

February 15, 2026



Christ at the Well by Peter Koenig

Worship With Us On Sunday!

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

Scripture

John 4:5-42

Sermon

The Waters of Life

The Rev. Julie Emery

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Join *Our Front Porch* Adult Fellowship and Discussion Group at 9:00 a.m. this Sunday in the Covenant Room.

We will be discussing the poem "For Renee Nicole Good" by Amanda Gorman. [Click here](#) to read the poem. We hope you can join us!

10:00 a.m. Sunday Hybrid Worship Link

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 3301 6989

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

- *Ash Wednesday, February 18: Imposition of Ashes*
- *Interreligious Witness Event: Ash Wednesday at Noon*
- *Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Sunday, February 22 (links to report and budget)*
- *Sign up to Bring Food for Annual Meeting Luncheon*
- *Lent at Westminster*

- Knit & Resist Event at First Presbyterian Church, February 23
- Stewardship Reminder
- Office Closed for President's Day

Prayers for Our Community and Our World

- Community Prayer Time Will Not Be Held Monday due to President's Day Holiday

Westminster News and Events

February 18

Ash

Wednesday

Rev. Julie Emery will be available in the Sanctuary for prayer and imposition of ashes during the following times.

Please come when your schedule allows

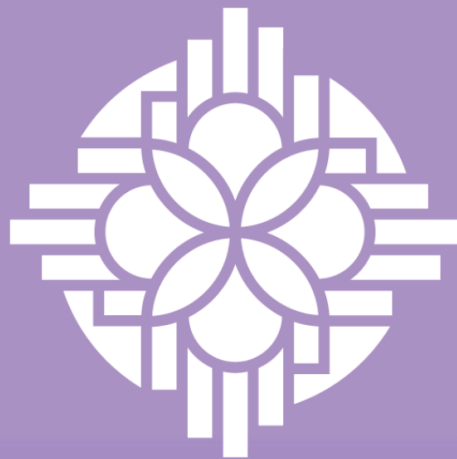
9:00 - 11:00 am

12:00 - 2:00 pm

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Those wishing to meet with others for communal prayer are invited to gather at 5:30 pm

At noon on Ash Wednesday, you are invited to join the Rev. Julie Emery at the *Interreligious Witness: Our Urgent Call for Repentance* event at the **Hartford Immigration Court, Abraham Ribicoff Building (outside), 450 Main Street in Hartford**. Faith leaders across the state will join together to denounce the violence of ICE and Border Patrol, calling those perpetrating violence in our communities to reconnect with their hearts, and to advocate for the "loosening of the bonds of injustice." For more information, speak with Rev. Julie or email her at jemery@westpresby.org.



Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

Sunday, February 22

11:30 a.m. following worship

Meeting and luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

Westminster will hold its Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation on Sunday, February 22 at 11:30 a.m. to receive the annual reports of the congregation, review the budget for 2026, and act upon any other business that may properly come before the congregation and corporation. *This will be a hybrid meeting (using our Sunday morning worship Zoom link).* We invite all those interested and invested in our ministry to attend and participate. We will enjoy a meal and fellowship at a luncheon following the meeting (*see details below*).

Any questions, please contact Becky Kimberly via email at office@westpresby.org or call the church office at 860-521-6240.

2026 Budget

2025 Annual Report



Sign-Up to Bring Food for Annual Meeting Luncheon

We are looking for contributions to our potluck luncheon at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 22, 2026, being held following worship.

Click the button below to sign-up if you can bring items like salad, soup, breads and desserts. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work" so we are grateful to those who can help set-up prior and clean-up after the luncheon. All food donations should be marked "Annual Meeting" and delivered to the church kitchen by 9:50 a.m. on Sunday, February 22. Thank you!

Contact Linda Geisler at linda.barron.geisler@comcast.net with any questions.

[Sign-up for Annual Meeting Luncheon](#)

Lent at Westminster

Wednesday, February 18 ● Ash Wednesday

Join Rev. Julie Emery in the Sanctuary
between 9am and 6 pm;
community gathering and prayer at 5:30 pm

Sunday, February 22 ● Annual Meeting

Join us in the Fellowship Hall
for lunch and our Annual Meeting
following our 10am worship service

Sunday, March 1 ● Lenten Supper for All

Everyone is invited for a time of learning about Lent and
enjoying supper together
4:30 - 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

March 29 - April 5 ● Holy Week

Sunday 3/29	Palm Sunday Worship Service @ 10 am
Thursday 4/2	Maunday Thursday supper & worship @ First Presbyterian Church of Hartford
Friday 4/3	Good Friday service @ 12 noon in Westminster Chapel
Saturday 4/4	Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt @ 10 am at Westminster
Sunday 4/5	Festive Easter Sunday Worship @ 10 am in Westminster Sanctuary



KNIT + RESIST

Monday, February 23 5:30-7:00 pm

Hosted at First Pres by West End Woolies



**Knit & Resist with our Friends at
First Presbyterian Church of Hartford
Monday February 23, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

During World War II in Norway, red knit caps became a public act of resistance. Grounded in the folk tradition of the nisse (a red-hatted gnome symbolizing protection and blessing) Norwegians wore and sold these hats in open defiance of Nazi rule, even when it brought punishment.

