



First Westminster Presbyterian Church
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 10:45AM Rev. Jason Elliott December 8, 2024

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
easytithethe.com/firstwest*



**The Church service is archived to our website
www.firstwestminster.org under the “watch” tab.
 Stay connected with us on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram!**

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

2nd SUNDAY ADVENT READING/CANDLE LIGHTING Filtz Family

HYMN “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” See insert/#22

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.

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 19:14

¹⁴ But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Directed by Glory Dami

***BENEDICTION/ DISMISSAL**

*** A great big thank you to Miss Glory Dami and the entire Christian Education team for all the help with the 2024 Christmas Cantata! And a huge thank you to all of our youth, and their parents, for all of your hard work and dedication on presenting a spectacular Cantata! ***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S GREETERS: Pete & Jona Parikakis and Todd, Adele & Tessa Filtz

DAILY READING ADVENT BOOKLETS "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" by Henri J.M. Nouwen are available on the tables near both entrances.

CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are in loving memory of all of our Loved Ones who have passed. If you would like to sponsor flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the office for available dates. Flowers are \$25 a vase.

MISSION CANS- This week's mission cans will go to Emergency Mission.

CANTATA & ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held today! The youth will present the Cantata during worship service. After church we'll all go downstairs for our Christmas Party. Lunch and beverages will be provided.

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF OUR LOVED ONES If you would like to order, please have forms in to the offering plate by today, Dec. 8th. A list will be included in the Dec. 24th bulletin. The poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary on Christmas Eve. You may take your poinsettias after the service.

13th ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY Sunday, December 8th at Starkdale Presbyterian Church (4600 Sunset Boulevard Wintersville). Presentations repeat at 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 & 7:30pm. This is an indoor/outdoor production and is free of charge.

SESSION will meet here in the Café Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

THE OHIO VALLEY CHORALE will present a "Christmas Traditions" here next Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 pm. The concert is free and open to the public. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. A free-will offering will be collected.

CANDLE LIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE We hope you will join us Tuesday, December 24th, at 7:00 pm for our Christmas Eve Service.

THANK YOU EVERYONE! Operation Christmas Child was another First West success! Thank you to all – whether you filled a box, made a donation or shared your prayers for the children, the volunteers, or for Samaritan's Purse. This year over 120 boxes were filled, an increase of some 20% from last year. Ours is a very generous congregation in this and the number of ways that we help others in the name of Christ Jesus. God bless you all!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK - Birthdays: Lori Fetherolf (12/7), Kylee Johns (12/7), Dominic DiCarlo (12/8), Samantha Cline (12/9), Jon Renforth (12/9), Chelsey Evans (12/10), Camden Timmons (12/10), Tessa Filtz (12/12), Jaimie Taylor (12/14) and Glenn Wood (12/14).

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