CHOSEN SMALL GROUP**

Join us in January and February for The Chosen, an engaging small group where we'll watch and discuss Season 2 of the groundbreaking TV series about the life of Jesus. Each week, we will discuss one of eight episodes together and experience the story of Jesus and his followers in a fresh way. If you want to deepen your understanding of the Gospels and share meaningful moments with others on this journey then this group is for you! **Meet either Monday nights at 7pm in person at Westminster, or Wednesday nights at 7pm Virtual on zoom.** Whether you're new or returning, everyone is welcome—bring a friend! For more information or to sign up, email [mcfallsdiane@gmail.com](mailto:mcfallsdiane@gmail.com) or visit our church website (Events section). Source: The Chosen. <https://watch.thechosen.tv/>

## **JOIN US IN THE WEST CHESTER CHRISTMAS PARADE!**

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, GATHERING AT 5:30 PM**

Is participating in a parade on your bucket list ... or have you done it before and long to do it again? Westminster will have a float in the West Chester Hometown Christmas Parade. Led by the Chancel Choir, we seek up to 100 singers and friends to participate. Participants will either be seated on chairs on a flatbed truck or walk beside the truck. The flatbed will be decorated with banners welcoming the community to attend Westminster's Christmas Concerts and Christmas Worship Services. Accompanied by a recording, we will sing first verses of well-known Christmas Carols. Individuals and families are encouraged to participate or come watch and cheer us on! To learn more or register, use [bit.ly/WPCParade25](https://bit.ly/WPCParade25)

**ALL PLAY for CHRISTMAS**



**Calling all Orchestra & Concert Band Instrumentalists!**

**Play Christmas Music** on December 28  
10:00am worship service

**Rehearse** on December 22  
7:00-8:30pm

**Youth welcome!**

**REGISTER HERE**

**Questions?**  
Kirsten Santos Rutschman  
[krutschman@westminsterpc.org](mailto:krutschman@westminsterpc.org)



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## **ALL PLAY FOR CHRISTMAS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28**

(10:00 service) Do you play a band or orchestra instrument? Play Christmas music in worship on December 28. Rehearsal is on Monday, December 22 (7:00pm). Questions/Sign up:

[krutschman@westminsterpc.org](mailto:krutschman@westminsterpc.org)

**A VERY WESTMINSTER WORSHIP COLLECTIVE**

**Christmas Concert vol. 2 - Home**  
*4:00 pm Saturday, December 6 • Sanctuary*

Join the Westminster Worship Collective (Contemporary Worship Team) for a free festive concert of Christmas music exploring the theme "Home." Selections will include both popular and sacred favorites as well as new songs for the season. Stick around afterwards for a reception with light holiday refreshments. Enter this link to get your free tickets.

**bit.ly/Collective2home**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Footsteps Walking Group Upcoming Walks**

Sunday, 12/7, 2:00pm Ridley Creek State Park, Media

Sunday 1/11, 2:00pm The Laurels Preserve, Coatesville

**Advent Devotional** - Interested in a daily devotional this Advent? Go to the website and download one as a resource for spending quiet time with God through a daily scripture reading, reflection and prayer in preparation of the celebration of God coming among us through the birth of Jesus Christ. If you'd like a physical copy, they can be found in Café 10 West or in the Narthex.

**Scripture Seekers: Prophecies filled by Jesus-**

This December, we'll be discovering the inspiring connections between Old Testament prophecies, like Isaiah 53, and how they were fulfilled in the life of Jesus Christ. Join us on **Monday nights—December 1, 8, and 15 at 7pm.** For more information or to sign up, simply email [mcfallsdiane@gmail.com](mailto:mcfallsdiane@gmail.com) or visit our church website (Events section). We can't wait to welcome you!

**Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group.** If you are a loved one supporting someone with Alzheimer's/Dementia, please join us! Our meeting is usually on the fourth Tuesday of each month. This month's meeting is moved to December 2 at 6 PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Room 414 (in person or on Zoom). Email Page Hinkle at [phinkle@brandywineECM.com](mailto:phinkle@brandywineECM.com) for Zoom link. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00pm. (One time change)**

**Westminster's Library-** Stop in to see the "Giving Thanks" display. While there, feel free to check out any books or DVDs of interest. Please remember to check out materials taken. Also, a complete list of books still missing from our inventory can be found in the library.

