



First Westminster Presbyterian Church
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 10:45AM Rev. Jason Elliott February 22, 2026

Building relationships and connecting with others is important to us! We want to stay connected with those who virtually stay connected with us and also those who we see on a regular basis! If you could please scan the QR code above and complete the quick form, it would greatly help us as we update our contact information. Even if you believe we may have your information, please complete as we are cross checking what we have in Power Church. We thank you for all of your time, commitment, and support to First West!

We are so excited to share that we are now streaming our 10:45AM service in multiple locations of the church. For those of you with little ones, you can always catch the service LIVE on the television in the nursery located on the first floor. Also, the service is LIVE in the fellowship hall downstairs on the big screen. Also, our youth leaders have access to the service on a television in our Christian Education wing upstairs.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 46:1

HYMN “Hear the Good News of Salvation” See insert/#355

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Loving God, we humbly ask for your forgiveness. Open our eyes and soften our hearts that we may faithfully serve you as we should. Fill us with the gift of love that we may love others.

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: RESPONSE: Friends, believe the Good News in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SPECIAL MUSIC Evan Conn

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional) 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

SERMON "Shelter from the Storm" Rev. Elliott

***BENEDICTION/DISMISSAL**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeters this morning: Easton Stacey & Family and Gail Saner

Chancel Flowers Today Our vases this morning are in loving memory of Frank (Rusty) Hostina by his family.

Mission Cans- This week our mission cans will go to Our Place Senior Center.

Yarn Group Our group of knitters and crocheters meet the last Monday of the month from 10 am – Noon. We hope you'll join us Feb. 23rd!

Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study begins at 10 am in the Church Café.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Bible Study for men and women is from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Church Café.

Easter Candy Collection for our Eleanor Naylor Easter Spectacular We have lots of plastic eggs to stuff this year. We just need candy to fill the eggs. If you wish to donate, please have the candy here by Sunday, March 22. Everyone is invited to join us in stuffing the eggs here Monday, March 23. **The Spectacular and our Children's Cantata will be held Palm Sunday, March 29th.**

New Member Classes Spring 2026 will be held March 1, 8, and 15 from 9:30-10:15 am in the (GAR) fellowship hall. Classes will inform new members on the history, mission and ministry of First West. We'll enjoy good food (breakfast will be available), great fellowship and lots of opportunities to grow. We look forward to welcoming you and your family—please bring your kids! RSVP by calling the church 740-282-4591.

Confirmation Class We're so excited to offer a confirmation class for our youth in the church and community. The confirmation class is open for children grades 6 and above, and will teach the key tenants of the Christian faith and encourage them to continue to follow Jesus. Some kids were baptized as babies, and others have not been baptized yet—we welcome all to come, learn and have fun as we celebrate our faith. The classes run for three Sundays right after church: March 1, 8, & 15. The youth will work on a personal statement of faith and share their statement with the congregation on March 29 during the worship service and become a member of the church. Youth who want to be baptized can receive the sacrament on that same Sunday. Please RSVP to church 740-282-4591.

Per Capita – The Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery has set per capita a \$35 for 2026. Per capita is used to defray expenses of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the PC (USA). Please use the special envelope from your contribution box or designate your check for "per capita." Thank you.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week *Birthdays:* Katie Mills (2/22), Jessica Chipps (2/24), Kaci Herrington (2/24), M.J. Burkett (2/25), Harold Hanlon (2/26), Jake Taylor (2/26), Darlene Baker (2/27), Debra Buchmelter (2/28) and Tom Peterson (2/28).

Love God. Love Others.