

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

January 4, 2026
9:00 A.M. Traditional



GATHERING THOUGHT

"I don't know what a person would have to do in order to avoid being deeply practiced at beginning and beginning again. Most of the time you don't even have to think about it. Admittedly there are days when you wonder whether you have it in you. Why would faith be any different?"

-Peter Short, from "Come and See,"
Touchstone, June 2025

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 4, 2026

9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

*Now With Singing and Praise
Aria*

Dale Wood
Charles Callahan

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

CHORAL INTROIT

We Come to Worship God

Eric Lewis

*We come to worship God, we come to praise his name, to offer
thanks for all he's done. O holy God in mighty majesty, we praise you!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, Searcher of our hearts,

People: You call us your own and call us to follow Christ.

*Leader: We come to you anew this day, with the dawning from
on high, the dawning of the new year -*

***People: A new time to witness how you are at work in this
world, and how we may join you.***

Leader: May the light of Christ continue to light our way.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

HYMN #744*Arise, Your Light is Come*

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you are our Light in darkness, and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation. You are the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the source of our true delight. When we have forgotten you, you have remembered us. When we have tried to flee from you, you have sought us out and brought us through. May we feel your overflowing grace and all the possibilities that come as we listen for your voice and answer your call in Jesus Christ, our Messiah, Teacher, and Good Shepherd *(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 #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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.

DEDICATION OF NEW PARAMENTS

OFFERTORY *Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart* Eugene Englert

*Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes:
Eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.*

*Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see;
Eternal Spirit, give me breath, eternal Savior, come to me.*

*Until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word, at last I
come before your face to know you, my eternal God.*

*** DOXOLOGY #606** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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**

Giver of all good things, we give you thanks for ways that we can
offer our lives and these gifts to you. We ask your blessing on
these offerings, that they may be directed by your Spirit and
allow your people and world to flourish.

Today we dedicate these new paraments to your glory. With their
beauty, may they show forth your hope, peace, joy, and love in
many seasons. May they add to our common life in times of
celebration and proclamation of your goodness and mercy. With
their symbols, may they remind us of the miracles of incarnation
and resurrection of our Lord, and the ways that Christ makes us
one as you are one. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(please be seated)

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** 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.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We will partake of the Sacrament by intinction; you are invited to come forward row by row. Take bread from the basket, dip it in the chalice, partake of the elements, return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, remain seated and elements will be brought to you. Please keep the line moving by utilizing all servers when doubled up. The right section is gluten-free bread. There will also be prepackaged elements up front if you would prefer to receive the Sacrament in that way.

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Prayer

*** HYMN #182**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score ends with a double bar line.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on St. Anne

Gordon Young

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

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My Soul Hath a Desire and Longing to Enter the Courts of the Lord

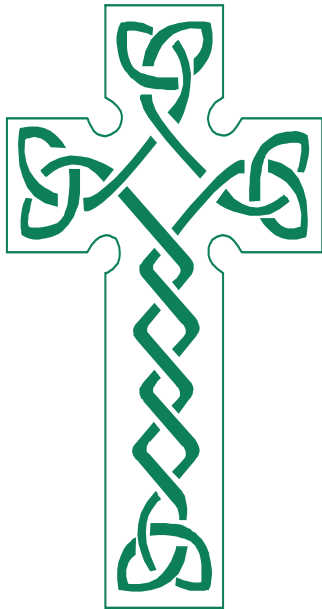
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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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Toccata on St. Anne

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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 is available if requested by Jan. 25. Register on the website or call the church office.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES: Jeremiah 31:7-14 and Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY: John 1:35-51

A WARM THANK YOU TO Paula Seo for sharing her gifts with us while helping to lead worship this morning.

NO KIDSCONNECT, WEECONNECT OR YOUNG CHILDREIN IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING.

NEW TWO-WEEK JOURNEY SERIES BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 & 18, SPELLMAN JR. & ZOOM. *Job and the Wild Whirlwind of Wonder* - Like a many-faceted diamond, the story of Job evokes a multitude of understandings and interpretations. By approaching Job’s story through the lens of God’s response in the whirlwind, one possible understanding is that God may be simply reorienting Job within the community of all creation. Led by Chris Clark.

