

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

January 18, 2026
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service



GATHERING THOUGHT

"I can usually learn something from my anger,
and if I am lucky I can use the energy of it to push
for change in myself or in my relationship with others. . . .
I can, in other words, figure out what my anger has to teach
me,
and then let it go."

-Barbara Brown Taylor (1951-present), in
"Why We Love This Deadly Sin"

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 18, 2026

10:30 A.M.

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

SONGS OF PRAISE *House of the Lord* Smith & Wickham

We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors, he parted the raging sea
My God, he holds the victory

Refrain: *There's joy in the house of the Lord,
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, we shout out your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord, our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, we shout out your praise*

We sing to the God who heals, we sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause he hung up on that cross, then he rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away *(Refrain)*

We were the beggars, now we're royalty
We were the prisoners, now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by his grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise repeat bridge *(Refrain)*

We shout out your praise, we shout out your praise (2x)

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly
Tomlin, Ingram, Barrett

It all comes down to this, what you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself, and you above all things

Refrain: *Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with you, God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with you, God*

It all comes down to this, to be your hands and feet
Good news to all the world, the truth will set us free *(Refrain)*

It's beauty for ashes, It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven (2x)

Years from now we'll see, the fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed, the only way it grows. *(Refrain)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SONG *Great Are You Lord* J.Ingram,L.Jordan,&D.Leonard

You give life, you are love, you bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore every heart that is broken
And great are you, Lord.

Refrain: *It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise, It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only
(Repeat from beginning)
And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are you, Lord. (3x) (Refrain 2x)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “*The Peace of Christ*”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY

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

The Kingdom of Jesus

Isaac Wardell & Jon Guerra

To what shall we compare the kingdom of Jesus if not a seed
It’s small, it’s sown, it’s tended and grown
and it’s sturdy in you and me
Its branches never break and its fruit never withers

Refrain: *His kingdom is not of this world nor of any
A kingdom whose ruler’s face is on a penny
He comes to make all things bright, put a new wine in us
He’s chosen the small things to outlast the great
The meek and the merciful to shine through the hate
Though it seems some days that hell and its gates are prevailing
Oh say can you see the kingdom within us is the kingdom of Jesus.*

To what shall we compare the spirit of the hour if not a sword
It frees us, unites us, enslaves and divides us in violence, help us Lord.

Refrain 2: *His kingdom is not of this world nor of any
A kingdom whose ruler's face is on a penny
He comes to make all things bright, put a new wine in us
He's chosen the small things to outlast the great
The meek and the merciful to shine through the hate
Though it seems some days that hell and its gates are prevailing
Oh say can't you see we have one allegiance,
It's to the kingdom of Jesus.*

He who is in us is greater than he who is in the world
He who is in us is greater and he's overcome the world

Refrain 3: *Oh his kingdom is not one of slander or rage
But one that is ruled by the Lamb who was slain and
He's worthy of wisdom and honor and glory and strength
No pain, no division no public disgrace
Will compare with seeing the smile on his face
As he welcomes us home as children with places at the table
Neither death nor threat nor power can ever separate us
From the love of God forever in Christ Jesus
Everything shall pass away but not the word that's within us
No it's the kingdom of Jesus, the kingdom of Jesus*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON

Table Turning

Leah Hrachovec

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:13-25

(Pew Page 863)

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!'

His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Hear Our Praises

Reuben Morgan

May our homes be filled with dancing,
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus,
As the people turn and pray

Refrain: *From the mountain to the valley,
Hear our praises rise to you
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear our singing fill the air*

May our light shine in the darkness,
As we walk before the cross
May your glory fill the whole earth,
As the water o'er the seas (*Refrain, interlude, refrain*)

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING

Hear Our Praises

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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: Isaiah 49:1-7, and Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY: John 2:13-25

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

YOUNG CHILDREN & WORSHIP. Children (pre-K thru grade 5) are dismissed to the Chapel after the Thought for Children. Dismissal time is 11:40am.

WORSHIP BAND: Jon Frost, acoustic guitar; Noah Dzielawa, guitar; Andy Reid, drums; Tom Russell, Piano; Mark Beazley, keys; Lauren Coffey, vocals

USHERS: Chuck Lambing and Joyce Carey

GREETER: Karen Finley

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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 18, 2026



**Knowing Christ,
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**JANUARY 25, 2025
COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM
AND**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT 11 AM
In Person in the Sanctuary or via Zoom**

Join us for our annual meeting for the purpose of:

1. Voting on changes in the terms of call for installed pastors
2. Receiving the 2025 Annual Report
3. Hearing the 2026 budget overview
4. The Annual meeting of the Corporation

The annual report and other documents will be sent prior to the meeting.
A reception honoring newly retired Church Administrator, Gerry McShane is scheduled immediately following the meeting.

