

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Lancaster, Pennsylvania



WE EXIST TO:

GLORIFY and enjoy the living God by striving for worship that is pleasing to Him.

NURTURE believers of all ages to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ: rooted in the doctrines of Scripture, zealous in prayer, holy in character, and committed to one another.

PROCLAIM good news of faith in Christ by words of witness and deeds of mercy, in Lancaster County and to all nations of the earth.

January 29, 2012

8:10 & 11:00 AM

As you enter, begin to worship quietly.

Please turn off your cell phone.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION: Ephesians 3:17–19 (ESV Pew Bible Page 482)

...that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

PRELUDE: Prelude on *St. Flavian* (Hymn 589) –Willan

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP: * *Doxology* (Hymn 731)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION (8:10) Mr. De Bruin, (11:00) Dr. Light

HYMN 38 *..... *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

CONFESSION OF SIN * (Led by the Pastor)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: * Ephesians 3:20–21

CONFESSION OF FAITH: * *The Apostles' Creed* (Inside Front of Hymnal)

SONG OF PRAISE * Hymn 310, Stanza 2, *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

**Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our
stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice
again I say, rejoice!**

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION (*) OF OFFICERS (11:00)

RULING ELDER: Jeb Bland*, Stephen Gentino, Wayland Gillingham, Gary Martin*, James Ressler, Rob Spykstra*, and Todd Williams*.

DEACON: John Davies*, David Enzman*, Mark Espenshade*, Robert Heisey*, Andrew Keiser* (2 years) and Richard Meredith.

DEACONESS: Charlene Bomberger, Joanne Ferguson, Jean Harvey, Lois Holm, Becky Irvine, Helen Menges and Theresa Wenger.

INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY (8:10) *Thee Will I Love* –Scheffler/Courtney
Peter Achor, Tenor

OFFERTORY (11:00) *Speak, Lord, in the Stillness* –Schwoebel
Senior Choir

HYMN 355 * *We Are God's People*
(11:00) Aged 4 through kindergarten recess to Room 119 for Children's Worship

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 20:17–32 (Pew Bible Page 875)

SERMON: **To the Elders Among Us** Dr. Rogers

HYMN 348, Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 * *Jesus, With Thy Church Abide*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *

POSTLUDE: *Lead On, O King Eternal* (Hymn 580) –McConnell

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

At the Morning Worship Services...

Please complete the white VISITOR card in the pew for first-time visitors. Hereafter, with the rest of the congregation, complete a blue slip *each week* you worship with us. This will help us with our ministry to you.

Greeters at 8:10 AM: Sue & Bob Peters and Donna & Brian Young. Greeters at 11 AM: Elaine & Al Caccipouti and Flo & Walt Lee.

Sanctuary flowers are contributed by Mrs. Alice Haverstick in memory of her husband, H. Lester Haverstick; and by Charles & Grace Sload in memory of loved ones. Ruth Buch (733.6051) handles flower contributions. Call her concerning openings in 2012.

Treasure God's Truth in Your Heart 2012

Congregation is encouraged to join the youth ministry in memorizing a verse from God's Word each week this year. This week's verse is I John 4:19–21 (ESV). Copies of the list for the entire year are available at the registration counter across from the coat racks. If you would like to receive the weekly verse by email, contact Anna Slothower.

Music

Westminster Music presents organist and director of music Patricia Bleecker in an organ recital on Friday, February 24 at 7 PM. Pat will present an evening of some of her favorite pieces as she gives thanks for the privilege of being an organist for 50 years. Included will be pieces representing seasons of the church year as well as other aspects of fulfilling the role of a church organist. Invite a friend to join you for this evening of organ music.

Missions & Me

Missions & Me (M&M) books are available today in Sunday School rooms for K–Grade 6.

January 29, 2012

6:30 PM

PRELUDE: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* (Hymn 645) –Smith
Jesus, Lover of My Soul/O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus –Courtney
(Hymns 508 and 535)
Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Hymn 509) –Boud
Darwin Beale, Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 116 * *For the Beauty of the Earth*

INVOCATION *

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN SING

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 104 (Pew Bible Pages 502)

SERMON:

Maker of Heaven and Earth
Part 3 in a Series on *The Apostle's Creed*

Mr. York

HYMN 111 * *This Is My Father's World*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *

For most Sunday evening offerings, we will simply have a plate available on a stand at the back as you exit. Please include a blue attendance slip if you were not here in the morning.

Wednesday Ministries

During weather-related circumstances, alerts are posted on our website: www.westpca.com. The meal may be cancelled even when activities are not.