**Thrift Shop News** - The Westminster Thrift Shop Board of Directors, at their recent November board meeting, unanimously passed a motion to donate \$10,000 to the Thrift Shop Mission Fund, the recipients being: West Chester Senior Center, ACT now (formerly Act in Faith) and the Chester County Housing Authority Fuel Assistance. We have been able to donate the following monies, just over the past three years: \$16,000 in 2023; \$35,000 in 2024 (recognizing the thrift shop's 35 years in business); and \$10,000 in 2025, with a total of 14 organizations being recipients. The Westminster Thrift Shop's mission statement is: to promote quality recycled merchandise at affordable prices to local families; to care for creation by providing an outlet for recycled goods. With God's blessings in 2026, the Westminster Thrift Shop will continue to provide much needed funding for organizations in need, surpassing our present grand total of \$394,000. Thank you for your generous donations and support.

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October 2025

### General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Favorable/ Budget (Unfavorable)	
Pledged Revenue	\$1,548,406	\$1,587,000	(2.5%)
Non-pledged giving	\$ 206,861	\$ 207,000	-
Other Revenue	\$ 167,415	\$ 227,127	(26.3%)
Total Revenue	\$1,922,682	\$2,021,127	(4.9%)
Total Expenses	\$2,014,094	\$2,043,860	1.5%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (91,412)	\$ (22,733)	N/A

Pledged giving rebounded nicely in October and was helped by the large gift received early in the month. The hope is that November and December end strong, similar to last year when we received \$390k, and narrows the projected deficit. Facility revenue has been strong the past two months and is close to budget, one outlier to the grouping (Per Capita, Investment Income, Special Offerings, Cash in Plate, etc.) that has underperformed this year.

Expenses would otherwise be over budget were it not for Personnel which has come in under budget every year since the first year I started in 2013. The main contributor is the budgeting of a Spiritual Care Director to begin in September, but this position has not yet been filled. Property remains well above plan due to Security, Landscaping, Snow Removal, Energy, and the Repairs & Maintenance budget lines.

### **Offering Figures for 11/23/25 (including online giving)**

General Fund-Sunday Svc/Mailed/Online	\$58,219.42
Endowment	10,00.00
Music Concert Fund	300.30
Directed – Living Waters	85.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	1,000.00
Food Drive	1,925.00
Music Supply Fund	<u>250.00</u>
Total	70,779.72

### **Attendance: 11/23/25**

In Person	398
Phone	5
Live Stream	<u>449</u>
Total	852

**For questions about any of our activities or events,  
visit the website at [westminsterpc.org](http://westminsterpc.org) or call the  
church office.**

### **FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS**

**DECEMBER– HOT CEREALS, OATMEAL & GRITS**

### **Calendar for the Week of November 30**

#### **Sunday, November 30**

8:15 A.M. Nursery care (109)  
9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:00 A.M. Kids Connect/ Wee Connect (Various Rooms)  
10:00 A.M. Baptism Class (Library)  
10:15 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr.)  
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:30 A.M. Children and Worship (Chapel)  
4:30 A.M. Children’s Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
5:00 P.M. Advent Event (Churchwide)  
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Music Room)  
5:30 P.M. Youth Group (407)  
6:00 P.M. Mourning Star Grief Support (Library)

#### **Monday, December 1**

9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Workday  
10:00 A.M. Book Discussion (Library)  
11:30 P.M. Women's Retreat Planning Meeting (Spellman Jr.)  
1:00 P.M. Racial Allies (Library)  
7:00 P.M. Scripture Seekers (414)  
7:00 P.M. Outreach Committee (Spellman Jr.)

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 A.M. Parent Support Group (407)  
9:30 A.M. Tuesday Fellowship Group (Spellman Jr.)  
9:30 A.M. Women's Small Group Bible Study (407)  
10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3PM  
12:00 P.M. Stitch Unto Others (Quiet Room)  
6:00 P.M. Alzheimer's/Dementia Group (414)  
7:00 P.M. Nominating Committee Mtg (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 3

9:10 A.M. Chapel Communion Service (Chapel)  
9:45 A.M. Women's Weekly Bible Study (Spellman Jr.)  
10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3PM  
6:00 P.M. Children's Christmas Rehearsal (Chapel)  
6:30 P.M. Worship Collective Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:45 P.M. Chancel Ringers Handbell Rehearsal (Spellman)  
7:00 P.M. Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr.)  
7:00 P.M. Care for Creation Meeting (414)

Thursday, December 4

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 ( Music Room)

Friday, December 5

10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open until 3PM

Saturday, December 6

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study Breakfast (407)  
9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open until noon  
4:00 P.M. Worship Collective Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 7

8:15 A.M. Nursery care (109)  
9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:00 A.M. Kids Connect/ Wee Connect (Various Rooms)  
9:30 A.M. Shop for Hope (Spellman Hall)  
10:15 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr.)  
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:30 A.M. Children and Worship (Chapel)  
12:00 P.M. Children's Christmas Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
5:00 P.M. Taizé Service (Chapel)  
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Music Room)  
5:30 P.M. Youth Group (407)  
6:00 P.M. Mourning Star Grief Support (Library)