



January SERMON TITLES

JANUARY 6
"A Church of
Primary Source"
Rev. 2: 1-7

JANUARY 13
"A Church of
Resilient Faith"
Rev. 2: 8-11

JANUARY 20
"A Church of
Uncompromising
Commitment"
Rev. 2: 12-17

JANUARY 27
"A Church of
Persistent Discipline"
Rev. 2: 18-28

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January 2019

MONTHLY NEWS FOR AND ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

Dear Westminster Friends,

As we begin 2019, I would like to take one more month to talk about worship as a central part of who we are as a church. While I have shared about the formation of worship in the previous three months, I am going to share about the implementation of worship at Westminster this time around. You may well be surprised about some of what you will see, but I do hope you will be, at least, informed.



PASTOR CHUCK LEGVOLD

Would you be surprised that it takes in excess of 70 person-hours to plan, prepare for, and implement our standard worship service each Sunday? In round figures, people at WPC spend 43 hours in preparation (sermons, bulletins, music, choir, and more), and 27 hours in implementation (preaching, playing, singing, lay worship leaders, ushering, technology, and hospitality) each week. More time is spent when we have communion, special musical presentations, baptisms, and more. We need to thank everyone who helps to provide leadership for us to worship together each week!

Do you know that our services are planned very carefully and intentionally, and not casually put together? I lay out my preaching plan for the coming year each November, and both the worship staff and the worship team then plan to surround the messages—which are central in Reformed worship—with helpful, repetitious, and encouraging instruments such as bulletins, prayers, confessions, and music? We make sure that we have flowers and paraments in place each week, and that our sanctuary is prepared for worship in ways that provide practical things (like pens and envelopes), beautiful things (like decorations and banners), and meaningful things (like elements for the sacraments).

When each bulletin is put together, you might appreciate the fact that a great deal of work goes into it. For instance, I put together a list of hymns and calls to worship a quarter at a time, based on the message for that day and the time of the year, and then I submit them to Carolyn Hansen, who has the opportunity to recommend changes. We review the order of worship more than once as a staff, and, yes, still some mistakes get through, yet we still manage to please God with our praise and adoration. We pray that God will be honored and glorified by what we write, sing, say, pray, and play.

All of this is done with great diligence and energy, but worship will still not take place until you—the gathered people of God—focus on, and give yourselves to, the opportunity to praise Him that we have enabled. So, yes, there is also work for you to do as you come to worship, setting aside the distractions and worries of life behind and in front of you, and being completely present with every part of your being. This worshiping together is the goal of all we do, and the beginning of all we are as the people of God.

Joyfully,


Pastor Chuck

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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 November and December meetings, the Session:

- ◆ Approved Laura Machuca to pursue training as an ECO Certified Lay Pastor, Level 1
- ◆ Decided not to participate in a Church Transformation Cohort
- ◆ Set aside further discussions about a Ministry Internship or Assistant Pastor position
- ◆ Approved the revised Personnel Manual
- ◆ Called the annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for Sunday, January 20
- ◆ Accepted the invitation of the Household of Faith Church to join them for worship and a meal on July 7, 2019
- ◆ Approved a budget for 2019, including the Pastor's Terms of Call
- ◆ 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.

Financial Update NOVEMBER 2018

Stewardship Funds Received (Y-T-D)	327,465
Memorial Transfers	9,946
Building Use (Rentals)	44,120
Misc. Revenue	672
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	\$397,256

We have received (including transfers and rentals) **\$11,470 more than we have spent.**

Stewardship received last year through November 2017 - **\$330,414.**

Stewardship received through November this year - **\$327,465 - down \$2,949 in giving.**

Year-to-date budget 2018 - **\$378,121.**

Year-to-date budget 2017 - **\$375,434 - budget is \$2,687 more in 2018.**

Total Receipts Budgeted (Y-T-D)	\$388,654
Total Expenses Budgeted (Y-T-D)	\$378,121

WPC PRAYER TEAM

THE RIGHT WAY TO PRAY Matthew 6

"I admire people who record prayer requests in journals tattered from daily handling, those who keep track of every prayer and praise and then faithfully update their lists. I'm inspired by those who gather with others to pray and whose kneeling wears out the carpet at their bedsides. For years, I tried to copy their styles, to emulate a perfect prayer life, to imitate the eloquence of the so-much-more-articulate-than-me folks. I strived to unravel what I thought was a mystery, as I longed to learn the **right way to pray.**

Eventually, I learned that our Lord simply desires prayer that begins and ends with humility (Matthew 6:5). He invites us into an intimate exchange through which He promises to listen (v. 6). He never requires fancy or memorized words or phrases (v.7). He assures us that prayer is a gift, an opportunity to honor his majesty (vv. 9-10), to display our confidence in His provision (v. 11), and to affirm our security in His forgiveness and guidance (vv. 12-13).

