



First Westminster Presbyterian Church
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 10:45AM Rev. Jason Elliott March 1, 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 John 3:17 Carmine Tarquinio

HYMN “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” See insert/#498

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.

BAPTISMS of Jillie James Glenn and Brock Michael Bednar

SPECIAL MUSIC “Oceans” Kayla Renner

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: John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON

"Born to Believe"

Rev. Elliott

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION/DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers vases this morning are in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Dale LaRue by Mary LaRue Barnes and in loving memory of Frank (Rusty) Hostina by Family.

Mission Cans- This week our mission cans will go to Pastor's Discretionary.

BAPTISMS This morning Rev. Elliott will baptize Jillie James Glenn who was born Dec. 27, 2025 to Jensine & Blaze Glenn. Her maternal grandparents are Dora & John Foley and Jillie's paternal grandparents are Lynda & Larry Glenn. Jillie has a big brother, Jett. Rev. Elliott will also baptize Brock Michael Bednar who was born January 30, 2026 to Shannon & Mickey Bednar. Brock's maternal grandparents are Dora & John Foley and his paternal grandparents are Mike & Tammy Bednar. Brock has a big sister, Brynn.

Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study begins at 10 am in the Church Café.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study for men and women is from 7–8pm in the 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 8 & 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!

Confirmation Class is open for grades 6 & 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. Classes are Sundays **after church on March 1, 8 & 15**. Youth will work on a personal statement of faith and share their statement with the congregation on March 29th service and become a member of the church. Youth who want to be baptized can receive the sacrament on that same day.

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: Donnie Harris (3/1), Beth Ann Williams (3/1), Susan Allen (3/1), Cody Allsion (3/2), Jane Corrigan (3/3), Hadley Schrader (3/5) and Starr Vanchev (3/6).

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