

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

January 4, 2026
10:30 A.M. Contemporary



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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King":
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SONG *What Child Is This?*

What Child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear, for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come one and all to own Him,
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “*The Peace of Christ*”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

What Kind of Child

In the stillness of this night all my fears have got me frozen
In this darkness shine your light, I'm not seeing where I'm going
Then your love broke through like an angel fire
And you burned this heart alive
And I heard your truth, I saw the sign, my hope is born tonight

*Refrain: What kind of child is this, what kind of child is this
even the angels praise him
What kind of child is this; what kind of child is this*

In the desert I will rise as you call me to follow the star
I'll be looking to the skies with your promise deep in my heart
Refrain

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
the night is done, the light is come, Emmanuel

Now he is the prince of peace,
he is conquering the darkness with his light
And he is the risen King,
he is leading me from death and into life
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he is conquering the darkness with his light
And he is the risen King,
he is leading me from death and into life

What kind of power is this, what kind of power is this
That even owns the grave
What kind of power is this, what kind of power is this
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
the night is done, the light is come, Emmanuel, (Hallelujah)
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
the night is done, the light is come, Emmanuel

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:35-51

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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.

SERMON

A Fresh Invitation

Leah Hrachovec

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 *The First Nowell*

Communion Prayer

SONG OF RESPONSE

Angels (Glory To God)

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee, why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest forever
For all he has done, his unfailing love
Glory to God in the highest forever.

Come to Bethlehem and see, him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the new-born King

Gloria, Gloria, Glory to God in the highest

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING

Angels (Glory to God)

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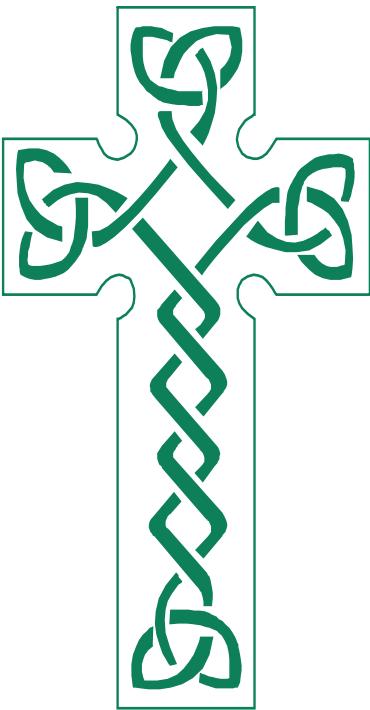
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Worship Times:
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

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 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 LECITIONARY: John 1:35-51

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

NURSERY CARE (6 months thru 4 years old) is available **until 11:45am** in Room 109.

WORSHIP BAND: Jon Frost, acoustic guitar; Nat Cooper, guitar; Tom Russell, keys; Becky Reid, piano; Lauren Coffey and Lisa Merrill, vocals

USHERS: Chuck Lambing

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NEWS AND EVENTS

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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.



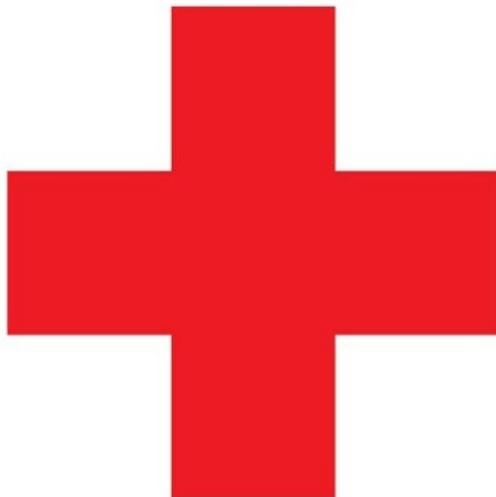
Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime performance of Baroque music – an afternoon of elegance, emotion, and unforgettable music. Tickets are available via ticketleap. Use this QR Code.

BLOOD DRIVE IN JANUARY

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Westminster Presbyterian Church

1/9/2026
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Spellman Hall
10 W. Pleasant Grove Road West Chester, PA 19382

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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
316 KENNEDY PIKE, CHADDS FORD, PA 19317



6 WEEK WINTER SERIES

ON RACISM

1:00 pm Thursdays January 8-February 12 • Bethany Presbyterian Church
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, 9a.m. – 12 p.m. (**closed Saturday, January 17**).

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.**



FINANCIAL

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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 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)

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|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 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. Nominating 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 (Sanctuary)

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)