Childcare is available during meeting for children 4 years and under.

JOB AND THE WILD WHIRLWIND OF WONDER

10:15 am Sunday, January 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.

**2026 WOMEN'S RETREAT
MARCH 13 & 14, 2026 AT WESTMINSTER**

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.

WOMEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY
A NEW YEAR - A NEW STUDY

Join the Women's Weekly Wednesday Bible Study as we discover Jesus' invitation in the Sermon on the Mount. Starting on January 21 9:30-11:30 in Spellman Jr.

In this 8-week Bible study which we will expand to 16 weeks, Ashley and Bryce Hales help readers dive deep into the sermon on the mount and explore a life spent living and loving as Jesus did. You can order the book on your own at bookshop.com. For more info or to sign up for this hybrid study, contact Kathy Smedley ksmed@aol.com

JANUARY SERIES AT WESTMINSTER

Join us for inspiring presentations from our January series!

We will gather at 12:00pm in Spellman Jr. for fellowship with a bagged lunch (bring your own). Talks are 12:30 – 1:30pm.

Monday, January 19

Naomi Tutu– Our Shared Humanity: Creating Understanding Through the Principles of MLK

Monday, January 26

David Brooks – The Path to Cultural Repair

MLK JR. DAY OF SERVICE

We'll be collecting bagged lunches for The Vine Ministry between 9-11am on January 19. You can either make lunches at home and drop them off under the church portico, or bring your items to the church and assemble them in the main church kitchen or Cafe 10 West between 9-11am.

If you are able, please bring your lunches in cardboard boxes which will make it easier for transportation.

Please label each bag with the kind of sandwich it contains and write or draw messages of kindness on their bagged lunches for a personal connection for those receiving them. Each lunch (in brown paper bag) should include:

- 1 meat/cheese sandwich (roast beef or turkey - NO PORK)
- 1 bag of chips, 1 piece of fruit (apple, clementine, etc), 1 granola bar, 1 bottled water

JOIN US FOR TUESDAY TRIVIA NIGHT AT WESTMINSTER!

- Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 PM
- Whether you're a longtime church member or just someone in the community looking for a fun night out, come test your knowledge and enjoy an evening of laughter, friendly competition, and great fellowship!
- Gather your team (or join one when you arrive) for exciting trivia rounds, music, and awesome prizes you won't want to miss. It's the perfect way to connect with old friends and make new ones—all are welcome!
- See you there—bring your thinking caps and your smile!

SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and Westminster is collecting household items for **Dawn's Place**. Dawn's Place supports women affected by commercial sexual exploitation and its abuse by providing services, raising awareness and generating prevention. Bring items to church during the month of January and place them in the bins around the building.

Questions? Email Brenda Schivito at bschivito@gmail.com.

List of items being collected: Large Trash Bags 30 gal, Dishwashing Detergent, Ziplock bags - 1 Gal, Disinfecting Wipes, Toilet Paper, Tissues, Paper Towels, Napkins, Laundry Detergent, Swiffer Wet Jet Refill, Bathroom Cleaner Spray, Hand Soap, Furniture Polish, Glass Cleaner, Dryer Sheets

***Please consider the environment and reducing plastic as you make your donations.** For example, detergent sheets, paper, and cardboard containers. Many thanks.



2026 Theme

Camp SPARK Registration is LIVE!

A Place at the Table - "For I was hungry and you gave me food..." (Based on Matthew 25:35-40).

This camp will focus on the arts, service projects (where we will serve and care for our neighbors in several ways), and recreation!

Pre-K/K = AM Only (8am-Noon)

Gr. 1-3 = AM or Full Day Available

Gr. 4-6 = AM or Full Day Available



**Grades indicated are the grades they will be RISING into for the fall.*

Use the QR code to register your children, and direct questions to

campspark@westminsterpc.org or see Cacilia Rollet (Summer Program Coordinator) or Jill Reichert (Director of Children & Family Ministries).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

- Communion Workshop – Children Grades 2-5 are invited (with a parent/adult) to attend our Communion Workshop on Sunday, February 1, 11:45am-2pm. Hands-on learning about the Last Supper in the Bible and how we celebrate this sacrament at Westminster. *Lunch provided* Sign up thru Church Center or contact Jill at jreichert@westminsterpc.org
- Photographers (amateurs encouraged) Needed! We are planning a SIMPLE Photography Workshop for the afternoons of Camp SPARK (June 22-26) to show how we can use the gift of photography to serve others. We are in need of 1-2 leaders. Please see Jill Reichert or Cacilia Rollet to talk about this opportunity to connect kids with your gifts of telling stories through pictures!

