

# WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JOHNSTOWN, PA.



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**ORDER OF SERVICE  
MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 11, 2025**

**10:15 AM**

**PRELUDE**

“Prelude in G Minor”

J. S. Bach

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Bernard Nti

**INTROIT**

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

1<sup>st</sup> time Choir, 2<sup>nd</sup> time All

*Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
Join in our song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Elisa Ellenberger

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms and today we celebrate them all!

**All: Thank God for mothers!**

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

**All: Thank God for mothers!**

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and who we miss dearly here on earth.

**All: Thank God for mothers!**

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children.

**All: Thank God for mothers.**

Leader: For all the women who are expecting but aren't quite mothers yet!

**All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

**All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

**All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own but chose instead to mother everyone else.

**All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

\* HYMN #387

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY



**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Elder Elisa Ellenberger

*As we seek to embody God's love, we acknowledge the times we don't get it right. Trusting in God's promise to be with us, let us join in the prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession.*

**God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace; It is easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness. Teach us to forgive, as You have forgiven us as we silently confess our sins before You.**

(Time for Silent Confession)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Elder Elisa Ellenberger

Blessed are those who confess their sins and do not hide it. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In the name of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen**

**\*GLORIA PATRI: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

Betsy Suppes

**ANTHEM**

**"Come, Let Us Sing"**

Mayo/Bailey

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 23 (Pg. 474)**

Elder Elisa Ellenberger

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 10: 22- 30 (Pg. 98)**

L: The Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

**"A Mother's Love: Psalm 23"**

**Rev. Dr. Bernard Nti**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (WESTMINSTER CONFESSION – Chapter 2)**

**There is but one only, living, and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions; immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute; working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most**

righteous will, for His own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him; and withal, most just, and terrible in His judgments, hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

“Prayer”

arr. by Bish

*\*DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, we offer our treasure and hearts to You. May they be used to provide a promise of hope and peace in our church, and to all who are in need of Your gifts and presence in our world. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

#### \*HYMN #527

“Near to the Heart of God”

MCAFEE

#### \*CHARGE/BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Bernard Nti

#### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

*Lord, make us more holy, Lord, make us more holy*

*Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again. Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.*

#### \*POSTLUDE

#### PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Bernard Nti

DIR. OF CHRISTIAN EDUC'N

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SERVING THIS MORNING

MAY 11, 2025

Liturgist .....Elisa Ellenberger  
 Acolyte.....Daphne Rehm  
 Ushers.....Christine Wiegman, Jeanne Strunk, Lana Custer, Tom Young  
 Fellowship.....Leslie Winters, Tom Bingler, Tom Ball, Ray Coleman  
 Opener.....Jim McCann  
 Children's Chat.....Betsy Suppes  
 Nursery.....  
 Audio/Video.....Kevin Howell

Chancel flowers are presented by Kevin and Jen Priest  
 to the Glory of God and  
 in honor of their granddaughter's 8th birthday on May 17th.  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRENNLEY!!!**



**FAMILY SOUP KITCHEN CONTINUES TO NEED OUR HELP!** *Thank you and may you be richly blessed for your ongoing generosity.* A grocery cart is located on the lower floor. **Please remember our less fortunate neighbors in your giving.**

**ATTENTION WPC BOOK WORMS!!**

**WPC Book Club Meeting:**

**Where:** Parlor  
**When:** Monday May 19, 2025  
**Book:** Biography of Vicky Nguyen  
**Time:** 7P  
**Where:** Parlor



**PRAYERS & SQUARES ...Can you touch a prayer? YOU CAN!!!**

... if it is tied into a prayer quilt made by our **Prayers & Squares** group.  
 Know someone in need of prayer support who would like a prayer quilt?



Please contact: Joyce Norris 814.243.2659 or 241.6963 [joyceanorris@gmail.com](mailto:joyceanorris@gmail.com)  
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**MAY 11, 2025**

**Sunday, May 11**

Adult Bible Study (K).....	9A
Worship / Communion Sunday (S).....	10:15A
Youth Sunday School .....	10:30A
Fellowship (F).....	11:30A

**Monday, May 12**

Garden Club (F).....	8A
Prayers and Squares.....	9A
Prayer Group .....	11A
Bridge Club (K).....	11:30A

**Tuesday, May 13**

Spiritual Direction (P).....	10:00A
Staff Lunch (Off site) .....	11:30A
PEO (K).....	6P

**Wednesday, May 14**

Men's Breakfast @ Jax.....	7:30A
WFCM (K) .....	5P

**Thursday, May 15**

Staff Meeting (K).....	1P
Worship & Music .....	4P
GPS Graduation (F,S).....	4P

**Friday, May 16**

SESSION REPORTS DUE	
THREAD ARTICLES DUE	
Stewardship Mailing.....	9A
Youth Lunch (F).....	1:30P

**Saturday, May 17**

**Sunday, May 19**

Adult Bible Study.....	9A
Worship (S).....	10:15A
Youth Sunday School.....	10:30A
Fellowship Hour (F).....	11:30A
Dr. Crista Miller Organ Recital.....	4P

**PRAYER BOARD:** WPC, Pastor Ben, Laura & Nate, Tracy, James, Lyn, Cindy H., Cooper & Samantha & Baby, Derek, Pierre, Mike R., Ryan's Family, Mama & Papa Esch, Waylon, Evan, James, Angela, Chris S., for the Spirit to move within our church.

**PLEASE KEEP ALL THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES IN YOUR PRAYERS.** If you know of an active-duty person to be included in the list, call the church office with name, rank, address and, if appropriate, an e-mail address.

We remember that some of these people are in a war zone and may not be available for regular communication. The following person is on assignment without a current address:  
SPC Andrew Medley.



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**\*\*\* Date: May 04      Attendance: 111      Offertory: \$8910\*\*\***

## **CHRISTIAN ED NEEDS YOU!!!**

***CE is looking for your help with VBS!!!***

Volunteers are needed to help with setup, running stations, leading groups and cleanup. Your help for a few days or every day is very much appreciated.

There will be a sign-up sheet available next week in the fellowship hall as well as descriptions of the different roles.

**Please contact Briana Lohr at [blohr@westmontpc.org](mailto:blohr@westmontpc.org) or complete the sign-up sheet located in the fellowship hall indicating where you're able to help!!!**

## **PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING**

Westmont Presbyterian Church would like to encourage the congregation to give generously to the **PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING**.

Our gifts, when combined with those from other congregations, help instill in our young people a heartfelt understanding of the ways God comes to us every single day.

## **CINCO de MAYO!**

The **Koinonia Committee's Cinco de Mayo** event last Sunday was a blast!!!

Approximately 35-40 people enjoyed walking tacos, desserts and wonderful fellowship.

***Thank you to Jonathan Esch and his Mom Denise for the uplifting praise music!***

The kids loved hitting the pinata and all the goodies that fell from it.

### **Any ideas for future fellowship events?**

Please contact chairperson Kevin Priest to share your ideas. We'd love to have more people share in **Koinonia events!!!**

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY / DIVERSITY SUNDAY**

June 8 is Pentecost Sunday. We at WPC celebrate our diversity as we share recipes that reflect our heritage. If you would like to share one of your favorite recipes that remind you of your family history and customs. Please call or text Joyce Norris @ 814-243-2659 to let her know you are participating.

Please provide an index card to include:

- country of origin
- name of the dish
- list of ingredients.

It is not necessary to share the recipe, however, we request an ingredients list due to allergies. Let's have another wonderful celebration of our DIVERSITY!