Connect with your church family Wednesday nights! There is a dinner and ministries for all ages. For times, see the calendar section of your church bulletin and join us!

A complete meal is offered Wednesdays, 5–6:45 PM. Cost is \$5 a person, aged 6 and older; maximum \$12 each household. **KEEP OUR COSTS DOWN; GIVE AN EXACT COUNT.** Tell us on your blue slip today, or call or email the office **BY NOON MONDAY** with the number of reservations or cancellations. This week's entrée is chicken and wild rice soup. A gluten-free meal is provided **only with a weekly request** on your blue slip.

Open to all, The Church at Prayer meets 7–7:45 PM in Room 126, led by pastors.

Hymnal Project

You may have noticed that the old, rather worn, red hymnals have been covered with green paper and vinyl covers. We purchased the red hymnals in 1991. They were still in decent condition when we moved to the present sanctuary, and so we only had to purchase green hymnals for the increased seating. Since then we have had two very nice gifts which have allowed us to replace some of the most worn red hymnals. More recently, we were faced with either finding more than \$6,000 in the budget to replace 400 red ones, or do something of an interim solution. Worship Committee chose the latter. Since December 2, a team of four women have spent many hours recovering 500 hymnals. Our thanks are extended to them. We did keep the nicest red hymnals on the racks under the front row of the balcony because the vinyl cover edges would have caught on clothing.

Women's Ministry

54:5 Fellowship (widows of any age) will meet this Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 PM in Room 116. All widows welcomed. Contact Marlene Varner (569.2282) if you have questions or for more information.

Covenant Baptism

Baptism for the children of members at Westminster Church is held at the convenience of parents—at either morning service. A baptism is scheduled February 26, 11 AM. Contact the church office when you wish to schedule baptism for your child. Email or call Betsy Graver 569.2151. Tell us if you have interest in February 26 or another date.

Short-Term Missions

Applications for Yakama (July 14–28) and Fairmont (July 21–28) are due TODAY. A flier with information on all of Westminster Church's 2012 short-term mission trips is available at the kiosk. Consider how you might be involved!

An informational meeting for all short-term applicants and for those who feel God tugging at their heart to participate in a trip will be held at 5 PM TODAY, in the Reformation room. Please plan to attend.

Clothing Collection

Space is provided for a clothing collection today, (always the last Sunday each month). Water Street Ministries will pick up your gently used, clean clothes at the designated area outside Room 148 Thursday AM, February 2. There is a four-day window for you to donate. **DONATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED ANY OTHER TIME.** We have a weekly ministry at Water Street Ministries each Tuesday 5–7 PM and Thursday, 9 AM–4 PM. Volunteer! Contact Connie O'Connor (661.7550) or Shelley Armstrong (393.1231).

Missions & Outreach

Get to know our missionaries! MANY host families are needed this year during our Missions Conference, February 29–March 4. Whether for a one-night stay or accommodations for the entire conference, your hospitality will be greatly appreciated. Host homes have not been forthcoming. Indicate interest on your blue slip or contact Sara Lichtenwalner (569.2151) or email her.

Home Fellowship leaders should turn in their request for a missionary speaker in homes during the Missions Conference to Jen Barrall by TODAY.

Men's Missionary Prayer Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 11, 7:30 AM, Room 137 (off the gym). Keith Mayer, director of American Home Life, will share the mission of AHL, a ministry to foreign exchange students. Cost is \$3 at the door, but so we know how to prepare, tell us on your blue slip today that you will attend or call Bud Gray (355.6632).

Youth Ministry

Youth Breakaway is February 17–20 at Streamside Camp, Stroudsburg, PA. Junior and senior high youth will have plenty of opportunities to make new friends, strengthen friendships and have great fun. Brochures are online. Final deadline is TODAY.

Care Packages

It's Care Package Time! Bring individually-wrapped baked goods to the church kitchen, clearly labeled "care packages," by Wednesday, February 8. Care packages for out-of-town college students and military personnel will be assembled by the Young Adults group at the Thudium home on the evening of Friday, February 10. Contact Pastor York with any questions.

Play Ball!

Men (16 & older)! Westminster Church once had a long-standing softball team. Help revive it by suiting up for a church league. Team begins mid-April. All experienced levels welcomed—must be at least 16 years old. Season costs approximately \$70/person. Express interest to Matt Waller (519.9211).

Church Library

Our church librarian is looking for volunteers Wednesday mornings. Learn to cover books with laminate, repair books and assist with other detailed tasks. If interested, please tell us on your blue slip, contact Laura Stackhouse or email the library.

