



December SERMON TITLES

DECEMBER 2

"It's as Near as Your
Next Word"
Psalm 145

DECEMBER 9

"It's Opened with Your
Decision"
Joel 3: 7-21

DECEMBER 16

Christmas Concert

DECEMBER 23

"It's Nearer Now
Than Ever"
Rom. 13: 11-14

Christmas Eve DECEMBER 24 AM

"It's Right Here"
Rev. 21: 1-5

DECEMBER 30

Vacation

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10 NORTH EDGELAWN DRIVE
AURORA, IL 60506
PHONE (630) 896-5502
FAX (630) 896-5507
www.wpc10.org

December 2018

MONTHLY NEWS FOR AND ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

Dear Westminster Friends,

In the past two newsletters, I have shared with you the Biblical pattern of worship (God reveals Himself—we respond in praise), and the Reformed flow of worship (gather/hear, respond, depart). I hope that I have been able to instruct you as to why we prepare our worship services the way we do. We want to be faithful to the Bible, and we need to reflect our heritage as Reformed disciples.



PASTOR CHUCK LEGVOLD

This month, I want to address how we might use, as Westminster Church, a variety of elements and styles to make our worship unique, while remaining faithful to our Biblical and Reformed commitments. We have to begin by understanding that almost any element and style of worship and music will fit within the broader framework that the Bible and our theology has established. As long as our prayers reflect the Trinity, for instance, they can be spoken in any idiom. As long as our music communicates praise to God, or God's Word to us, or a witness to one another about God, then any style of music is both possible and acceptable.

This is why you can travel to a variety of Presbyterian or Reformed congregations throughout the country and find Biblical, Reformed worship taking place in a broad diversity of styles. In our own past, we have worshiped in two or three different styles, yet remained anchored to our heritage with integrity. We once offered an early service at which communion was celebrated each week (which was the preference of our theological forefather, John Calvin), and in which we used a great deal of quiet music, and even silence. We also once offered a more "contemporary" service, in which we employed an assortment of instruments and musical modes, carried it out in a more relaxed and informal atmosphere, and yet we remained true to the flow of Reformed worship. In our current singular style of worship, we opt to usually function in more of a classic form, with an organ and a choir, which also honors our heritage.

All three styles which we have practiced in the time I have been your pastor, are acceptable forms of worship to God. While it is true that each of us has a preference for a particular style of music or context, all of them are acceptable to God, who is not concerned with what kind of music we like best, or what translation of the Bible is most near and dear to us. What God wants are hearts that set aside the distractions of the outside world, as well as the interior thoughts of our personal preferences, and focus totally on praising Him for who He is, and for what He has done.

As we begin the new year, I'll perhaps share with you some insights into how we design and construct worship services here at Westminster, for the glory of God.

Joyfully,

Pastor Chuck



Financial Update OCTOBER 2018

Stewardship Funds Received (Y-T-D)	303,678
Misc. Revenue	672
Memorial Transfers	19,555
Building Use (Rentals)	40,650
AC Donations	14,803
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	\$366,749

**We have received (including transfers and rentals)
\$38,438 more than we have spent.**

**Stewardship received last year through October -
\$303,357.**

**Stewardship received through October this year -
\$300,678 2017 - down \$2,679 in giving.**

**Year-to-date budget 2017 - \$341,303.
Year-to-date budget 2018 \$343,747 - budget is
\$2,444 less in 2018 in the same time period.**

Total Receipts Budgeted (Y-T-D)	\$353,322
Total Expenses Budgeted (Y-T-D)	\$343,747

WPC Session Meeting Summary

In order to foster better communication within the congregation, your Session is committed to providing a summary of the issues and actions which are a part of its regular meetings. While we cannot always provide a detailed report of discussions, our desire is to let those we serve know that we are intentionally working and moving forward as God guides us.

At its October meeting, the Session:

- ◆ Heard a report on the presbytery meeting
- ◆ Continued a deep discussion about participating in a church revitalization cohort
- ◆ Finalized changes to the Personnel Manual
- ◆ Received initial information on the stewardship campaign
- ◆ Continued discussion of the 2019 budget proposals
- ◆ Received other reports from the various teams
- ◆ Prayed for the congregation and community

Any covenant partner is encouraged to discuss any of these, or other, matters with one of the elders.

We thank you for your patience, faithfulness and your prayerful support.

DEALING WITH THE BURDENS OF LIFE

Always keep your words soft and sweet,
just in case you have to eat them.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be
recalled by their maker.

If you lend someone \$20 and never see that
person again, it was probably worth it.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time,
because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well.
Just get up and dance.

When everything's coming your way,
you're in the wrong lane.