God assures us He hears and cares about every single spoken and unspoken prayer, as well as the prayers that slip down our cheeks as silent tears. As we place our trust in God and His perfect love for us, we can be sure praying with a humble heart that's surrendered to and dependent on Him is **always the right way to pray.**"

—Xochitl Dixon, September 16, 2018 *Our Daily Bread*



WPC GIVING SPECIAL GIFTS

The first of the new year is always a great time to remind each other about processes and procedures that will help us to be more efficient with our time and energy in the coming year. That's true of scheduling events, communication...and giving!

Giving is a virtue that we enthusiastically applaud at WPC, because it is taught in the Bible, because we could not carry on ministry and mission without your gifts, and because we encourage one another when we generously share what we have been given by God.

On occasion, covenant partners in our church family, or others who may want to honor our church family, want to give gifts which are designated for a particular purpose, and we want to reiterate how that extra-special kind of giving should proceed.

If you have a monetary gift which you wish to designate for a particular purpose, your gift must be approved by the Session before you make your contribution. This is simply a matter of coming to agreement as to how your gift can be best implemented for the larger needs of our church's mission and ministry. You may begin the discussion with either the Business Affairs Elder, the Endowments and Memorials Chairperson, or the Pastor.

If you have a non-monetary gift which you wish to provide for a particular purpose, your gift must be discussed beforehand with the staff member or team who oversees the area of ministry and mission to which you want to give it. (This might be things like furniture for the youth room, Bibles or implements for the sanctuary, robes for the choir, or electronics for use in Sunday school.) There are some things which are occasionally given to the church that we simply cannot use, or that might seek to replace something someone else has previously given, or might not fit into future plans. It is best that you discuss your desire to give such a gift well before you purchase or deliver it, so that changes can be made, if required.

We thank you for your generosity, and value your commitment to the ongoing life and witness of Westminster.

WPC CPR/AED Class

On Thursday, November 29th from 4:00 - 8:00 PM **Bill Gatske** taught the CPR / AED Class here at Westminster for 13 of our members — **Maggie Ayers, Julie Bromann, Jason and Jenny Drury, Audrey Fechner, Lou and Phyllis Jacobs, Pastor Chuck Legvold, Ken Michels, Alan Pepper, Judy Rhoads, Shelia and Tom Westerfield.**



The class is taught by watching a skill on video, watching a live demonstration by the instructor on the mannequin and then time to practice the skill on the mannequin before doing the test on both an adult and infant mannequin.

The end goal is that each person taking the class knows how to identify an unresponsive person and then what to do — call for help, send someone to phone 911 and send for an AED. To then be able to do CPR until the AED arrives. How to use the AED. Then continue with the 5 sets of CPR and do a recheck with the AED until advanced help arrives or the person is responding.

The prayer is that you would never have to use these skills, but if you come across the unresponsive person you know what to do.



2019 SERMON TITLES



Feb	3	A Church of Constant Alertness	Rev. 3: 1-6
	10	A Church of Enduring Patience	Rev. 3: 7-13
	17	A Church of Shining Passion	Rev. 3: 14-22
	24	Clarifying Our Commitments	Jonah 1
Mar	3	Choosing Our Commitments	Jonah 2
	10	Embodying Our Commitments	Jonah 3
	17	Growing Into Our Commitments	Jonah 4
	24	Vacation	
	31	Can We Perfectly Keep God's Law?	Rom. 3: 1-18
Apr	7	Did God Create Us Unable to Obey?	Rom. 5: 9-14
	14	Musi	
	21	Received and Passed On	I Cor. 15: 1-11
	28	What is the Purpose of God's Law?	Rom. 3: 19-20
May	5	What is Sin?	I John 3: 4-10
	12	Continuing Education	
	19	What is Idolatry?	Rom. 1: 18-32
	26	Vacation	
Jun	2	Will God Allow Sin to Go Unpunished?	Eph. 5: 1-7
	9	How Can We Escape Punishment?	Isaiah 53: 1-12
	16	Who is the Redeemer?	I Tim. 2: 1-7
	23	What Sort of Redeemer is He?	Isaiah 9: 2-7
	30	Why Must He Be Truly Human?	Heb. 2: 14-18
Jul	7	HFCC	
	14	Vacation	
	21	Vacation	
	28	Why Must He Be Truly God?	Acts 2: 22-26
Aug	4	Why Did Christ Have to Die?	Col. 1: 21-23
	11	Does His Death Mean All Sins are Forgiven?	II Cor. 5: 16-21
	18	What Else Does His Death Redeem?	Col. 1: 15-20
	25	Are All People Saved Through Christ?	Rom. 5: 15-19
Sep	1	What Happens to the Unsaved After Death?	John 3: 16-21; 36
	8	How Can We Be Saved?	Eph. 2: 1-10
	15	Preach at HFCC	
	22	What is Faith in Jesus Christ?	Gal. 2: 17-21
29	What Do We Believe by True Faith?	Jude 3-4	
Oct	6	What Do Justification and Sanctification Mean?	I Peter 1: 1-9
	13	Can We Be Saved Through Any Other Way?	Gal. 2: 15-16
	20	Must We Still Do Good and Obey God's Word?	I Peter 2: 9-12
	27	Where Does This Faith Come From?	Titus 3: 1-11
Nov	3	For the Love of Truth	I John 2: 15-17
	10	Continuing Education	
	17	Vacation	
	24	A Most Satisfying Feast	Isaiah 55: 1-13
Dec	1	The Gift of Thoughtfulness	Luke 1: 26-38
	8	The Gift of Commitment	Matt. 1: 18-25
	15	Music	
	22	The Gift of Worship	Luke 2: 8-20
	24	Beneath the Blankets	Luke 2: 8-12
29	The Gift of Fear	Matt. 2: 1-12	

