

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 1, 2026 |On Demand on YouTube|9a & 11:15a



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the despairing find hope, and the lost be found, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering and Preparing for **God's Word**

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minute for Gratitude

Zach Weaver

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

Bach

* Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

People: Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Leader: Jesus said: I am the light of the world.

People: Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

* Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, we have been a timid people.

We are skilled at calculating what is due to us, but are forgetful about the debt that we owe to others.

We fail to see our blind spots, we ignore opportunities for kindness, and we are lazy about loving those who live outside our circles.

Forgive us, Holy One.

Grant us eyes to see our neighbors as Christ sees them.

Make us generous when it comes to giving grace, and courageous when it comes to answering your call.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri, Hymn 581

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

11:15a Children in K5 - first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

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Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, *1 Corinthians 1:18-20, 25*

Second Scripture Lesson, *Matthew 5:13-16*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Standing Out"

Responding to **God's Word**

* Affirmation of Faith

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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

Offering

Offertory 9a *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* Spiritual, arr. Scott

Offertory 11:15a *Light of the World* Marrolli

* Doxology Hymn 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Houston

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude *Grand Chorus in F* Franck

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Stephanie Helwing (9a), *soloist*

Rosemary Hughes, *flute*

Jay Bloodworth (11:15a), *violin*

Jennifer McDavid (9a), Shelden Timmerman (11:15a), *scripture readers*

Aaron Cizon (9a), Brad Hawkins (11:15a), *head ushers*

Amy Hawkins, Kathryn Freedman, Blake Hoffman,

Jeff Reynolds, Betsy Raines (9a), *greeters*

Creighton Likes, Mary Mac Fairey, Walker Miller,

Tiffany Williams, Susan Robbins (11:15a), *greeters*

Berkeley Blumer, Manning Dailey (11:15a), *acolytes*

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WORSHIP NOTES

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through 4K. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment for children. The Nursery is located on the mezzanine level. The entrance is at Westminster Drive, at the columbarium or near the Westminster Weekday School offices. The Family Lounge, located down the stairs from the front office and straight down the hallway on the right, is available for any child caregiver and includes worship livestream, comfortable seating, and a changing table.

WORSHIP BAGS

Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make meaning in faith. Please return the zipper bag and its contents each Sunday.

WELCOME TO WPC!

Please fill out a name tag and find more information about WPC at the Welcome Table in the Atrium. First time visitors are also invited to take home a WPC mug.

CONNECT WITH WESTMINSTER

Looking for ways to be involved? Please complete a Connection Card from the Ritual of Friendship pad and place it in the offering plate to express interest or sign up for an opportunity.



Texts for vocal solos and choral music may be found online by scanning this QR code.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called the annual meeting of the congregation for this Sunday, February 1, immediately following the 11:15a worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the next class of elders and one trustee, to hear the report of the Finance Committee, and to vote on the 2026 terms of call for the pastoral staff. The elder nominees are the following: Christopher Carsten, Brooke Culclasure, Mason Donlan (class of 2028), Trey DuBose, Jason Farmer, Nancy Giguere, Ragan Kirven, Jennifer McDavid, Judy O'Neal (class of 2027), Josh Riley, Jennifer Shurley, Clay Smoak, Whit Walker, and Josie Williams. The nominee for trustee is Carl Muller.

LIFE AT WPC

PANCAKE LUNCH

The Men of Westminster will be serving a pancake lunch following 11:15a worship on February 8. RSVP on the website, and join us for an afternoon of fellowship and pancakes!

SPRING SERMON SERIES

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT: BUT I SAY TO YOU

This spring, we will explore the Sermon on the Mount, found in chapters 5-7 of Matthew. These three chapters contain some of Jesus' best-known teachings, such as the Beatitudes, and some of his most difficult teachings, such as his instruction about anger and loving one's enemies. To help you follow along, our scripture passages for the next three weeks are the following:

Feb 1: Matthew 5:13-16

Feb 8: Youth Sunday

Feb 15: Matthew 5:21-26

MAGI MARKET RECAP

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Magi Market a massive success. We provided gifts for 104 kids (48 families) as well as two truck loads full of gifts for Thomwell. Planning for 2026 is already underway and we are looking forward to another great Market.

We Remember in Prayer

Mike Martin and his family on the death of Mike's mother, Dottie Martin, on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and joining the church are invited to attend our New Member Class from 9-10:30a on Sunday, February 15. Those who attend the class are invited to become members and be introduced during the 11:15a worship service that same day or on a future new member Sunday. Childcare is available. Please contact Nick Carson (ncarson@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424 to learn more and RSVP.

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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

We are offering free blood pressure screenings the first Sunday of each month. Screenings will take place this Sunday, February 1, in the Friendship Court immediately following the 10a Sunday School hour. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact Emily Cole at ecole1217@gmail.com.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, February 3, at 6:30p in Room 212. Please note that this is a location change for February's meeting only. The book is *Leaving Edgefield: Carrie Butler's Story* by Carolyn Hooker, and Carolyn plans to attend the discussion. All are welcome to attend.

MEN OF WESTMINSTER

The Men of Westminster will be attending the Swamp Rabbits hockey game at 7p on Wednesday, February 11. To facilitate community, this will be box seating. Spots are limited to 18 men. The cost is \$35 and includes admission and snacks. Sign up online before Sunday, February 8.