Birthdays are good for you.
The more you have, the longer you live.

NATIONAL GATHERING 2019

Everyone is welcome to attend the ECO National Gathering at **First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs, January 29-31, 2019!**

With no "business" being conducted, this gathering will be a time full of worship, learning, and fellowship, and will include keynote speakers such as Richard Stearns, who is the President of World Vision.

To find more information, or to register, go to **www.eco-pres.org** and click on the "National Gathering" button at the top of the page. An early-bird registration is offered until October 31.



WPC Veteran's Day Celebration



What a marvelous program today! It had me run the gamut of emotions from exhilaration to tears to pride!



It feels great to give back. I was teary seeing all these veterans at the concert. How amazing that they have to give their life & family for our freedom.

Thank you for the wonderful concert today! What a gift you gave to all of us who attended. Your piano playing, Chuck, Julianne, the "Back Row", the high school students, Tom Westerfield, the greeters and kitchen ladies—everything was perfect! The decorations and the food were great also! A time to remember!!!



Dorothy is with Bill Moore, 101 years old, WWII Navy Veteran.

This was an excellent patriotic program of song, readings and film. I can't thank you enough for sharing your talent, sharing the talent of young people, plus that of Chuck and Julianne. So many came, so many clapped, so many wiped their eyes during different parts of the program. Today was an awesome afternoon!

..... The music was so fitting for each war episode, and of course I knew every song. The reception afterwards was so nice with delicious, decorated cakes. All the tables had lovely decorations. What a crowd! Everybody came! You must be ecstatic over the success!

Sunday's Veterans Day concert was a moving celebration, a great history lesson, and a wonderful musical journey through the eras starting with WWI to the modern conflicts. Bravo! It's nice to give back a little to all of those who gave so much!

December BIRTHDAYS

Melba Stopher	9
Lib Metzger	9
Mary Anello	16
Mary Lou Weidner	18
Al Machuca	27
Meghan Hill	28
Edith Ashina	30

WPC THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Ready to start packing!



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

You may purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. Plants will be on display in the Sanctuary beginning December 16th. A special insert will be published. You may take them home after the Christmas Eve service at 8:00 PM. Each red poinsettia plant will have 6-7 blooms. Cost is \$12.00 per plant. Complete the form below, attach your check and place it in the collection plate or bring it to the church office on or before December 2nd.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

YOUR NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Wording on insert (please print):
IN MEMORY/HONOR (circle one) OF:

WPC FAITHWEAVERS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Faithweavers Adult Sunday School class will be showing the movie **Shadowlands** which highlights the love story of acclaimed Christian writer C.S. Lewis and his beloved Joy. At an unusual time of life and under unusual circumstances renowned British author (*Mere Christianity, The Screwtape Letters, Chronicles of Narnia*, etc.) Jack Lewis married an American. The movie stars Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger. Anyone curious about C.S. Lewis is encouraged to come. Perhaps the movies will inspire you to read some of his writings.



EVERYONE is invited to view this touching movie shown in 2 installments on Sundays, December 9 and December 16 in the Library. Due to its length, the showing will begin promptly at 9:00 AM both weeks. So, get your coffee and Panera early to meet in the Library.

Questions may be directed to **Dorrie Post 630.844-3041** or **dorrie.post@comcast.net**



WPC PRAYER TEAM By Dorrie Post, Deacon

As December looms large in front of us and the holiday season is just around the corner, one's mind drifts easily into gift giving.

You'll be asked "What's the best gift you have ever received? What kind of gift is your favorite to give?, How much do you spend on that gift-exchange gift with your relatives? Is this the year to really spoil the grandkids? etc.

All of your answers are well and fine, but did you ever think of the **gift of prayer**? When someone is in need and asks you to pray for them, do you really do it? And keep on praying until the crisis has passed? Many have said, "I didn't realize what a precious gift prayer is until my brother was sick and you prayed for him. Or, I didn't realize how important prayer was until my granddaughter died and you stood by me in prayer. Or, you not only drove me to chemo sessions, but also stayed and prayed the whole time, what a gift!"

One of the best ways to love others is to pray for them. Jesus, of course, is our ultimate example. The New Testament tells us over and over about Jesus praying for others and even showed us that He continually comes to the Father on our behalf. Romans 8:34 says, He "is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." The risen and ascended Lord continues to express His care by praying for us—at this very moment! That's right—right now, even as you read this newsletter!

Just look around at the hurting world; there are people near and far who need you to follow Jesus' example by praying for them. Some you may get to tell that you are praying, others may never know. May our loving Father strengthen us to give generously this Christmas and all through the year that all important gift of PRAYER. Prayer is not only a gift **for** us, but one that we can give as well.

