

ORDER OF SERVICE



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 09, 2025

WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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WOMAN COMPOSER SUNDAY

MARCH 09, 2025

10:15 AM

PRELUDE

“Adagio in C Minor”

Miriam Reveley (2025)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT

INTROIT

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Doris Akers (1962)

1st time Choir, 2nd time All

There’s a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the spirit of the Lord.

There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barney Custer

Liturgist: On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

ALL: God, rescue us in the wilderness!

Liturgist: Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

ALL: God, rescue us within the wilderness!

Liturgist: Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

ALL: God, rescue us through the wilderness!

Liturgist: Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God’s faithful reply:

ALL: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** HYMN #485**

“To God Be the Glory”

Fanny Jane Crosby (1875)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barney Custer

We confess that when we read about your temptations, we excuse ourselves.

After all, we reason, we are not you.

Of course, you passed the test, we say. You’re God, right?

But we mere mortals have no expectation that we can withstand evil like you did.
We are reminded that you are not only our Savior; you are our example.
You faced the temptation to prove yourself, to be spectacular and to have consuming power.

And you walked away, resisting.

Forgive us when we have not resisted; when we have yielded to temptation.

Forgive us for loving power and prestige more than God.

Help us to choose a life rooted in God's word and grace. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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!

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

Bri Lohr

ANTHEM

"Awake, My Heart"

Jane Marshall (1958)

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10: 8b - 13 (Pg. 149)

Barney Custer

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4: 1 - 13 (Pg. 57)

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Liturgy As a Tool for Discipleship III"

Rev. Bernard Nti

***HYMN #333**

"Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty (1972)

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION STEWARDSHIP/Bill Uhlig “One Great Hour of Sharing”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Reflection on ‘Kingsfold’” Maureen Howell (2024)

**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

O God, our gifts are meager in contrast with yours. In Jesus Christ you gave everything on the cross. We do not deserve such grace. Bit moved with heartfelt appreciation, we present these our gifts, meager as they are, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN #324 “Open My Eyes That I May See” Clara H. Scott (1895)

*CHARGE/BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN #148

“At the Name of Jesus”
Verse 1 only

Caroline Maria Noel(1931)

*POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune on Baronita” Doreen Potter (1975)

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Rev. Bernard Nti

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SERVING THIS MORNING

Liturgist.....	Barney Custer
Acolyte.....	
Ushers.....	Chrisine Wiegman, Suzanne Langor, Josh Hinson, Karen Marsinko
Fellowship.....	Priest Family
Opener.....	Kevin Howell
Chancel Flowers.....	
Children's Chat.....	Bri Lohr
Nursery.....	
Audio/Video.....	Kevin Howell

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.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS! PSC SUMMER CAMP

Early Bird registration is available until March 24th, 2025.
Camp scholarships are available for those who need them.
You may reach out to the CE Department at blohr@westmontpc.org for more information.



NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE WPC is looking to go back to NWMC this summer! We are looking for youth ages 12 and up that would like to go. For more information, contact Briana Lohr at blohr@westmontpc.org

LENTEN POT LUCK SIGN UP in KOINONIA ROOM!

When: Wednesdays; began **Ash Wednesday** and runs to and including April 09.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 5:30P with service following at 6:30P.

Please make plans to join us and bring your favorite dish!!!

WEDNESDAY NOON RECITAL AT WPC

This week marks the first of the Wednesday Noon Recital series featuring organist Bridget Deveney of Immaculate Conception Church, Irwin, PA. All are welcome! Please enter using the lobby doors.

*****March 02, 2025 Attendance: 108 Offerings: \$8105.00*****

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WE WELCOME ALL who join us in worship day. 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.

Sunday, March 09

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

Monday, March 10

Prayers and Squares.....	9A
Garden Club (F)	9:45A
Prayer Group (C).....	11A
Bridge Club (K).....	11:30A

Tuesday, March 11

Pastors' Lunch (Hoss's)	12N
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Wednesday, March 12

Men's Breakfast @ Jax.....	7:30A
Bridge Club (K).....	11:30P
Noon Recital (S).....	12N
Pot Luck Dinner (F).....	5:30P
WAW Worship (F).....	6:30P

Thursday, March 13

Finance Meeting (E 'n P).....	7:30A
Staff Meeting (K).....	1P
Bible Study (K).....	6P
Prayer Warriors (K).....	7P

Friday, March 14 (office) Session Reports Due.....3P

Saturday, March 15

S—Sanctuary F—Fellowship Hall K—Koinonia Room
C—Chapel P—Parlor MR—Music Room

REDSTONE MISSION TEAM: Mission trip planned for the week of April 27- May 02 at St. Albans, WV. The goal is to build a gazebo for Hegakiah House, a house donated for use as a drug / alcohol rehab residence. Redstone works alongside PDA and WV Ministry Advocacy and Workshops.

Cost is \$300 per volunteer; the volunteer being responsible for \$150.

Interested in this mission? Interested in other mission opportunities? If so, please contact Tammy Germana at younggang@atlanticbb.net

STUDENT SNACKS FOR WESTMONT HILLTOP SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Deacons are excited to announce a **new outreach ministry here on the hilltop**. Our congregation has been asked to help **supply snacks for students in the Westmont Hilltop School District**. **Students are dismissed early on Fridays, and some students are not provided lunch. These students are offered healthy snacks on these days to hold them over until they return home.**

If you would like to participate, please put your cash or check in an envelope **clearly marked "Students' Snacks,"** and we will do the shopping for you. Your donations can be placed in the regular offering plate. Thank you in advance for supporting our students at Westmont.

HEAD and NECK CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

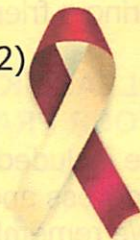
WHEN: 6PM to 7 PM; Last Wednesday of each month. (Began 04/27/2022)

WHERE: Westmont Family Counseling Ministries

RSVP: 814.536.0798 @n WFCM office.

This is a free community service sponsored by WCFM

Facilitators: Lyn Garbarino OTR, CLT Michelle George BSN, RN



CPR CERTIFICATION

We will be offering another opportunity for you to become CPR certified or to renew your certification. **Misty Stephens**, along with **Drs. Josh and Melissa Hinson**, will facilitate a class on **Saturday, April 5, from 9 AM until noon in the Koinonia Room**. You will learn basic First Aid and how to use an AED in addition to CPR. Please contact **Misty at (814) 233-2486** for more information or to register.



PRAYER BOARD: Lyn G., Linda and Holly, Cindy C., Marianne R, Sue G., Teens, Ted & Diane, Linda B, Pastor Ben, Session, Deacons, Church Staff, Rev Carole, John & Joyce, Anna A., Shut-ins, Kirkstadt's, Good News Club, Brian M., Chris S., Katie Ahlers, James, Angela B.

WPC SPECIAL MINISTRY JOIN THE FUN!!!

Saint Patrick's Day dance and pizza party to be held in Fellowship Hall!
Volunteers needed to help with drinks and pizza!

COOKIE DONATIONS are welcome and **VERY MUCH** appreciated!

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Thursday, March 20

Time: 6:30P to 8:30P

Need More Info? Contact Joan Rush/814.255.2094 or Lana Custer/814.659.0046



GAME NIGHT!!! WOO HOOOOOO!!!

Mark your calendars for **GAME NIGHT** sponsored by Koinonia Committee!!

When: Friday March 21, 2025

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:30 – 8:30

BRING YOUR COMPETITIVE SPIRIT!!!

Games & Snacks provided. Come have fun and get to know your church family better.
Bring a friend or two! . . . **ALWAYS A GREAT TIME!!!**

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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