November 29, 2026

Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



In the Wilderness Prepare the Way by JESUS MAFA

Worship With Us!

1st Sunday of Advent

Scripture
Mark 1:1-8
Genesis 18:1-8

Sermon
Making Room in the Wilderness
The Rev. Julie Emery

Bulletin

9:00 a.m. "Our Front Porch" Gathering
Fellowship and Discussion Group in the Covenant Room

10:00 a.m. Sunday Hybrid Worship Link

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 3301 6989
Please note that our worship service is recorded and posted online.

Any questions, contact Becky Kimberly in the office at office@westpresby.org.



In this e-newsletter, you'll find details about:

Westminster News and Events

- *Help Trim Our Christmas Tree After Worship This Sunday*
- *Christmas Ornament Gift Crafting, December 6 After Worship*
- *All Welcome for Christmas Caroling, December 13 at Noon*
- *Donate Angel Gifts for Children in Need*
- *Join the Christmas Eve Choir!*
- *Sign-up to Host Coffee Hour*
- *Report From Session*
- *Let's Make Something Beautiful Stewardship Campaign*

Prayers for Our Community and Our World

Westminster News and Events



Hearts & Hands

Crafting Care for Westminster Friends

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT GIFT CRAFTING

Sunday, December 6

After Worship





Help create gifts of ornaments for our @Home-Worshippers which will be delivered by our Care Team. Materials and instructions provided! All ages welcome! Come with your creative spirit and giving heart.
Please contact Linda Geisler if you have questions. 860-305-8902 or Linda.Barron.Geisler@comcast.net

SMART ROOM EXTENSION



All ages and abilities are welcome to join the WPC Music Family for an opportunity to go Christmas Caroling on December 13 from 12pm - 3pm. Please email Callie Boone at music@westpresby.org with questions.



Westminster works closely with our Covenant to Care social worker Christina at the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide gifts to children at Christmas.

Each child is listed with their name, gender and age. Please choose a gift or gifts for the child of your choice appropriate for their age. This year we've been provided with some suggested gifts. The total cost per child should not exceed $50. Please wrap gifts with a label securely attached with the child's name on the tag. Click the button below to sign up!

Sign-up here!

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation (Lesley is happy to shop for you!), checks can be made out to "Westminster Presbyterian Church" with a note in the memo line "Covenant to Care/Angel Gifts". Please alert her that you are doing so.

Gifts can be dropped off at the church Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM or on Sundays during worship. There will be a box outside the church office. **Donations must be received no later than Sunday, December 13.** Questions? Please contact Lesley Morrey at 860-778-5948 (call or text) or lpmorrey@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Serve Team, we are very grateful for all contributions throughout the year and wish to thank everyone at Westminster for their commitment, support and love.



You are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Eve Choir. All are welcome regardless of experience or ability. To ensure we have enough seats and hymnals, please RSVP to Callie at music@westpresby.org by Dec. 21, 2026

Help Needed

HELP HOST SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Do you love the chance to connect with church-goers after worship each Sunday? Please consider helping host coffee hour so we can continue this important ministry. Training will be provided! Email Linda Geisler with questions: Linda.Barron.Geisler@comcast.net





Coffee Hour Sign Up

Report from Session

Our October and November Session meetings focused on the church's finances and ways to maximize the use of our building. Below are a few highlights from our two discussions:

- **Building our Future:** Following worship on Sunday, October 25, we held a congregational discussion about our building and its future. The conversation was very positive, and we appreciate everyone who took the time to participate and share their thoughts. If you weren't able to attend, members of Session and others will be reaching out to continue the conversation and gather additional input.
- **Budget and Expenses:** We reviewed expenses to date as part of our ongoing financial oversight and planning. Session will begin the work of budgeting for 2027 at our next meeting in

December and finalize in January. We continue to seek a Treasurer and a Session member for Sustain. If you have financial talents, please contact Julie Emery.