--adapted from Our Daily Bread author James Banks, March 14, 2018

WPC BOOK CLUB

The WPC Book Club will meet on the **December 18, 1:30 PM** in the West Conference Room. Our discussion will be on **Saving Sophie** by Ronald H. Balson, who also is the author of **Once We Were Brothers**.

"*Saving Sophie* is the powerful story of the lengths a father will go through to protect his daughter and an action-packed thriller that will take you on an unforgettable journey of murder and deception, testing the bonds of family and love.

Jack Sommers was just an ordinary accountant from Chicago. That is, until his wife passed away, his young daughter was kidnapped, and he became the main suspect in an \$88 million dollar embezzlement case. Now, Jack is on the run, hoping to avoid the feds long enough to rescue his daughter, Sophie, from her maternal grandfather, a suspected terrorist in Palestine.

With the help of the investigative team who first appeared in *Once We Were Brothers*, Liam and Catherine, and a new CIA operative, a secret mission is launched to not only rescue Sophie, but also to thwart a major terrorist attack in Hebron. But will being caught in the crossfires of the Palestine-Israeli conflict keep their team from accomplishing the task at hand, or can they overcome the odds and save countless lives, including their own?"





WPC CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

'Tis the Season...

The Giving Tree is now up. All are invited to take a gift card ornament, or two, or three, or more. Two international and three local missions are represented on our tree.

The card ornaments for Habitat for Humanity and Heifer International have envelopes for monetary donations. The envelopes may be dropped in the offering plate up to December 25th. These are not giveaway programs. Both require commitment by the recipients. Those receiving a Habitat home are required to work for a specific number of hours on their house and on another Habitat house. They must take basic home maintenance classes and properly maintain their home. Those receiving an animal from Heifer are taught how to care for their animal. The animals produce and/or offspring must be used to support their family. In addition, they are required to pass at least one offspring to another family in their village.

The three local missions have requested specific items. PADS has requested items for men and women, such as hats, scarves, belts, gloves, radios, etc. Wayside Cross requests toys for boys and girls age 14 and younger. Covenant Christian School has provided a list of needed school, art, and office supplies.

Items for the local missions should be unwrapped and have the Giving Tree tag attached. The gifts need to be under the tree by December 20th. The receiving missions need time before Christmas to process the gifts.

THANK YOU!

WPC RAILROAD CLUB

Ernie Poochigian, Brian Lantz, and Mike Farris visited the model Railroad Club Museum. Our next outing will be to visit Bob Hall's model train layout.



WPC Fifth Sunday Benevolence Collection

You may give ANY SUNDAY you choose, it's not necessary to wait for December 30th.

WPC HOSPITALITY TEAM

Your help is needed for the set up and clean up of the Sunday morning snacks and coffee.

There are open slots for the following times and duties: Set-up on the 1st Sunday of even months (Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., Dec.)

Clean up on the 4th Sunday of the even months. There are also spots for set-up and clean-up for 5th Sundays when they occur.

If you can help with any of these duties, please contact Bonnie Legvold at 630-649-0075 or email at blegvold@psd202.org.

