

# WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JOHNSTOWN, PA.



## **MISSIONAL INTENTIONS TO BE:**

Christ Centered

Biblically Based

Servant Led

Blessed To Be A Blessing

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MOTHERS' DAY**

**MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**10:15 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**“Simple Gifts”**

**American Shaker Melody**

*May the music of the prelude focus our attention on God's kingdom.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**Ted Corey**

**INTROIT**

**“Bind Us Together”**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Jerry Hudson**

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 my mother!**

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

**All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

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

**All: Thank God for the mothers of today.**

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. We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We will honor them in everything we do.**

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**Jerry Hudson**

Father of all mercies, bless our gathering today and pour forth your Holy Spirit upon us as we worship You in Spirit and in truth. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

**\*HYMN #403**

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**CONVERSE**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Over and over, you patiently plant your seeds of joy, and yet we continue to scoff at the puny seedlings that sprout, as if we’ve never before witnessed the tenacity of your regenerative Spirit. God, call us again to follow you. Show us again the miracle of your abundance. Lead us again from the depths of our anxiety and fear into the light of your never failing love, joy and hope. Amen.**

*(Time for Silent Confession)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Jerry Hudson**

This is how God showed His love among us. God sent His only Son into the world that we might live through Him. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

**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**

**Elisa Ellenberger**

**ANTHEM**

**“For Where Love Is, There Is God”**

**Douglas Wagner**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Proverbs 31:28 -29 (pg. 579)**

**Jerry Hudson**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13 (pg. 164)**

**L: The Word of the Lord**

**P: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

**“A Mother’s Love!”**

**Rev. Bernard Nti**

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE and PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY**

### **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**                “Shall We Gather”                                setting by D. Wood

**\*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** (unison)

Holy One, you provide for us in all ways and at all times. We offer these gifts to you, asking for your blessing upon them, that they bring comfort and healing to your children around the globe. We offer our lives to you, asking for your blessing upon us, that we might be faithful to you, and to one another. In your precious and holy name, we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN #335**                                “Though I May Speak”                                O WALY WALY

**\*CHARGE/BENEDICTION**

**\*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**

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**PASTOR**

Rev. Bernard Nti

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC DIR/MUSIC ASSOC.**

Kristen Kane

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Tom Young

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## **SERVING THIS MORNING**

Liturgist(s).....Jerry Hudson  
Acolyte.....Maliyah Priest  
Ushers.....Misty Stephens, Adam Curry, Jeanne Strunk, Tom Young  
Fellowship.....Priests and Riffles  
Opener.....Ron Good  
Children's Chat.....Elisa Ellenberger  
Audio/Video.....Kevin Howell

**DIVERSITY SUNDAY** is May 19. If you would like to share your favorite food from your heritage, call Joyce Norris at 814-243-2659

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

Bible Studies resumed April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the Koinonia room. Thanks to all those who completed my Questionnaire on "Exploring the WPC liturgy and its theological meaning and its impact on our Christian Practice." Please come and join us every Thursday at 6:30 for informative and interesting conversations!

## **THE FAMILY SOUP KITCHEN**

"...blessed is he (or she) who is generous to the poor." Proverbs 14:21 (ESV) The Family Soup Kitchen needs help from all of us. Please put your contributions in the grocery cart outside the elevator on the lower floor. They can primarily use non-perishable foods and healthy snacks. The Deacons thank you.

**FINANCE MEETING** moved from Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>.

## SUNDAY, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*WE WELCOME ALL who join us in worship today. We are a Presbyterian congregation in the reformed tradition, seeking to glorify God in our worship, our nurture and support of one another, and our service to the world, near and far. We are strengthened by your presence! We invite all guests into our fellowship and ministry.*

### Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m.....Adult Sunday School – (K)  
10:15 a.m.....Worship, Mother’s Day – (S)  
10:30 a.m.....Sunday School K-4, 5&6 – (UL3, UL4)  
11:15 a.m.....Fellowship Hour – (F)

### Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 a.m.....Finance Meeting (E&P)  
9:00 a.m.....Garden Club – (F)  
9:00 a.m.....Prayers and Squares  
11:00 a.m.....Prayer Group (C)  
7:00 p.m.....Cable Broadcast, Channel 9

### Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m.....Spiritual Direction – (P)  
6:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting – (K)

### Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 a.m.....Men’s Breakfast – Jax  
7:00 p.m.....Session Mtg – (F)

### Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

- 1:30 p.m.....Staff Meeting – (K)  
4:00 p.m.....Worship and Music – (K)  
6:30 p.m.....Bible Study – (K)

### Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m.....Health fair – (F)

### Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m.....Adult Sunday School – (K)  
10:15 a.m.....Worship Pentecost, Diversity Sunday – (S)  
10:30 a.m.....Sunday School K-4, 5&6 – (UL3, UL4)  
11:15 a.m.....Fellowship Hour – (F)

**S–Sanctuary F–Fellowship Hall K–Koinonia Room**

**C–Chapel P–Parlor MR–Music Room**

**All services can be viewed on our Church’s Website – [www.westmontpc.org](http://www.westmontpc.org)**

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**BOOK CLUB** The WPC Book Club will be reading *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. It is a winner of the National Book Award. The story takes place in Pottstown, Pennsylvania in 1972, depicting life on Chicken Hill where a quirky collection of immigrants and races from other parts of the world live. They desire to better themselves and protect a young, deaf boy that authorities came to institutionalize. There will be no book club in May in order to read this novel of 381 pages.

### **HEALTH FAIR**

You are invited to attend a WPC Health Fair to Increase Nutrition Awareness hosted by Edna Nti on May 18th at 10 am in the fellowship hall. This Health Fair is open to all adults aged 18 and over. Please sign up in the Koinonia room. I hope to see you there.

**BEGINNING THIS JUNE**, Pastor Ben is introducing a hybrid pastoral care approach to enhance accessibility for all members, including those who worship online and are homebound, as well as those who prefer '2D' pastoral care access. This initiative is in addition to the traditional pastoral care offered by Rev. Carole Corey and myself. The meeting shall be by zoom. For further details and appointment scheduling, please contact the office, 814 536 0796, for your code access to meet with Pastor Ben. Blessings to you!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**-9:00 am-embarking on a 2-Sunday study of the book of Jonah, May 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO adult Sunday School on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day weekend).

**FARMERS MARKET WILL OPEN** on Saturday May 25,2024! Mark your Calendars. What better way to start your holiday weekend with an opportunity to purchase Flowers, Baked Goods, Some Produce, Meats, Eggs, Cheeses, Jams etc.. PLUS sit down in fellowship with your friends and neighbors enjoying a cup of coffee and some Bill Brader memorial brownies baked by John Norris. Hope to see you there!

## **TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING**

Come join us to pray for WPC, our community and country on Tuesdays at 6.30pm in the small chapel. Contact Jen Priest or the office for more information. Thank you.

**Prayer Board:** Gary and Deb, Lyn, Linda and Holly, Cindy C., Marianne R, Sue G., Teens, Ted & Diane, Linda B, 2024 Graduates, Pastor Ben, Session, Deacons, Rev Standish, Church Staff, Rev Carole, John & Joyce, Anna A., Shut-ins, Kirkstadts, Good News Club, & Brian M.

## **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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