USHERS: Roger Mecouch (lead usher), Judy Bianchi, Steve Brown, Lee Flurer, Pete Hillyer, Chuck Lambing, Jerry Shuts, Don Urban

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Ministers of Jesus Christ	All the Members of the Congregation
Pastors	Eric Dorville, Jon Frost, Leah Hrachovec
Parish Associate	Emily Chudy
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Young
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Director of Youth and College Ministries	Chris Clark
Director of Children and Family Ministries	Jill Reichert
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Financial Administrator	Sandy Kurek

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. Anyone desiring to gift a Prayer Shawl/Comfort Critter to someone, please contact 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 11:45 a.m. in the Library. Children are welcome to attend the class.



NEWS AND EVENTS

January 4, 2026



**Knowing Christ,
Making Christ Known**

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AN AFTERNOON OF TRUMPET MASTERY

JANUARY 10, 2026 – 4:00P.M.

Featuring internationally regarded French performer and teacher Eric Aubier along with his devoted pupil, also a renowned performer and educator, Jean-Christophe Dobrezelewski, Trumpet with Organist Tim Evers.



Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime performance of Baroque music – an afternoon of elegance, emotion, and unforgettable music. Tickets are available via ticketleap. Use this QR Code.

BLOOD DRIVE IN JANUARY

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Westminster Presbyterian Church

1/9/2026

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Spellman Hall

10 W. Pleasant Grove Road West Chester, PA 19382

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter keyword: WPC or scan the QR code below.



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REGISTRATION OPEN 2026 WOMEN'S RETREAT

MARCH 13 & 14, 2026 AT WESTMINSTER



The world can feel overwhelming and yet hope persists. Join women (16 and older) for a weekend of rest, renewal, and shared discovery. Together we will explore hope both spiritually and practically: the sacred stories that shape our lives and the practices that can set us free for vibrant, hope-filled living. This retreat offers a chance to step away from daily demands, breathe deeply, and reconnect with God's gifts of strength and possibility. Led by MaryAnn McKibben Dana, pastor, ministry coach, and author of *Hope: A User's Manual*, will guide our time with wisdom, warmth, and humor. Registration is available on the website or forms in the church office.

JOIN US FOR "THE CHOSEN" DISCUSSION SERIES

Have you heard about *The Chosen*, the hit TV series that brings the story of Jesus and His followers to life in a fresh, powerful way? Beginning January 12, we'll gather weekly to share fellowship and explore the Gospel together through this inspiring series. You can join us in person at the church on Mondays or take part virtually on Wednesdays. Whether you've seen every episode or are brand new to *The Chosen*, you're warmly invited! This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith, connect with others, and experience the life and teachings of Jesus in a new way. Come share the journey—bring a friend, an open heart, and a curiosity to grow in faith together!



WESTMINSTER'S PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPENS

Class options are available for children age 2-5. Westminster members receive priority registration status. Use this address to register – **westminsterpc.org/preschool**. Questions or for more information, contact Megan Potts at mpotts@westminsterpc.org.



NEW JOURNEY SERIES: JOB AND THE WILD WHIRLWIND OF WONDER

10:15 am Sunday, January 11 & 18 • Spellman Jr & [Zoom](#)

Like a many-faceted diamond, the story of Job evokes a multitude of understandings and interpretations. By approaching Job's story through the lens of God's response in the whirlwind, one possible understanding is that God may be simply reorienting Job within the community of all creation.

Led by Chris Clark, we will explore how the wonder of God's wild creation brings Job back into right relationship with God, himself, and others, drawing from the biblical story, the poetry of Mary Oliver, and the nature writings of John Muir. Through these lenses, we will also examine how God may be reorienting and drawing us toward lives that delight and participate in the wildly beloved community of creation today.

“DINNER FOR 8” RETURNS THIS WINTER!

“Dinner for 8” is an opportunity to join a small group of eight people (couples and singles – all are welcome!) to gather for good food, great conversation, and Christian fellowship. Dinners rotate between different households or restaurants each month. The winter/spring session will run from January through May. Email Scott & Erin Lockledge at wpcdinnerfor8@gmail.com by January 6 to sign up.