Westminster Presbyterian Church **DECEMBER 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 No Church Rentals 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Jr./Senior High Sunday School 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mere Christianity Class 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM WPC WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Life Christian Center - Worship Service - Sanctuary 5:00 PM Hanging of the Greens	26 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM WPC Monday Morning Bible Study 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM CCS Basketball Practice- FLC 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM TOPS IL #2386- Aurora Chapter 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM WPC Session Meeting 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Westminster Men's Open Basketball	27 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 8:35 AM - 9:10 AM CCS Chapel 10:15 AM - 11:15 PM Tuesday morning Prayer Team 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM WPC Staff Meeting 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Yoga	28 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Breakfast - Colonial 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Weight Control 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA Groups 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Hand Bells 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM WPC Youth Group 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM LCC Worship -Sanctuary, FLC	29 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day	30 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM CCS Basketball Practice- FLC	1 No Church Rentals 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM CCS- Greek School 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CCS- Music program (El Sistema)
2 No Church Rentals 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Jr./Senior High Sunday School 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mere Christianity Class 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM WPC WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Life Christian Center - Worship Service - Sanctuary	3 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM WPC Monday Morning Bible Study 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM CCS Basketball Practice- FLC 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM TOPS IL #2386- Aurora Chapter 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Westminster Men's Open Basketball	4 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 8:35 AM - 9:10 AM CCS Chapel 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM WPC Staff Meeting 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Yoga	5 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Breakfast - Colonial 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Weight Control 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA Groups 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Hand Bells 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM WPC Youth Group 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM LCC Worship -Sanctuary, FLC 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM AA District Meeting	6 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day	7 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM PEO Meeting- Lounge 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM CCS Basketball Practice- FLC	8 No Church Rentals 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM CCS- Greek School 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CCS- Music program (El Sistema) 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Caribbean Christmas Dinner
9 No Church Rentals 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mere Christianity Class 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM WPC WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Life Christian Center - Worship Service - Sanctuary	10 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM WPC Monday Morning Bible Study 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM CCS Basketball Practice 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM TOPS IL #2386- Aurora Chapter 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM CCS 40th Anniversary Concert Meeting, Library 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM WPC Session Meeting 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Westminster Men's Open Basketball	11 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 8:35 AM - 9:10 AM CCS Chapel 10:15 AM - 11:15 PM Tuesday morning Prayer Team 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM WPC Staff Meeting 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Yoga	12 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Breakfast - Colonial 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA Groups 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Hand Bells 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM WPC Youth Group 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM WPC Concert Rehearsal-Sanctuary 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM LCC Worship -Sanctuary, FLC	13 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day	14 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM WPC- Willing Workers 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM CCS Basketball Practice- FLC	15 No Church Rentals 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM CCS Board Meeting 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM CCS- Greek School 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CCS- Music program (El Sistema) 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM WPC Concert Rehearsal-Sanctuary 12:00 PM WPC Concert Reception set-up
16 No Church Rentals 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Jr./Senior High Sunday School 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mere Christianity Class 10:30 AM WPC Christmas Concert Reception - FLC 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Life Christian Center - Worship Service - Sanctuary	17 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM WPC Monday Morning Bible Study 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM CCS Basketball Practice 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM TOPS IL #2386- Aurora Chapter 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Westminster Men's Open Basketball	18 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 8:35 AM - 9:10 AM CCS Chapel 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM WPC Staff Meeting 1:30 PM WPC Book Club- West Conference Room 6:00 PM CCS Preschool/Kindergarten Christmas Program 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Yoga	19 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Breakfast - Colonial 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA Groups 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM WPC Business Affairs 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Hand Bells 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM WPC Youth Group 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM LCC Worship -Sanctuary, FLC	20 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM WPC Bridge Group 7:00 PM CCS 1st-8th grade Christmas Program	21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day	22 No Church Rentals 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM CCS- Greek School 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CCS- Music program (El Sistema)
23 No Church Rentals 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Jr./Senior High Sunday School 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mere Christianity Class 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM WPC WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Life Christian Center - Worship Service - Sanctuary	24 CCS- No School CHRISTMAS EVE 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM WPC Monday Morning Bible Study 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM TOPS IL #2386- Aurora Chapter 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Westminster Men's Open Basketball 8:00 PM WPC Christmas Eve Service	25 CCS- No School CHRISTMAS DAY 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM WPC Staff Meeting 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Yoga	26 CCS- No School 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Breakfast - Colonial 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA Groups 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM WPC Youth Group 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM LCC Worship -Sanctuary, FLC	27 CCS- No School	28 CCS- No School CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM WPC- Willing Workers	29 No Church Rentals
30 FIFTH SUNDAY BENEVOLENCE COLLECTION No Church Rentals 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Jr./Senior High Sunday School 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mere Christianity Class 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM WPC WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Life Christian Center - Worship Service - Sanctuary	31 CCS- No School NEW YEAR'S EVE	1 CCS- No School NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 CCS- No School 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Breakfast - Colonial 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA Groups 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM LCC Worship -Sanctuary, FLC 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM AA District Meeting	3 CCS- No School	4 CCS- No School CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 No Church Rentals



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10 NORTH EDGELAWN DRIVE
AURORA, IL 60506

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Pastor Chuck Legvold X208
Senior Pastor
pastorchuck@wpc10.org

John Post X207
Custodian/Facilities Coordinator
johnp@wpc10.org

Shelia Westerfield X205
Pastoral Care Director
shellaw@wpc10.org

Tom Westerfield X213
Adult Education Director
tomw@wpc10.org

Carolyn Hansen
Music Ministry Coordinator
valpopiano@mchsi.com

Amy Ervin X232
Staff Accountant
amye@wpc10.org

Trisha Warren X201
Secretary
trishaw@wpc10.org

Jason/Jenny Drury
Youth Ministry
jasondrury@sbcglobal.net



ONE SERVICE 10:30 AM - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 8:00 PM

Westminster Annual Christmas Concert

*Sunday, December 16
10:30 a.m., Sanctuary*

The Concert will feature choral, brass, strings, piano and organ music. A cookie reception will follow in the Family Life Center.