CHERUB CHOIR

Registration is now open for Cherub Choir! Cherub Choir is a music opportunity for children in K4 and K5. Under the direction of WPC member Diana Dailey, children will learn a variety of musical skills culminating with a Spring Musical in April. Children in Cherubs will meet Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4p beginning February 11.

FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

Music is an important way to communicate with young children even before they are able to sing alone. First Steps in Music is an opportunity at Westminster that provides an important time for parents or grandparents to enjoy music with their child/grandchild. Led by Diana Dailey, the First Steps classes teach simple songs, games, and prayers for 2-and 3-year olds and adults to experience together. Classes begin Sunday, February 1, at 4:30p.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet in the Charter Room on Monday, February 16, at 7p. Ann Hicks will lead the discussion of a Kathleen Norris memoir, *Rebecca Sue*. All are welcome. Join us for an interesting evening.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

An estimated 124 million people will watch the Super Bowl every year. Imagine what we could do to help end hunger if each person just gave 1 dollar or 1 can. The youth will be collecting donations on Youth Sunday 2/8 during both services. Please consider bringing the following: canned mixed vegetables, hearty soups, individual tuna packets, canned chicken, saltine crackers, rice, apple juices, ramen noodles, peanut butter. Cash donations will also be accepted. Donations will be divided between United Ministries and the free pantries at Pleasant Valley Connection and WPC.

CHANCEL BELLS

Chancel Bells is a part-time handbell choir that rings periodically in worship at the 9a Sunday service. The next opportunity to ring will be Sunday, February 22 with rehearsals on Tuesdays, February 10 and 17 from 6-6:45p. Participants must commit to be present for both rehearsals. Prior handbell ringing experience is helpful but not required, but music-reading proficiency is a prerequisite. To take part, please e-mail Marlon Hurst, Director of Music, by Monday, February 2.

Our Vision:

Open minds open hearts.

Our Pillars:

Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy

Our Goals:

Connect
Serve
Grow

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 1-8, 2026

Sunday, February 1

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Confirmation Class Retreat

9:00a	Worship Service
10:00	Sunday School
10:55	Sunday Session Meeting
11:15	Worship Service
12:15p	Annual Congregational Meeting
2:00	Incoming Elder Training (1 of 3)
4:30	First Steps in Music
5:00	Youth Choir Rehearsals
6:00	Youth Dinner
6:30	Middlers Youth Group
	Senior High Youth Group

Monday, February 2

10:00a	Staff Meeting
5:30p	Stewardship Task Force Meeting
7:00	Game Group
8:00	Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, February 3

12:00p	Al-Anon
	Administrative Committee Meeting
6:30	Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, February 4

2:30p	It's Elementary
4:30	Junior & Senior Choristers
7:00	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 5

10:00a	Bible Study
8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, February 6

Festival by the Sea

Saturday, February 7

Festival by the Sea

Sunday, February 8

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

YOUTH SUNDAY

Festival by the Sea

9:00a	Worship Service
	Witness & Service Committee
	Meeting
10:00	Sunday School
10:55	Sunday Session Meeting
11:15	Worship Service
12:30p	Pancake Lunch hosted by Men of Westminster
2:00	Incoming Elder Training (2 of 3)
4:30	First Steps in Music

NO Evening WPCYG

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From the Pews, Jaime Satterfield

In today's scripture reading, Matthew 5:13-16 calls believers to be "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." These images feel especially relevant when raising children in today's loud and sometimes confusing culture. Salt preserves and adds flavor, and, in the same way, parents are called to help preserve truth, character, and faith in their children's hearts. In a world that constantly shifts its values, children need steady guidance and clear examples of kindness, integrity, and love. When parents live out these values consistently, they help their children develop a moral foundation that doesn't depend on trends, peer pressure, or social media approval.

Jesus' call to let our light shine is also a reminder that faith is meant to be visible, not hidden. This message resonates deeply with me as I remind myself to shine a light on my faith so that others can see Christ through me. My husband, Brad, and I practice this at home through prayer, forgiveness, and service, so that our kids learn that following Christ is not just something we say, but something we live. In a world filled with fear, division, and noise, children who are taught to reflect Christ's light can become sources of hope, clarity, and peace and point others toward God.

This calling is reinforced by the Golden Rule found later in the same chapter: "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." As I grow older, I realize this teaching isn't just for our children. Treating others with empathy, respect, and compassion is something we are all called to embody as followers of Christ. When parents model this way of living, children learn that shining God's light often begins with simple, everyday choices to love others well. I would even argue that when we treat other adults this way, it leaves a lasting impression and is how others experience Christ through us. I cannot imagine a more pertinent time where we should all be exercising the Golden Rule with our neighbors across all communities, as we try our best to glorify God in our everyday lives.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 8-12, 2026

FOR RISING KINDERGARTENERS - RISING 5TH GRADERS

MORE INFORMATION & SIGN UPS COMING SOON!

Adult Sunday School

Books We Never Read: The Epistle of James. Straw or a Way of Life? Led by Leigh Stuckey - 2/1 & 2/8 Room 209 and Streaming

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Discussion Sunday School Class:

Led by Caroline Clark (2/1)
Room 211

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