



First Westminster Presbyterian Church
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 10:45AM Rev. Jason Elliott December 1, 2024

Building relationships and connecting with others is important to us! We want to stay connected with those who virtually stay connected with us and also those who we see on a regular basis! If you could please scan the QR code above and complete the quick form, it would greatly help us as we update our contact information. Even if you believe we may have your information, please complete as we are cross checking what we have in Power Church. We thank you for all of your time, commitment, and support to First West!

We are so excited to share that we are now streaming our 10:45AM service in multiple locations of the church. For those of you with little ones, you can always catch the service LIVE on the television in the nursery located on the first floor. Also, the service is LIVE in the fellowship hall downstairs on the big screen. Also, our youth leaders have access to the service on a television in our Christian Education wing upstairs.

To give to First Westminster online,
 scan this QR code or go to
easytithethe.com/firstwest



The Church service is archived to our website www.firstwestminster.org under the “watch” tab. Stay connected with us on Facebook and Instagram!

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st SUNDAY ADVENT READING/CANDLE LIGHTING Yourkovich Family

HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” See insert/#2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Loving God, we humbly ask for your forgiveness. Open our eyes and soften our hearts that we may faithfully serve you as we should. Fill us with the gift of love that we may love others.

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Friends, believe the Good News
RESPONSE: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SPECIAL MUSIC Glory Dami

PROCESSION OF NATIVITY First West Youth

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 32:25-36

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man."

SERMON "Hold Your Head Up High" Rev. Jason Elliott

SPECIAL MUSIC "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Isaiah Ramsey

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION/ DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S GREETERS: AJ and Kayla Renner and Everhart and Cline Family

DAILY READING ADVENT BOOKLETS "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" by Henri J.M. Nouwen are available on the tables near both entrances. Advent is a season of preparing our hearts, minds and spirits for the special day when we mark Jesus' arrival. We hope that you will take one (one book per family, please).

CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank A. LaRue by Mary LaRue Barnes and in celebration of Robert Baron's birthday from his loving family - Mum, Roland, Jay, Wesley, Allison and Family.

MISSION CANS- This week's mission cans will go to Pastor's Discretionary.

TODAY IS "SOUPER SUNDAY" All youth will be meet the GAR after church to eat lunch and then make jars of soup for people in our community to have a warm meal. Spreading God's love one jar of soup at a time!

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF OUR LOVED ONES If you would like to order, please have forms in to the offering plate or church office by Dec. 8th. A list will be included in the Dec. 24th bulletin. You may take your poinsettias after 12/24 Service.

CANTATA & ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held next Sunday, Dec. 8th. The youth will present the Cantata during worship service. After church we'll all go downstairs for our Christmas Party. Lunch and beverages will be provided. We ask for you for to bring cupcakes, brownies or cookies to share for easy-serve desserts.

SESSION will meet her in the Café Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

THE OHIO VALLEY CHORALE will present a free concert "Christmas Traditions" here Sunday, Dec. 15th at 3:00 pm. A free-will offering will be collected.

FIRST WEST IS EXCITED TO PRESENT A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE HISTORIC FORT STEUBEN THIS YEAR! Several congregation members constructed a 12 foot Christmas Pyramid with the Nativity scene meant to reflect the light of Jesus Christ in the community. We hope you and your family have a chance to enjoy the Christmas Pyramid at the Fort.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK - Birthdays: Kathie Burns (12/3), Rick Patterson (12/3), Kim Zifzal (12/3), Gina Reitter (12/6) and Rich Semko (12/6).

Love God Love Others