Knit red beanies have now become a symbol of resistance in Minnesota! By knitting red beanies together, we'll claim that legacy: faith made visible, culture defended, and resistance worn boldly.

Gather at First Presbyterian Church of Hartford (136 Capitol Ave). Free and open to all, at all levels. No need to register in advance, just show up! We will provide needles and yarn, coffee, and tea.



Westminster Stewardship



Every commitment of time, talent,
and treasure helps strengthen our
shared ministry and move us
forward together. Thank you for
being part of this vibrant, caring
community of faith.

Last Sunday we will celebrated Commitment Sunday as we joyfully committed to the ministries and welcoming community that makes Westminster such a special place. We encourage everyone to participate at a level that feels faithful and meaningful. If you have already filled out a pledge card, thank you! If not, feel free to click the link below to submit a digital commitment card or **email your commitment to** Greg Hammond, Stewardship Chair, at rgregoryh@yahoo.com.

[Link to Online Commitment Card](#)

Church Closed for President's Day Monday, February 16, 2026 No Community Prayer Gathering

The church will be closed for the President's Day holiday. Our weekly Community Prayer gathering is canceled and will resume the following week.

Prayers for our Community and Our World

Blessing the Threshold, by Jan Richardson

This blessing
has been waiting for you
for a long time.

While you have been
making your way here,
this blessing has been
gathering itself,
making ready,
biding its time,
praying.

this blessing has been
polishing the door,
oiling the hinges,
sweeping the steps,
lighting candles
in the windows.

This blessing has been
setting the table
as it hums a tune
from an old song
it knows,
something about

a spiraling road
and bread
and grace.

All this time
it has kept an eye
on the horizon,
watching,
keeping vigil,
hardly aware of how
it was leaning itself
in your direction.

And now that
you are here,
this blessing
can hardly believe
its good fortune
that you have finally arrived,
that it can drop everything
at last
to fling its arms wide
to you, crying
welcome,
welcome,
welcome.

Please text or call Rev. Julie Emery at 603-748-1130 with any prayer requests or pastoral concerns.

We pray for those near and far:

We continue to pray for peace, and for a just and safe world for all.

We pray for the communities in Minnesota and throughout our country who are experiencing increased conflict and terror due to the actions of ICE. We pray for those suffering from trauma and grief, and for those who are caught in the middle of such conflict. We pray for an end to the violence and for justice and wisdom to prevail.

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

We pray 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 receive God's love and encouragement including: Callie Boone's Aunt Cyndi who has been diagnosed with breast cancer; David MacMeekin as he recovers from a recent fall and hip surgery; Anne Carney as she recovers from a knee replacement; Callie Boone as she recovers from surgery; Becky Kimberly's brother-in-law Ray; Bob and Carol Rentz; Liz Grabber's mother Barbara; Eric Ouellette's mother Penny who is undergoing medical tests; Beverly Murphy who is in rehab recovering from a broken leg; Mike McElroy's wife Jane who is suffering from Lyme

disease; Abbey Downing's father Jack Neller, who is facing serious health challenges; Yvonne Smith; Doug Levine, friend of Marilyn Pikor, who suffered a stroke; Susie Scoville's brother Jon; Jane Sebolt; Joan and Jim Lin; Bob Gillis; Becky Kimberly's father John; Barbara Aronson; Karen Wagner's friend Rich; Ross Ludeman; Muriel Sherman and Betty Stokes.

We ask God to comfort those who grieve:

The family of Ola Coe, a member of Westminster who passed away on January 1 at the age of 94. [Click here](#) to read Ola's obituary.

We lift to God all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones in recent months: the family of Ginger Ludeman, wife of former Westminster pastor Rev. Ross Ludeman; the loved ones of Renee Good and Alex Pretti, and the community in Minneapolis-St. Paul; the Boone family, upon the death of Callie Boone's grandmother; Janet Wade-Utay and Art Utay upon the death of Art's aunt; Janet Wade-Utay and her sister-in-law, Jen, upon the death of Janet's brother George; the Harp Family and the Hamilton and Hammond families.

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