



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 11, 2026 AT 11AM | BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

An open and welcoming Christian community in service to God and neighbor

We Come Into God's Presence with Joy

Life of the Church

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Carol Hufnagel , liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

God caused the waters to part

so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman,

The first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Adapted from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A

* Hymn #409

God Is Here!

ABBOTS LEIGH

* *You are invited to stand as you are able.*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshipping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we may know we belong to you.

From Call to Worship, Volume 56.1

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

* Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

* Song of Response #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word

Isaiah 42:1-9

Anthem

A Moment to Wonder

Children are invited to come forward for a short lesson on the chancel steps.

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn #408

*There's a Sweet,
Sweet Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*...Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

Song of Response #552 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Song of Response #553 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup Unison Prayer after Communion

Loving God, at this table you have met us with nourishment and love, sustaining us for the work to come. As we go out from this place, help us to be bearers of your love, gentleness, and generosity to everyone we meet. Amen.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Song of Response #591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #375

*Shall We Gather at
the River*

HANSON PLACE

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Caring for our community. Pick up a cloth grocery bag in the main entry today and bring it back next Sunday with nonperishable food and personal and household items, for Hope Clinic's food pantry.

Ordination and Installation of Officers: Next week during worship we will ordain and install our incoming elders and deacons to their positions in the church, surrounding them with our prayers for the work ahead.

Lunches for HOPE: To welcome in the new year, the Mission Ministry Team is sponsoring Sack Lunches for Hope Clinic from January 4-February 8. Our new motto is 96 in '26. We're aiming for 96 lunches packed out, which will cover one day's need. More information will be coming soon. Thank you all for your continued support and generosity as we reach out into the community and help our neighbors!

Habitat Work Day: Westminster has the opportunity for a work day with Habitat for Humanity on Friday, January 23, 9am-3pm. Sign up on our website or reach out to Ron Fairchild for more information (ron@thefairchilds.net).

Approved minutes and ministry team reports from the November Session meeting are available on the bookshelf across from the elevator.

Medical Benevolence Foundation: The Mission Ministry Team has chosen Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) as the WPC donation drive cause for the period of 1/11 through 2/15. Donations strengthen the sustainability of church-based medical ministries, helping them partner with hospitals, clinics, and nursing schools. Their mission is to provide quality healthcare, share the love of Jesus, and bring healing and hope to people in underserved communities worldwide. MBF empowers local leaders to offer life-changing medical care to those who need it most. Donations can be made online at westpresa2.org/online-giving or by check with "MBF" in the memo line.

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays at 9:30am in Room 34 and via Zoom. Contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more information.

Sunday Morning Adult Ed meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30am.

Children and Youth Faith Formation meets on the second and third Sundays of each month at 9:30am. Contact Cathy Daniels (catld1121@gmail.com) for more info.

Monday Conversations are weekly at 1pm online: an opportunity to discuss Sunday's sermon in a small group. The Zoom invitation is in the Friday *Good Things* and Sunday podcast emails.

Mary Martha Group meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm via Zoom. Contact Margaret Klammer (mklammer@comcast.net) for more information.

Matthew 25 Study Group meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For meeting information, please contact Elizabeth Tidd (lizbeth0405@yahoo.com) or Carol Hufnagel (carol.hufnagel@tetrattech.com).

Thursday Book Club meets weekly at 1pm at Westminster and over Zoom. Contact Linda Harnisch for more information (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Elke Kramer, Fran Bolhouse, Cara Doane

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com). To list prayer requests here, in the *Friday Good Things Are Happening* email, or Prayer Chain, contact Jill Fairchild (jill@thefairchilds.net or 734-417-0816). You can join our email prayer chain by contacting Jill. To keep us current, please share updates on those for whom we are praying.

Welcome to Westminster

Our Values: Love, Compassion, Connection, Inclusion, Earth-Care, Service

Our Mission: Show the love of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone, without exception, into the full life of the church; participating in the joyful worship of God; engaging in regular study, reflection, prayer and sharing of our faith; committing ourselves and our resources to the spiritual and physical needs of our church family and neighbors near and far; seeking to be a good neighbor in our neighborhood.

Sunday worship podcasts are at bit.ly/westpres_online.

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Thank you for continuing to fulfill your pledges and financial commitments in support of the mission and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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