Church Directory

Your updated church directory is available at the welcome center in the gathering space today and next Sunday or obtain one from the office during regular office hours. If you wish to be published in our directory of members and friends, please give your name and phone number and ask for a copy; you will be included in the next issue. We appreciate corrections/additions to our directory. Tell us on your blue slip or call 569.2151. Note: As promised, your email address is kept confidential by the church staff. We appreciate having email addresses for office and pastoral staff use.

Postage Increase

Help us save the Lord's money! You will continue to receive a bulletin in the mail when you are absent unless you tell us you agree to read it online (available by Friday AM before Sunday).

Connections for Visitors

Attention Visitors! *Connections: A Path to Friendship and Church Life* class will be held February 5 & 12. This two-week session is offered for visitors and those who desire an informative introduction to the life and ministry of Westminster Church—without obligation. Held the first and second Sundays of each month, "Connections" is located in Room 116 (front hallway), 9:30–10:30 AM. Hear a brief presentation of what we believe, our purpose and mission. Meet church leaders, learn about our various classes and activities, and receive a guided ministry and facilities tour. Plan to attend!

Lost and Found

Look for your lost items at the cupboard to the left of the Food Bank in the front hallway. You will be contacted if your lost Bible contains your name. *Please, take time now to write your name in your Bible.* After three months, unclaimed clothing and Bibles will be donated

to charity. If you find an object left behind on church property, you are morally obligated to place that object in the lost and found cupboard. Items of value are then locked in the church office. Call 569.2151 to claim your lost jewelry, keys, phone, etc.

Parking

At all times, please do not park anywhere along the front driveway. This is a Manheim Township regulation fire lane, and we need to comply in case of an emergency.

Weather-Related Service Cancellations

We prefer not to cancel, but we do consider the safety of our people. We rarely cancel anything the night before. Sunday morning cancellation messages will be **posted by 6:45 (not earlier) in these three places**: church phone message, 569.2151; www.westpca.com; and cancellation list on radio, WDAC 94.5, FM. Note that even if we do cancel 8:10 AM Service and Sunday School, we will try to hold an 11 AM Service, if conditions allow.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, January 29

5:00 PM Informational Meeting for short-term missions, Reformation room (148)

6:30 PM **Worship** (York), nursery (111)

Monday, January 30, **2/1 DINNER RESERVATIONS/CANCELLATIONS BY NOON**

6:45 PM Adult Volleyball in the activity area

Tuesday, January 31

9:15 AM Women's Bible Study (9:00 coffee) meets in their classrooms, nursery

6:30 PM 54:5 Fellowship (widows of all ages) meets in Room 116

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study on Romans meets in Room 103 *All men welcomed!*

5:00 PM Dinner served until 6:30 PM (RSVP by noon, Monday, January 30)

5:30 PM Primary (210) and Junior (216) choir rehearsals

6:00 PM Matins Choir rehearsal in Room 203

6:15 PM Men's Bible Study/Fellowship in LL1 *All men welcomed!*

6:30 PM Kids Quest Catechism Club for children aged 4–preK, Room 125

6:30 PM Scooters Club for children in kindergarten, Room 120

6:30 PM Pioneer Boys Grades 1–2, Rooms 118–119/Grades 3–6, activity room

6:30 PM GEMS 1: Girls Club Grades 1–3 in Room 121

6:30 PM GEMS 2: Girls Club Grades 4–6 in Room 213

6:30 PM Junior & Senior High Youth Groups meet in LL9

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study in Rooms 103 & 124

6:30 PM Community Houses of Prayer (CHOP) evangelism training in LL3

7:00 PM **The Church at Prayer** in Room 126 until 7:45 PM

7:30 PM Senior Choir rehearsal in Room 203

Thursday, February 2

6:15 PM Jubilate Ringers rehearsal in Room 203

7:15 PM Westminster Ringers rehearsal in Room 203

7:30 PM Men's Basketball in the gym

Sunday, February 5

8:10 AM **Worship w/Communion** (Rogers), nursery (109, 110, 111)

9:30 AM Connections Class for visitors and others in Room 116 (front hallway)

9:30 AM Sunday School classes for all ages, nursery (109, 111)

11:00 AM **Worship w/Communion** (Rogers), nursery (109, 110, 111, 121)

6:30 PM **Worship** (De Bruin), nursery (111)

- Wednesday, February 22, Lenten Series begins in the sanctuary
- Friday, February 24, 7 PM, *Westminster Music*: Patricia Bleecker Organ Recital
- Wednesday, February 29–March 4, Missions Conference

Missions Family of Westminster Church

Save this list for a handy reminder to pray regularly for missionaries and mission works.