RACISM IN AMERICA:

THE HISTORY WE DIDN'T LEARN IN SCHOOL

A SIX PART LECTURE SERIES

BY SUE LINDERMAN

CO-FOUNDER OF THE WESTMINSTER PEACE & JUSTICE WORK GROUP
WILMINGTON, DE



Week 1: *The Early Years*

Week 2: *Slavery by Another Name*

Week 3: *Public Policy and the
Civil Rights Movement*

Week 4: *Mass Incarceration &
the War on Drugs*

Week 5: *Voter Suppression-
Then & Now*

Week 6: *Where do we go from here?*

THURSDAYS @ 1:00 PM
JAN. 8 – FEB. 12 2026

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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6 WEEK WINTER SERIES ON RACISM

1:00 pm Thursdays January 8-February

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Our Racial Allies group invites you to a 6 part weekly series *Racism in America: The History We Didn't Learn in School*. Sue Linderman, a local historian, who has taught this subject for many years, will explore the evolution of racism throughout America's history.

Questions? Contact Ann McNally. at goodchowpa@verizon.net

Announcements

Salvation Army Collection- We collected \$886. last week from our 2 days of bell-ringing! Thanks to all who gave of their time.

Westminster's Library-Please visit the library to see our "Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. and Winter" display. While there, feel free to check out any books, DVD's, or study guides of interest.

Thrift Shop News - The Westminster Thrift Shop's **REOPENING:** Monday, January 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (workday), Tuesday, January 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (for business), Wednesday, January 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, January 8 (**closed**), Friday, January 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday, January 10 (**closed Second Saturday**).

2026 Tuesday Fellowship Group on January 6 - We will be making a field trip to Chester County History Center located at 225 N High Street, West Chester, PA on January 6, 2026. Please plan to arrive at 9:45 AM so that you can register for the tour (the cost is \$7 to \$10) Starting at 10 AM we will tour the Smithsonian's Display of the "**The Bias Inside Us**" for about 40 minutes. At 10:40 we will gather to discuss follow-up questions and other sources of **Invisible BIAS** hidden within us led by David Goodale & Ellen E. Endslow.

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

JANUARY – CANNED SOUP, ESPECIALLY CHUNKY

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



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October 2025

General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	Favorable/ (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 strongly, like 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 have 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 12/28/25 (including online giving)

General Fund-Sunday Svc/Mailed/Online	\$ 81,598.99
Christmas Joy	4,757.59
Music Friends Circle	1,000.00
Directed Gift	<u>200.00</u>
Total	87,556.58

Calendar for the Week of January 4, 2026

Sunday, January 4

- 8:15 A.M. Nursery care (109)
- 9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, January 5

- 9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Workday
- 10:00 A.M. Book Discussion Group (Library)
- 7:00 P.M. Outreach Committee (Spellman Jr.)

Tuesday, January 6

- 7:00 A.M. Parent Support Group (407)
- 9:00 A.M. Women's Small Group Bible Study (414)
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3PM
- 12:00 P.M. Stitch Unto Others (Quiet Room)
- 7:00 P.M. Nomination Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 7

- 9:10 A.M. Wednesday Morning Chapel (Chapel)
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3PM
- 10:00 A.M. Children's Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 P.M. Budget Committee (Spellman Jr.)
- 6:30 P.M. Worship Collective (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 P.M. Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr.)

Thursday, January 8

- Thrift Shop Closed
- 10:00 A.M. Tech Time with Lynn
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts (Spellman Hall)
- 7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery (414)
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir (Music Room)

Friday, January 9

- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3:00 PM
- 11:00 A.M. Blood Drive (Spellman Hall)

Saturday, January 10

- 9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Open until 12:00 noon
- 4:00 P.M. Trumpet and Organ Concert

Sunday, January 11

- 8:15 A.M. Nursery care (109)
- 9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 A.M. Kids Connect/ Wee Connect (Various Rooms)
- 10:15 A.M. Journey Class (Spellman Jr.)
- 10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 A.M. Children and Worship (Chapel)
- 11:45 A.M. Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Music Room)
- 5:30 P.M. Youth Group (407)
- 6:30 P.M. Roots and Wings Dinner (Off-site)