

**First Westminster Presbyterian Church**

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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.

To give to First Westminster online,  
scan this QR code or go to  
[easytithe.com/firstwest](http://easytithe.com/firstwest)



The Church service is archived to our website

[www.firstwestminster.org](http://www.firstwestminster.org) under the “watch” tab.

Stay connected with us on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram!

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Philippians 4:13

Johnnie Ray Lester

**\*HYMN**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

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**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:** Friends, believe the Good News  
**RESPONSE:** in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**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: Jeremiah 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? <sup>10</sup>I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

**SERMON** “Choose Wisely” Rev. Jason Elliott

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Erik Lucas

**\*BENEDICTION/ DISMISSAL**

*Love God Love Others*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S GREETERS:** The Yourkovich Family & The Ramsey Family

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** this morning are in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank & Peg Dimit by The Ranallo & Dimit Family.

**MISSION CANS-** This week's mission cans will go to Church Youth Groups. Thank you so much for your support of our missions.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES** Two Bible Studies are held here on Wednesdays in The Café. Men's study begins at 10 am. Bible Study for men and women is from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. We hope you will join us.

**EDGE JR. GOLF ACADEMY AT FIRST WEST – AGE 6 – GRADE 4** Register is open until February 28<sup>th</sup> by calling the church at 740-282-4591. 5 weeks of instruction. One session a week. Learn fundamentals of the game of golf on a state of the art simulator. \$50. per child.

**YARN GROUP** Our group of knitters and crocheters will meet Monday, February 24 at 10am in the Fireside Room. We'd love to have you join us.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR SPRING NEW MEMBERS CLASS** For those interested in becoming members of First Westminster Presbyterian Church, our new members classes will be held in the fellowship room at 9:15am March 16, March 23 & March 30. Light breakfast is provided. Please let Jason know if you are interested or if you have any questions.

**EASTER SEASON IS APPROACHING** We are collecting plastic eggs and candy to stuff in the eggs for our Eleanor Naylor Easter Spectacular on Palm Sunday, March 13, after the Children's Cantata. A donation box will be in the sanctuary.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK - Birthdays:** Bobby Ellis (2/16), Sharon Carroll (2/17), Cathy Presley (2/17), Robert Cook, Jr. (2/18), Jacob Hudson, (2/18), Alan Bozich (2/19), Christina Rusnak (2/19), Becca Boring (2/20), Christopher Nemeth (2/20), Paige Teramana (2/20), Ginny Zoric (2/20), Shirley Bray (2/21), Katie Mills (2/22) and Alysha Watson (2/22).