



First Westminster Presbyterian Church
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 10:45AM Rev. Jason Elliott November 24, 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 and Instagram!

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 25:5 Bristol Zalesny

HYMN “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” See insert/#551

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: John 18:33-37

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

SERMON "Stretch for the Truth" Rev. Jason Elliott

SPECIAL MUSIC Erik Lucas

***BENEDICTION/ DISMISSAL**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S GREETERS: The Cope Family and The Ryals Family

CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are in loving memory of Andrew "Sonny" Kerr by His Family and in loving honor of my parents, Chuck and Darlene Baker, by Todd Baker.

MISSION CANS- This week's mission cans will go to Soles4Christ.

HANGING OF THE GREENS Please join us after church service today as we decorate the church for the blessed Christmas season.

OUR MARION WINTRINGER MITTEN TREE is up in the sanctuary collecting hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks for Steubenville School's "Stuff the Bus," program for area students in need. Thank you so much!

YARN GROUP Our group of knitters and crocheters will meet here in the Fireside Room Monday, Nov. 25th from 10am – Noon.

"SOUPER SUNDAY" Next Sunday, Dec. 1 all youth will be meeting in the GAR for a "Souper Sunday." The children will eat lunch and then make jars of soup for people in our community to have a warm meal. Spreading God's love one jar of soup at a time! Please RSVP to Cherie Ramsey or Lynn Meyer by Nov. 30th.

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF OUR LOVED ONES Forms for poinsettias are inserts in today's bulletin. If you would like to order, please have forms in to the offering plate or church office by Dec. 8th. A list will be included in the Dec. 24th bulletin. You may take your poinsettias after 12/24 Service.

FIRST WEST 2024 CHRISTMAS CANTATA & ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held Sunday, Dec. 8th. The youth have been preparing and will present the Cantata during worship service. After church we'll all go downstairs for our Christmas Party. Lunch and beverages will be provided. We ask for you for to bring cupcakes or cookies to share for dessert.

FIRST WEST IS EXCITED TO PRESENT A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE HISTORIC FORT STEUBEN THIS YEAR! Several congregation members constructed a 12 foot, three-tiered Christmas Pyramid with the Nativity scene. This is a one-of-a-kind, artisan designed piece meant to reflect the light of Jesus Christ in the community.

We hope you will consider donating to offset the material construction of the project. A donation box is located in the front of the church near a small replica of the Christmas Pyramid or donations can be mailed to the church. We hope you and your family have a chance to enjoy the Christmas Pyramid at the Fort.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK - *Anniversaries:* Charles & Darlene Baker (11/28). *Birthdays:* Grayson Buczynski (11/26), Maelynn Lester (11/27), Joshua Brown (11/28), Hayden Taylor (11/29), Feran Lovano (11/30) and Niko Nemeth (11/30).

Love God Love Others