

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Wills Emphasis Sunday
Presbyterian Heritage Sunday

May 17, 2026
9:00 A.M. Traditional



GATHERING THOUGHT

"There is something in humility which
raiseth the heart upward."

-Augustine of Hippo (5th Century)

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 17, 2026

9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

The Bell Symphony

Henry Purcell

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Chancel Bell Ringers

Josh Bauder

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

INTROIT

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

John Milton

*Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

*All things living God does feed; with full measure, meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 68

Leader: Sing to God; sing praises to God's name!

People: Lift up a song to the Holy One, whose name is the Lord.

Leader: Father of orphans and protector of widows, God abides with us.

People: God gives the desolate a home to live in; God leads out the prisoners to prosperity.

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful –

People: We rejoice in the goodness of God!

* HYMN #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,
3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. Scriptures proclaim your steadfast mercy. In Christ, you even pray for us. Yet we live in hesitation and fear; we are not open to your new creation. We hide from neighbor and protect our own interests. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray and make us again as you would have us be *(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 #244** *This Joyful Eastertide (stanza 1)*

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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.

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Question to Congregation: *Do we, the members of this congregation, in the name of the whole church of Christ, undertake with these parents the Christian nurture of this child so that in due time he may confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?*

If so, signify by saying, "We do."

Response: We do.

Questions to Children: (Read by Vivian Lane)

Will we help Brooks remember that God loves him and we love him?

Response: We will.

Will we share the stories of Jesus with him?

Response: We will.

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – *"The Peace of Christ"*

ANTHEM

Down To The River To Pray

A.L. Page

Chancel Ringers, and Nicole Atkinson, flute

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.

OFFERTORY

The Last Words of David
(2 Samuel 23: 3-4)

Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just,
ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be as the light of the morning,
when the sun riseth,
even a morning without clouds;
as the tender grass springing out of the earth
by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. Amen.

*** DOXOLOGY #609** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all
creatures high and low; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one,
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, with grace upon grace, you see to our needs. We
return this portion to you, as signs of our commitment to know
you, to love you, and to serve you. Bless these gifts, multiply
them and use them, that your church may share good news and
your creation may rejoice. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.
(please be seated)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

(Pew Page 954)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with
Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the
Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy
complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in
spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain
conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not

looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Downward Mobility:
The Legacy of Christ

Leah Hrachovec

*** HYMN #463**

How Firm A Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,
is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout

* Please rise in body or in spirit

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How Firm A Foundation

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Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout, Public Domain



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 contact the church office or use the QR code to register online.

The next new members' class is **Sunday, May 31, 2026 from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**



LECTIONARY PASSAGES: Acts 1:6-14 and Psalm 68:1-10, or Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 21:1-7 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11; John 17:12-14

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY: Philippians 2:1-13, John 14:16-17

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

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 5th 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)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is administered this morning at the 9:00am traditional service to Brooks Thomas Chaney, son of Tom and Christina Chaney.

JOURNEY CLASS, 10:15 A.M. IN SPELLMAN JR. Come join us as we continue the series, "The Eyes of Your Heart" using artworks to direct meditation and prayer. Led by Ken Junkins.

USHERS: Rob Necarsulmer (Head Usher), Lisa Antonucci, Jon Bassett, Heather Bixler, Steve Brown, Dave Carpenter, Barb Necarsulmer, Jerry Shuts, Dave Trapani

WELCOME DESK: Laurie Albrecht

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Ministers of Jesus Christ
Pastors
Pastor Emeritus

All the Members of the Congregation
Eric Dorville, Jon Frost, Leah Hrachovec
Robert D. Young

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 wanting 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

May 17, 2026



**Knowing Christ,
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TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

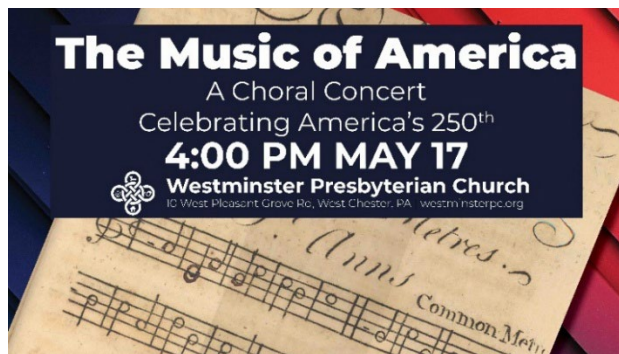


**FAITHFUL GENERATIONS
FUTURE IMPACT**
Legacy/Wills Emphasis Sunday

WILLS EMPHASIS SUNDAY

Today, 10 am & 11:30 am • Spellman Hall

How may God be calling you to shape the world beyond your lifetime? Today, we observe Wills Emphasis Sunday. In addition to attending to your will or estate documents, we invite you to reflect on a deeper question: how God may be calling you to shape the world beyond your lifetime. The legacy gifts we make can become some of the most meaningful and impactful acts of generosity we ever offer. Join us after each worship service in Spellman Hall for casual Q&A and conversation with members of the Endowment Fund Board of Managers and the Stewardship Committee. Come explore how your faith, values, and gifts can continue to bless others for generations to come.