Mr. & Mrs. Dave (Deb) Almack—CLC Ministries, Philadelphia
Rev. & Mrs. Stanley (Donna) Armes—MTW South Africa
Mr. & Mrs. Keith (Carol) Baum—SEND International, Michigan
Mr. & Mrs. Leon (Robin) Beachy—in Transition
Dr. & Mrs. Stephen (Susan) Beck—Greater Europe Mission, Germany
Dr. & Mrs. Ron (Francine) Bergey—MTW France
Mr. & Mrs. Gene (LuAnn) Bowman—MTW USA/Mexico Border
Mr. & Mrs. Stuart (Beth) Bullington—International Students Inc., PA
Rev. & Mrs. David (Barbara) Cross—MTW in Transition
Dr. & Mrs. Mark (Teresa) Deckard—in Transition
Miss Cheryl Erb—MTW Atlanta
Rev. & Mrs. Bruce (Linda) Farrant—MNA First Nations, USA
Mrs. Glenn (Helen) Fearnow—Retired, MTW
Miss Fay Goddard—Retired, Overseas Missionary Fellowship
Rev. & Mrs. Gerry (Ruthie) Gutierrez—MTW Peru
Rev. & Mrs. David (Lisa) Henry—MNA & CEF, Easton, PA
Rev. & Mrs. Rick (Clare) Hivner—U.S. Center for World Mission, USA
Rev. & Mrs. John (Inez) Hunt—Retired, MTW
Rev. & Mrs. Rob (Jenny) Ilderton—Reformed University Fellowship, Millersville
Mr. & Mrs. Matt (Jenn) Irvine—World Harvest Mission, England
Rev. & Mrs. Stephen (Charity) Jones—World Harvest Mission, Spain
Rev. & Mrs. Ken (Tammie) Matlack—MTW Germany
Rev. & Mrs. Dan (Janet) McBride—MTW in Transition
Miss Linda McInturff—Retired, Bible Visuals
Rev. & Mrs. Stan (Terry) Morton—New City Fellowship, Lancaster, PA
Dr. & Mrs. Walt (Lisa) Mueller—Center for Parent/Youth Understanding, Lancaster, PA
Rev. & Mrs. Mark (Marti) Mylin—Greater Europe Mission, France
Dr. & Mrs. Robert (Clara) Rapp—WBWM, USA/Eastern Europe
Rev. & Mrs. Stephen (Berenice) Rarig—MTW Australia
Rev. & Mrs. Mel (Cindy) Sensenig—Christ Presbyterian Church, Reading, PA
Rev. & Mrs. Ward (Debbie) Shope—Harvest USA, Philadelphia, PA
Dr. & Mrs. Arthur (Ursula) Spooner—MTW Austria
Rev. & Mrs. S. I. (Michelle) Suh—MNA Chaplain Ministries at Ft. Drum (Army)
Rev. & Mrs. Mark (Linda) Tedford—Chaplain at Brethren Village, Lancaster
Rev. & Mrs. David (Rachel) Vos—Pioneers, France
Rev. & Mrs. Alex (Becki) Watlington—Reformed University Fellowship, Penn State
Rev. & Mrs. Gary (Lois) Watanabe—MTW New York City
Rev. & Mrs. Hugh (Martine) Wessel—MTW France
Rev. & Mrs. Tim (Barbara) Yates—Friends of CRTS, Taiwan
Rev. & Mrs. Bruce (Susan) Young—MTW Japan and USA
Dr. & Mrs. Anees (Fareda) Zaka—Church Without Walls, Philadelphia
Rev. & Mrs. J. G. (Daryl) Zoellner—MNA Canada

Pray for missionaries working in fields where great sensitivity is required. They cannot be listed here.

American Home Life International
Bethany Christian Services
Bhogpur Children's Home, India
Child Evangelism Fellowship
Christ's Home, Paradise
Christians Announcing Israel's Messiah (CHAIM)
Covenant College
Covenant Theological Seminary
Harvest USA
Károlyi Gáspár Institute of Theology
and Missions, Hungary

Kibera Reformed Church, Kenya
Center for Community Peacemaking
PCA Christian Education & Publications
PCA Committee on Administration
PCA Mission to North America
PCA MNA Chaplain Ministry
PCA Mission to the World
Susquehanna Valley Presbytery
Water Street Rescue Mission, Lancaster city
Westminster Theological Seminary, Phila.