- **Building Security and Updates:** Session approved the installation of electronic locks to help better manage building rentals, support our move to a Property Management company, Amador Associates, and improve overall building security. Work on the locks is underway and is nearly complete as of this writing.
- **Website Improvements:** A website designer and budget were approved to enhance Westminster's online presence, better communicate who we are as a congregation, and provide improved visuals to enhance our building rental program.
- **Stewardship Campaign:** Our annual Stewardship Campaign launched in November, a change from the recent past. We are encouraged by the progress so far and are grateful for the generosity and commitment of our congregation.

Pledges Still Welcome!
"Let's Make Something Beautiful"



There are so many beautiful things happening at Westminster - and we are so grateful for the generosity of those who have pledged towards our 2027 ministry.

It's not too late to make your commitment. Click the button below to fill out your pledge card online.

Together, we can make something beautiful! Any questions about this year's campaign, please contact Sandy Fry, Engage Elder at **psfry2016@comcast.net**

Link to Digital Pledge Card

Prayers for our Community and Our World

We invite you to hold our community in prayer throughout your week, to reach for God's grace, to watch for God's beauty, and to pray in thanksgiving in hope for ourselves and each other. We offer the prayers below for our community and our world:

We pray for those near and far:

We pray for all those impacted by gun violence; may God's justice prevail.

We pray for peace in Gaza, Iran, Sudan, Ukraine. May God's peace take root in the hearts of all people, and may those who are caught in between the powers and principalities be protected and comforted.

We pray for all people who, because of conflict and economic instability, have been forced into migration to seek safety and stability. We especially pray for the people of Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador. May God's strength and presence be with migrants everywhere.

We pray for all of God's creation, and for people impacted by the repercussions of global warming. May we seek new ways to heal our planet and steward our resources.

We pray for the communities experiencing increased fear and terror due to the actions of ICE. We pray for the safety and dignity of those who have been detained, and for justice to be found.

May there be mercy and protection for those who are most vulnerable: Immigrants and refugees especially children; the LBGTQIA+ community; those standing up against injustice in all its forms.

We give thanks for those who stand up for justice in communities throughout the world. May they be wise, safe and courageous.

May God's love and grace be the guiding force in our lives, our homes and our communities in the days ahead.

We pray for those in need for health and wholeness:

May those who are struggling be surrounded by God's healing and comfort. We especially pray for:

Becky Kimberly's mother Sally who is recovering from a fractured vertabrae.

Jim Lin, who is in a rehab facility, and for his wife and caretaker Joan.

We continue to pray for: Laura Opsahl; Cyndi Brown's friend Gayle; George Dewey; Jane Sebolt; Cyndi Robinson's friend Shelby Lippart; Nancy Murray; Ashley Aronson; Abbey Downing's father Jack Neller; Callie Boone's Aunt Cyndi; Liz Grabber's mother Barbara; Mike McElroy's wife Jane; Doug Levine, friend of Marilyn Pikor; Susie Scoville's brother Jon; Bob Gillis; Barbara Aronson; Karen Wagner's friend Rich; Muriel Sherman and Betty Stokes.

We ask God to comfort those who grieve:

May God’s loving arms surround all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones in this season.

We pray God’s comfort and peace upon:
The family and loved ones of: David MacMeekin; Bob Rentz; Ross and Ginger Ludeman; Paul Chabot; Mary Sand; Eugenia, Yvonne Smith, especially daughters Diane Smith and Aimee Hopkins; Marilyn Pikor’s dear friends, Carol and Stan; Nancy Hoffman; Susan Plese, friend of Karen Wagner; Richard Stafford; Jamison Clegg, Eina Reiger's cousin; George Utay, Janet Wade-Utay's brother and Art Utay's aunt.

We trust that God walks with each of us in our struggles and sorrows, and rejoices in our celebrations.

If you have any prayer requests or pastoral concerns, please text or call Rev. Julie Emery at 603-748-1130.

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