THE MUSIC OF AMERICA

A CHORAL CONCERT

Today, 4:00 pm • Sanctuary

Our Chancel Choir season culminates with a presentation of American choral music that traces the evolution of music in America. Ranging from Sacred Harp to modern works, this celebration of The United States Semi -quincentennial will be a wonderful free concert.



CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

END OF YEAR PICNIC

Today, 4 pm-6:30 pm • Tyson Park

Join us as we wrap up the year with an End-of-Year Picnic for our Children & Family Ministry! Bring the whole family for an afternoon of food, games, and fun as we celebrate what God has done this year and look ahead to what's next.

The church will provide burgers, dogs, buns, condiments, and plates/cups/utensils/napkins. When you register in church center, please indicate the number of people coming



5TH GRADE BRIDGE NIGHT

& COLOR CLASH

4:45-5:30pm - 5th Grade Bridge Night

5:30-7:30pm - Youth Group and Color Clash

For our final youth group of the year we welcome 5th graders and get messy with our annual Color Clash in the church parking lot. Join us for a night of fun as we get messy, extend welcome to our 5th graders, and celebrate our graduating high school seniors! Youth should try to wear white or gray clothing that they don't mind getting dirty/stained.

ALL PLAY FOR WORSHIP

7:00 pm Tuesday, May 26 • Spellman Hall

Attention instrumentalists!

Do you play a concert band/orchestra instrument (winds/brass/strings/percussion), or have you in the past? Come and rehearse the evening of May 26 & play during the 9:00 am worship service on Sunday, May 31. Youth welcome!

[Contact](mailto:krutschman@westminsterpc.org) Kirsten at krutschman@westminsterpc.org

to sign up or for questions.

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

11:30AM – 2 PM, May 31 • Spellman Hall

Are you interested to learn more about
or becoming a member of Westminster?

This class is for you! All are welcome.

There's no obligation to join.

A light lunch will be provided. Childcare is available if requested by May 26. Register online at: westminsterpc.org/about-us/membership or call the church office at 610-399-3377 to request a registration form.

Those joining will be introduced in worship on **Sunday, June 7 at either service**. For questions or more information, contact Pastor Eric Dorville at edorville@westminsterpc.org.



CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMP

9:30-11:30 am, August 17-20



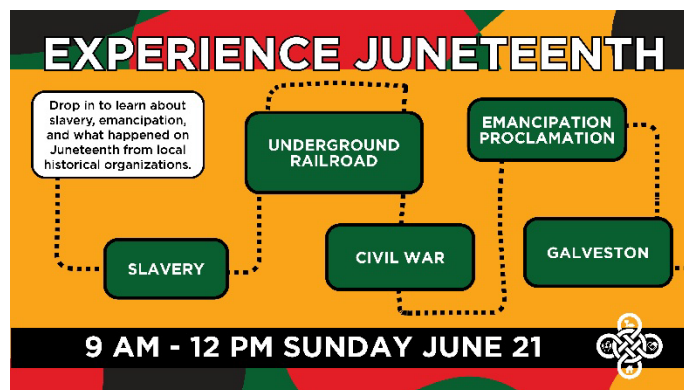
Children entering K-6 in the fall can now register for summer Music Camp at Westminster! This free camp features songs, games, percussion instruments, crafts, and more. For more information (or to volunteer), contact Kirsten at krutschman@westminsterpc.org.



WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m., Wednesdays, June 3 through July 29 • Spellman Jr

In this small group Bible study, Twelve Women of the Bible-Life-Changing Stories for Women Today, Lysa TerKuerst, Elisa Morgan, Jeanne Stevens and other leaders look at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve biblical women and what they mean for your life today. We will cover 8 of the twelve women. It is not necessary to purchase the study guide unless you want to. There will be no homework. Each week one of the leaders will play the video and we will discuss it, using some of the discussion questions from the guide. Each lesson stands on its own, so if you miss a few weeks, you won't be behind. This will be offered as a hybrid study so contact Kathy Smedley, ksmed@aol.com if you want to be on the email list to get a Zoom link. You may also contact Jill Frankie at jillfrankie7901@gmail.com with any questions.