Announcements

2026 Tuesday Fellowship Group: On January 20, we will welcome **John Grillo**, President & Founder of “**The Vine Ministry.**” The Vine Ministry is a nonprofit 501c3 corporation and our mission is to provide food and radical hospitality to our vulnerable neighbors in need. Our teams and volunteers prepare fresh meals for the chronically homeless and working poor for the local community here in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Since its inception in 2019, The Vine Ministry has distributed over 100,000 meals to the hungry and has over 100 volunteers that serve in the ministry. Attendees can enter the single door just to the right of the main entrance off the front circle. Everyone is welcome! Please arrive at 9:30 for snacks, tea, and coffee with GREAT conversations. **John Grillo's** talk will be from 10 -11 AM. All are welcome to attend Tuesday Fellowship in Spellman Jr or **ZOOM** online. Those wishing to ZOOM should contact Dave Goodale (dbgpharma@gmail.com). He will send you a link.

Thrift Shop News - The New Year is certainly a time to reflect on our blessings. We would not be able to continue our mission of supporting our outreach organizations without the congregation's generous donations. We are also appreciative of our faithful volunteers, manager, shop regulars, and our new enthusiastic shoppers. Should you have donations for the shop in the upcoming days, they can be dropped off at the shop during regular business hours or placed in the thrift shop containers located in the Spellman storage room. Forms for 2025 income tax purposes are available by calling Karen Koepke, thrift shop manager, at 610-692-9298. Blessings for the New Year!!

Westminster's Preschool registration is Open! Class options are available for children ages 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.

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, DVDs, or study guides of interest.

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November 2025

General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Favorable/ Budget (Unfavorable)	
Pledged Revenue	\$1,691,133	\$1,712,000	(1.2%)
Non-pledged giving	\$ 236,625	\$ 235,000	.07
Other Revenue	\$ 175,988	\$ 242,308	(37.7%)
Total Revenue	\$2,103,746	\$2,189,308	(4.1%)
Total Expenses	\$2,195,174	\$2,245,372	(2.3%)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (91,428)	\$ (56,064)	38.7

Both Pledged and Non-Pledged giving exceeded budget in November. However, outstanding pledges at month-end are below the total needed to make the December budget despite member contributions beyond their pledged amounts. December is generally a strong giving month as remaining pledges are fulfilled. While other revenue exceeds budget and investment income is expected to be close to year-end budget, other income categories continue to underperform this year (Per Capita, Special Offerings, Cash in Plate, etc.).

Attendance – January 11, 2026 – Total 820**9am – Online -360, Phone – 6, In Person – 272 (640)****10:30am - Online – 103, In Person – 77 (180)****Offering Figures for 1/11/26 (including online giving)**

General Fund-Sunday Svc/Mailed/ Online	\$ 30,268.14
Christmas Joy	55.00
Music Supply	25.00
Shop for Hope	100.00
Youth and College Ministry	50.00
Per Capita	<u>154.00</u>
Total	50,691.14

Calendar for the Week of January 18, 2026**Sunday, January 18**

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)

5:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Music Room)

Monday, January 19 MLK Day – Office Closed

8:00 A.M. MLK Service Day (Kitchen and Spellman Hall)

9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop Workday

12:00 P.M. January Series and Bagged Lunch (Spellman Hall)

6:45 P.M. The Chosen Bible Study (Chapel)

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 A.M. Parent Support Group (407)

9:30 A.M. Tuesday Fellowship (Spellman Jr.)

9:30 A.M. Women's Monthly Bible Study (414)

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

1:00 P.M. Stitch Unto Others (Quiet Room)

7:00 P.M. Session Mtg (Spellman Jr.)

Wednesday, January 21

9:10 A.M. Wednesday Morning Chapel (Chapel)

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

4:45 P.M. Children's Choir (Spellman Hall)

4:45 P.M. Cherub Choir (Spellman Hall)

6:30 P.M. The Chosen Study via Zoom

7:00 P.M. Handbell Choir (Spellman Hall)

7:00 P.M. Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr.)

7:00 P.M. Worship Collective (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 22

Thrift Shop Closed

10:00 A.M. Tech Time with Lynn

12:00 P.M. Lunch Bunch (Offsite)

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 23

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

Saturday, January 24

9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 12:00 noon

Sunday, January 25

8:15 A.M. Nursery care (109)

10:00 A.M. Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 A.M. Children and Worship (Chapel)

11:00 A.M. Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)

11:45 A.M. Baptism Class (Library)

4:30 P.M. Youth Group (407)

5:00 P.M. Youth Choir (Music Room)

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

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

JANUARY – CANNED SOUP, ESPECIALLY CHUNKY

