

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 easytithe.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!



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# PRELUDE WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP	Colossians 4:2	Kace Yourkovich
HYMN	"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"	See insert/#482

**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.

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** Debra Buchmelter, Patricia Cline, David Hindman, Kay Hindman and Christine Giampolo.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Oceans" Chloe & Emily Peckens

# 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: Mark 13:1-8 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

#### SERMON

"Keep Awake"

Rev. Jason Elliott

\*BENEDICTION/ DISMISSAL

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY'S GREETERS:** The Yourkovich Family and The Peckens Family

**<u>CHANCEL FLOWERS</u>** this morning are in loving memory of our granddaughter, Ava Grace by Joe & Ginny Zoric and in loving memory of Margaret Coil by Her Family. **<u>MISSION CANS</u>**- This week's mission cans will go to Church Youth Groups.

<u>OUR MARION WINTRINGER MITTEN TREE</u> is up in the sanctuary to be decorated with our store-bought or hand-made hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks will benefit Steubenville School's "Stuff the Bus," program for area preschool through high school students in need. Thank you so much!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES** Shoeboxes are here if you would like to participate. Instructions and suggested items to pack are included in the box. Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child is asking for \$10 per box for shipping. You can donate the \$10 online at samaritanspurse.org or with a check to the church with "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo. <u>Filled boxes need to be in to the church by Nov. 17, 2024.</u> Thank you so much!

### FIRST WESTMINSTER IS EXCITED TO PRESENT A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE HISTORIC FORT STEUBEN THIS YEAR! Several members of the congregation constructed a 12 foot, three-tiered Christmas Pyramid with the Nativity scene—Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Wise Men, Shepherds, Sheep and Angels. Two of the tiers will spin along with the 12-foot windmill atop the lighted pyramid. This is a one-of-a-kind, artisan designed piece meant to reflect the light of Jesus Christ in the community.

We hope you will consider donating to offset the material construction of the project. A donation box is located in the front of the church near a small replica of the Christmas Pyramid or donations can be mailed to First Westminster Presbyterian Church, 235 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Steubenville, OH 43952. <u>The Christmas Pyramid will be unveiled during Light-Up Night at the Fort on November 29, 2024 at 6:00pm.</u>

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** Please join us next Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> after church service as we decorate the church for the blessed Christmas season.

**YARN GROUP** Our group of knitters and crocheters will meet here in the Fireside Room Monday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am – Noon.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK -** Anniversaries: David & Lynn Meyer (11/23). *Birthdays:* Sondra Pompa (11/18), Dominic Rogers (11/18), Donna Twyford (11/18) and Jim Monogioudis.