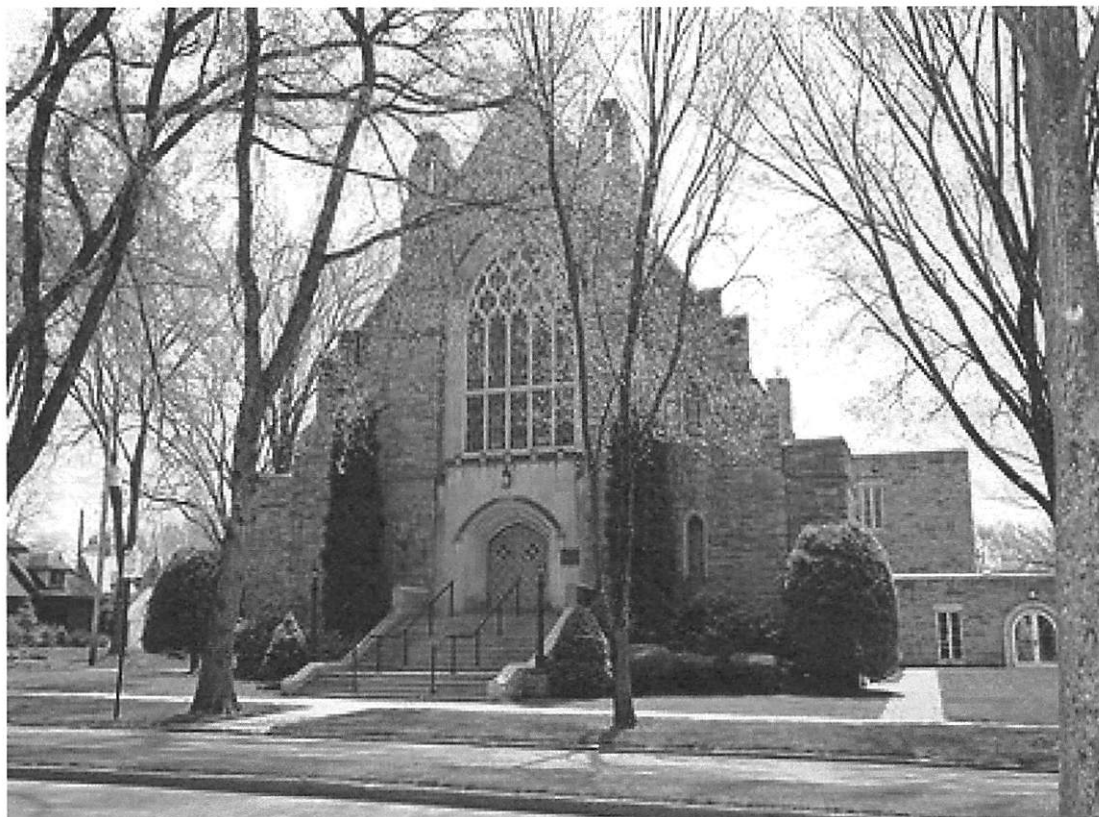


# WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MISSIONAL INTENTIONS TO BE:

Christ Centered

Biblically Based

Servant Led

Blessed to be a Blessing

**WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JOHNSTOWN, PA  
4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

**10:15 AM**

**PRELUDE** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Dale Wood

**CHORAL INTROIT** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

**WELCOME** Elder Gary Lichtenfels

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Kristen Kane

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) Kristen Kane

Arise, people of God, for we are called to be different!

**We come here to rediscover our hands and feet as God's gift to the world. We come together to seek God in repentance and sincerity.**

Arise, people of God. Dance to the beat of God's heart.

**With a heart full of gratitude, we have come to worship.**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

*Please join me in the prayer of adoration...*

**We adore You because You are Great, and greatly to be praised. Creation shows Your wonderful works, Your power, and Your beauty. When we fall into a pattern of making You small and our problems big, have mercy on us and help us to worship and adore You, today and always. May we experience Your blessings as we worship You in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #15**

**"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

*Let us confess our sins together...*

**You call us to wander off from our predictable paths and follow You into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom. Help us to set aside our unbelief and false assumptions, and grant us strength to accompany You into the uncomfortable truths and humble places we usually avoid. As we worship, heal us of our anxiety and fears. Provide us with calmness in our souls, to wade through the waters of uncertainty and anxiety in hope. We pray this through Christ, and in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

(Time for Silent Confession)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Kristen Kane

If then, Jesus brought us near to Himself when we were far off, much more will He keep us, now that we are near. Friends, believe the Good News, in Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

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

**A READING OF PSALM 23**

Kristen Kane

**\*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**

Pastor Ben Nti

**ANTHEM**

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Thomas Matthews

**GOSPEL READING Matthew 25: 14 – 30** (Pew Bible Pg. 27)

**SERMON**

**Gratitude**

Elder Gary Lichtenfels

**\*HYMN #324**

**"Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

**OPEN MY EYES**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Elder Barb Lauf

**PRAYER QUILT/SQUARES AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY "I Want to Walk As a Light of the Child"** K. Thomerson

**\*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**

Elder Gary Lichtenfels

**Loving God, we have so many reasons to say "thank You" to You. Your generosity, grace, and mercy are astounding, and we pray that the gifts we offer in worship and throughout the week might be used in Your name. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**\*CHARGE/BENEDICTION**

Elder Gary Lichtenfels

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

***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 ASSOCIATE**

Kristen Kane

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Jim McCann

**MINISTER OF MUSIC / ORGANIST**

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## **SERVING THIS MORNING**

Liturgist..... Kristen Kane  
Ushers...Deacons (Josh Hinson, Joan Rush, Anita Faas, Misty Stephens,  
Sally King, Lyn Garbarino, Monica Black & Jeanne Strunk)  
Acolyte ..... Izzy Maciorowski  
Opener ..... Jim McCann  
Chancel Flowers.....Kevin & Jen Priest  
Fellowship Hour ..... Judy Crookston  
Audio/Video ..... Kevin Howell

Flowers are given by Kevin and Jen Priest in honor of their grandson Crew's second birthday!

**WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMONT** This week's Noontime Recital on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> features Tara Yaney, Principal Flutist – Johnstown Symphony Orchestra

### **FAMILY SOUP KITCHEN**

We would like to highlight our Family Soup Kitchen that our church has donated to for many years. We are grateful that every Monday morning, Tom & Elsa Apetz pick up and deliver our donations to this organization. In addition to the usual items, the kitchen has expressed a need for healthy snacks as well as dog and cat food. When you are doing your weekly grocery shopping, please think of these families. The collection cart is in the church basement near the elevator. Thank you!

### **NEW DIRECTORY**

A new directory is in the process of being printed. If you have a change in address or phone number, or would like to give us your email address, please call the church office. 814-536-0796

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Reminder: During preschool hours, all exterior church doors are locked. Office hours are 10 AM to 3PM, Monday through Friday. Should you need access to the building outside of office hours, please make prior arrangements with the office. Thank you!

## SUNDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*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. Those who wish to learn more about the church and/or are considering membership are encouraged to call the church office. (814) 536-0796*

### **Sunday, March 19**

9:00 a.m..... Adult Sunday School – K  
10:15 a.m..... Sunday Worship – S  
11:15 a.m..... Fellowship Hour – F  
1:30 p.m..... PEO Cooking Demonstration with Drew Garbarino - F

### **Monday, March 20**

9:00 a.m..... Prayers & Squares  
12:30 p.m..... Bridge Group – K  
1:30 p.m..... Prayer Group - C  
3:15 p.m..... Good News Club - F  
7:00 p.m..... Channel 9 – Cablevision Broadcast  
7:30 p.m..... Girl Scouts - F

### **Tuesday, March 21**

10:00 a.m..... Bible Study – P  
6:00 p.m..... Daisy Troop 16712 - F  
6:30 p.m..... Evening Bible Study – P

### **Wednesday, March 22**

7:30 a.m..... Men’s Breakfast Meeting - Eat `n Park  
12:00 p.m..... Organ Recital - S  
12:30 p.m..... Bridge Group – K  
6:30 p.m..... Lenten Wednesday at Westmont: Light Supper-F  
7:00 p.m..... Lenten Wednesday at Westmont: Service-F

### **Thursday, March 23**

1:30 p.m..... Staff Meeting – K  
6:30 p.m..... Prayer Meeting - C  
7:00 p.m..... Choir Practice – MR

### **Sunday, March 26**

9:00 a.m..... Adult Sunday School– K  
10:15 a.m..... Sunday Worship – S  
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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**BIBLE STUDY** in the evening has begun on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Koinonia room. Come let us dig deep into God's Word. We shall be using the Interpretation Bible Studies (IBS) material, which offers solid, biblical content in a creative study format, with this study designed for adults and older youth. Get your copy of the study material titled, "Acts", written by Charles C Williamson, and bring a friend!

**WPC LENTEN SCHEDULE**

- Wednesdays at Westmont Noon Recitals.
- Evening Worship starting at 6:30pm with light supper and worship beginning at 7pm.
- Service on Holy Wednesday – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Service on Maundy Thursday – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Service on Good Friday – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - (7:30)
- Easter Sunday – April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - (8:30 & 10:15)

During our Lenten season, we will be having our Wednesdays at Westmont recitals at 12 noon. We will then come back at 6:30pm for a light supper and continue with Lenten services beginning at 7pm.

**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 persons 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.

<p>S. Sgt. Mitch Stein 5500 125<sup>th</sup> Street South East Minot, North Dakota 58701</p>	<p>Michael &amp; Allyson Grados 9428 Hawkeye Drive Brewerton, NY 13029</p>
<p>Brittany Clegg 223 Brackenridge Ave. Apt. 4312 San Antonio, TX 78209</p>	<p>Rct. Zentkovich, Zachary R. 1<sup>st</sup> RTBN CO A PLT 1049 Box 19001 Paris Island, SC 29905-6325</p>

## **ANNUAL GLOW IN THE DARK EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 1st, 2023, at 6:30PM. Join us for a fun filled evening as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! This event is open to the community. Bring your own flashlight and bag. Children 12 and under are eligible to participate. (Age groups will be separated) For those interested in helping for this event: peanut free candy donations can be dropped on in the church office. Help is also needed for helpers to place the glow sticks in each egg. We will be meeting the morning of the event at 9AM. Thank you!

## **2023 FAMINE LOCK-IN**

The annual 30-Hour Famine lock-in event will take place Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, 2023!

**LOVE GOD. SERVE THE HUNGRY. DO THE FAMINE.**

Every year, hundreds of thousands of students in the U.S. and around the world unite to do the Famine. Join them, and your group will learn about hunger, raise funds to help the hungry and then go hungry yourselves for 30 hours. Through the Famine, teens grow closer to Christ and each other - all while helping to save the lives of hungry kids. Ages 12 and up. For information and to register, contact Danielle Kendig at 814-341-2247.

**\*\*We require adult volunteers, will you help?\***

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM *BEING REFORMED: FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING***

Adult curriculum studies address subjects from a Reformed theological perspective. The current six-week mini-course that is being presented each Sunday at 9:00 in the Koinonia room is titled "Looking at the Cross" - Exploring New Testament themes associated with the cross - forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. This study offers ways the cross directly affects our faith and daily lives.

Please join in on Sunday mornings @ 9:00. You may contact the office if you are interested in a participant book.