

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Wills Emphasis Sunday
Presbyterian Heritage Sunday

May 17, 2026
10:30 A.M. Contemporary



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

10:30 A.M.

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

SONGS OF PRAISE *Hear the Sound* Jordan/Leonard/ Maher

God of mercy, full of grace
You are forever, always forever
Slow to anger, rich in love
You are forever, always forever
We hear your kingdom shout
And all your praises ring

*Refrain: So let the Heavens roar; echo across the ground
And as your people sing of your majesty
Lord hear the sound, Lord hear the sound
(Repeat from beginning)*

Everyone, everyone; Everyone, everyone
Everyone you forgive, you forgive
Everyone you restore, you restore
Everyone you redeem, you redeem, everyone (2x)
(Refrain)

Hosanna Paul Baloche/Brenton Brown

*Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you. We turn to you.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you. We long for you.*

*'Cause when we see you, we find strength to face the day.
In your presence, all our fears are washed away, washed away.*

Refrain: *Hosanna! Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Come have your way among us.
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.*

*Hear the sound of hearts returning to you. We turn to you.
In your kingdom, broken lives are renewed. You make us new.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SONG

Christ Is Lower Still

Jones, Bluett, Maher

Breathe in, reach out, touch the hem of your garment now
Help me, heal me, my mind, my body, and soul

Refrain: *Let the king descend, living word made flesh
Lift this heavy heart to your throne, O God
In your wounds I find room for all of mine,
when from grace I fell, Christ was lower still*

Humbly, lowly, Jesus waits in the valley
My savior suffers with me, with him I'll rise again

(Refrain 2x)

'Til the earth is new Christ is lower still

We lift it all up to you, Lord (repeat)

We lift our heads, we lift our hands, We lift it all up to you, Lord
We lift our dreams, we lift our plans, We lift it all up to you, Lord
We lift our sorrow and our pain, We lift it all up to you, Lord
We cast our cares on you again, We lift it all up to you, Lord(3x)

(Refrain 2x)

'Til the earth is new Christ is lower still

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM

Come with a Grateful Heart
Children's and Cherub Choirs

Bailey and Mayo

Come to God with a grateful heart,
ready to serve and ready to praise.

God made everything, all creatures great and small.
God loves everyone and God is Lord of all!
Come on, children!

God so loved the world, he sent his only son.
Jesus came to share God's love for everyone!
Come on, children!

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “*The Peace of Christ*”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Hymn of Heaven

Bill Johnson, Brian Johnson, Chris Davenport, Phil Wickham

How I long to breathe the air of heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me

And walk with him for all eternity.

Refrain: *There will be a day when all will bow before him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with he who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord*

And every prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When he returns to wipe away our tears. (*Refrain*)

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain, forever He shall reign.
(*Refrain*)

So let it be today, we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 2: 1-13

(Pew Bible pg. 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

SONG OF RESPONSE

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Fowler, Sooter, Maher

*Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart.*

Refrain: *Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned
Against us; forgive them*

*And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come. (Repeat from beginning)*

*It's yours, it's yours; all yours all yours
The kingdom the power, the glory are yours
It's yours, it's yours; all yours all yours
Forever and ever, the kingdom is yours. (Refrain)*

*On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart*

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Fowler, Sooter, Maher

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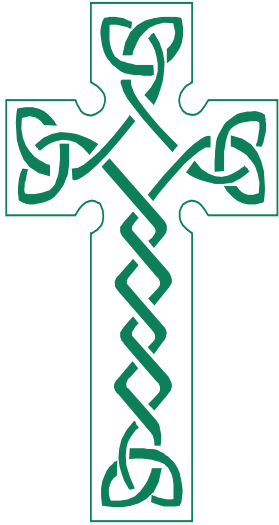
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The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

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

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.

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

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

WORSHIP BAND: Jon Frost, acoustic guitar; Noah Dzielawa, bass guitar; Tyler Lindblade, drums; Mark Beazley, keys; Becky Reid, piano; Lauren Coffey and Lisa Merrill, vocals

USHER: Chuck Lambing, Joan Cloutman

WELCOME DESK: Susan Zamrowski

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Ministers of Jesus Christ
Pastors
Parish Associate
Pastor Emeritus

All the Members of the Congregation
Eric Dorville, Jon Frost, Leah Hrachovec
Emily Chudy
Bob 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.

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

May 17, 2026



**Knowing Christ,
Making Christ Known**

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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 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.

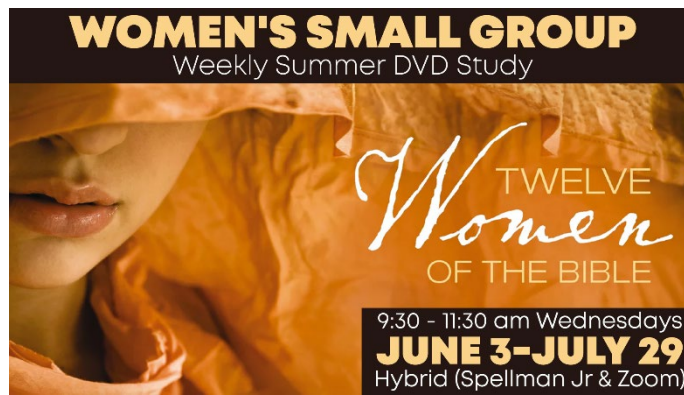


CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMP

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 Lauren 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 [**laureasmith@gmail.com**](mailto:laureasmith@gmail.com) or [**tjaques1@icloud.com**](mailto: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)