



First Westminster Presbyterian Church
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 10:45AM Rev. Jason Elliott March 9, 2025

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

Love God Love Others

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Proverbs 3:5-6 Brock Bauman

***HYMN** “Seek Ye First” see insert/#333

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.

BAPTISMS

SPECIAL MUSIC “Blessings” Lydia Battistel

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: Luke 4:1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished.

³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

SERMON "Mercies in Disguise" Rev. Jason Elliott

*BENEDICTION/ DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING GREETERS: The Schrader Family and Glory Dami & Vicki Taylor

CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are given in loving memory of Joe Buchmelter by Debbie Buchmelter. Flowers are also given in loving memory of Victoria Porter by Joe Porter and in loving memory of Joseph & Helen Porter by Joe Porter.

MISSION CANS- This week will go to Emergency Mission. Cans on 2/23 received \$325 for Soles4Christ and cans on 3/2 received \$310 for Pastor's Discretionary.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING If you would like to participate in our world-wide mission you may get more info and offering envelopes on the table at the front of church near the lollipop cross.

SESSION will meet here Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:30pm in the Café.

HELEN MARTIN BIBLE STUDY/PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet here, in the Fireside Room Thursday, March 13th at 12:30 pm. You are welcome to join us!

EASTER CANTATA & ELEANOR NAYLOR EASTER SPECTACULAR will be held Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. The children will present the Cantata at worship service and the Spectacular will follow worship in the fellowship hall (GAR). Everyone is invited to join us for the Spectacular! Delicious food for all! Toys, games & prizes for all kids! And a special visitor may hop by!

YOUTH PRACTICE for our Easter Cantata begins next Sunday, March 16th.

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA PLANNING MEETING will be held immediately after worship service next Sunday, March 16th. We hope many helpers can attend.

PLASTIC EGGS & WRAPPED CANDY NEEDED We are collecting these for our Eleanor Naylor Easter Spectacular on Palm Sunday, April 13, after the Children's Cantata. A donation box is in the sanctuary.

SPRING NEW MEMBER'S 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. Breakfast is provided. Let Jason know if you are interested or if you have any questions.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES Men's bible study begins at 10 am in the Café. Bible Study for men and women is from 7-8 pm. We hope you will join us.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK - Birthdays: Craig Smogor (3/9), Reece Colflesh (3/11), Jeff Lynch (3/11) and Scott Rusnak (3/13).