SAVE THE DATE: CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Sunday, June 21 • Spellman Hall

Juneteenth (June 19) is a celebration of African American freedom and a time to reflect on the struggles and achievement for equality. Learn from local organizations about the importance of Juneteenth and why it is an important American holiday. Our focus this year is on Black Art and Artists, including famous people who have deep roots in Chester County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Archives Committee invites you to stop by Spellman Hall to see the Heritage display case featuring Westminster's people, property, and beliefs from the past which inspire our future.

Westminster's Annual Mother's Day Diaper Drive

Continues thru May. All sizes are appreciated, but Sizes 4, 5, 6 & 7 are very much in need. Diapers and wipes can be left in collection bins in the Heckert Center and Cafe 10 West. Diapers and wipes may also be purchased online, and delivered directly to: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 10 West Pleasant Grove Road, West Chester PA 19382. Questions? contact Angela Emrich at ang.emrich@gmail.com

Register for Camp SPARK:

A Place at the Table - June 22-26



Campers: Enroll now!

Some workshops are filling up!

Volunteers or Leaders: Adult & Youth Volunteers and Leaders are needed

Pickleball Season-4 All skill levels are welcome. We meet **Mondays from 6:30–8:00 PM** running through **May and June.** **Tim Jaques and Laureen Smith** will be leading on Monday nights. We're also hoping to build a small team to help host **Wednesday evenings.** If you're interested, please respond in **Church Center** or email laureeasmith@gmail.com or tjaques1@icloud.com. See you on the court for Season 4!

Westminster's Library-Please visit the library to see our "Mother's Day/Spring" display. While there, feel free to check out any books, DVDs, or study guides of interest. Please remember to check out all items taken from the library.

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

MAY – CANNED FRUIT

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

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March 2026

General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	(Unfav)	Fav/
Pledged Revenue	\$848,501	\$778,564		8.9%
Non-pledged giving	\$ 51,133	\$ 56,000		(8.6%)
Other Revenue	\$ 103,967	\$ 89,719		15.8%
Total Revenue	\$1,003,601	\$924,283		8.6%
Total Expenses	\$606,997	\$613,444		(1%)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$396,605	\$310,840		27.5%

Year-to-date revenue remains strong running 8.6% above budget, with giving exceeding expectations for the second consecutive month and first-quarter giving reaching 40.1% of the annual budget. This follows our historic pattern of giving with some members using QCDs or CGA to fulfill pledges early in the year.

Expenses are slightly under budget overall despite some timing-related overages in March. Additional revenue streams and program participation (especially youth retreats) are exceeding expectations. As a result, the church has generated a net surplus 27.5% ahead of budget, while continuing to monitor seasonal giving patterns.

Attendance –5/10/26 – Total (760)

9:00 am - In Person –267, Phone –3, Online –311 (581)

10:30am - In Person –77, Online --102 (179)

Offering Figures for 5/10/26 (including online giving)

General Fund-Sunday Svc/Mailed/Online	\$18,815.01
Per Capita	\$ 156.00
Pastor's Discretionary	\$ 200.00
Music Supply Fund	\$ 500.00
Total	\$19,671.01

Calendar for the Week of May 17, 2026

Sunday, May 17- Wills emphasis/ Legacy Sunday

- 8:15 A.M. Nursery care (109)
- 9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 A.M. Plant Swap (Portico)
- 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) / Young Children and Worship (Chapel)
- 11:30 A.M. Small Groups Check-in training (Spellman Jr.)
- 1:00 P.M. Church Center Group Leaders Workshop (Zoom)
- 4:00 P.M. Music of America Concert (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 P.M. Family Night: End of Year Picnic (Offsite)
- 4:00 P.M. Youth - Bridge Night and Color Clash (Church wide)

Monday, May 18

- 8:30 A.M. Safe Harbor Lunch Prep (Kitchen)
- 9:00 A.M. Thrift Shop workday until 3 PM
- 6:30 P.M. The Chosen Study (Chapel)
- 6:30 P.M. Pickleball (Back Parking Lot)
- 7:00 P.M. Preschool Board (Spellman Jr.)

Tuesday, May 19

- 7:30 A.M. "Morning Joe" Parent Support Group (407)
- 9:30 A.M. Small Group Women's Bible Study (414)
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3PM
- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting (Spellman Jr.)

Wednesday, May 20

- 9:10 A.M. Chapel Service (Chapel)
- 10:00 A.M. Thrift Shop open until 3PM
- 7:00 P.M. Worship Collective (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 P.M. Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr.)
- 7:00 P.M. The Chosen Study (Zoom only)

Thursday, May 21- Thrift Shop Closed

- 10:00 A.M. Tech Time (Zoom)
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts (outdoors)
- 7:00 P.M. Celebrate Recovery (online only)

Friday, May 22

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

Saturday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 24

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

9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 A.M. Kids Connect/ Wee Connect (Various Rooms)

10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) / Young Children and Worship (Chapel)