WPC CUSTODIAN'S CORNER

Scheduling Events at the Church

Westminster is trying something for 2019. We want to get all dates on our calendar for any and all events that will be held at or in Westminster..

If you or your organization schedule and event for 2019, please email all necessary information to either Trisha Warren at trishaw@wpc10.org or to John Post at johnp@wpc10.org. All events that need to be placed in the 2019 calendar need to be submitted no later than Jan. 7, 2019. After that date we will open the calendar to others who want to use our facilities.

Required information must have a date, time(s) place and the person responsible for the event. Please talk with John or Trisha if you have any questions.

Please note. Do not change the small switch above the handicap doors when you lock up the building. Please leave it on Automatic. Thank you.

As we begin a new year of ministry at WPC, it's always helpful to have a good reminder about how to handle things in order to make life easier for everyone. It is vitally important that everyone who is using the church facility for any purpose make sure that they properly request time and space to do so. This is vital for two main reasons: so we do not have scheduling conflicts, and so we are aware of who might be in the building in case of a disaster, such as a storm or fire. Our insurance carrier strongly recommends that we do this for both safety and security.

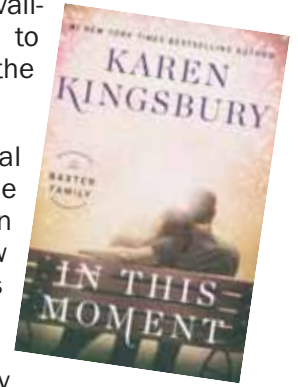
Here are the basic procedures to follow:

1. If you have a committee, team, Life Group, or class meeting at the church—whether it is a one-time event or an ongoing series—simply contact the church office and request the time and space you would like to use, remembering the first-come, first-served rule.
2. If you would like to have a larger event at the church—wedding reception, baby shower, anniversary celebration, etc.—you will need to come into the office and fill out a Building Usage Request Form, which will then need to be approved by the Business Affairs Team.
3. If you wish to schedule a wedding or a funeral, you will need to fill out the Building Usage Request Form and meet with Pastor Chuck; no wedding or funeral may take place without his prior approval, and the Session's approval thereafter. We almost always limit weddings and funerals to covenant partners of Westminster, and have established policies and guidelines that govern any exceptions to this practice.

As always, the sooner you can get your request initiated, the better for you and everyone involved. Thank you for helping to keep our facility usage organized and safe!

WPC BOOK CLUB

The WPC Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, January 15th at 1:30 PM** in the West Conference Room. Our discussion will be on *In This Moment* by Karen Kingsbury. The book is available in the church office to sign out and read before the meeting.



“Hamilton High Principal Wendell Quinn is tired of the violence, drug abuse, teen pregnancies, and low expectations at his Indianapolis school. A single father of four, Quinn is a Christian and a family man. He wants to see change in his community, so he starts a voluntary after-school Bible Study and prayer program. He knows he is risking his job by leading the program, but the high turnout at every meeting encourages him.

A year later, violence and gang activity are down, test scores are up, and drug use and teen pregnancy have plummeted. The program is clearly working—until one parent calls the press. Now Quinn faces a lawsuit that could ruin everything.”

WPC FAITHWEAVERS

the class will resume meeting on January 6, same time, same place, NEW book! The class will go back to a former format of using *The Standard Lesson Commentary* for its weekly lessons. Appropriately enough beginning with the book of Genesis for a number of lessons on Creation. All are welcome to join the group every Sunday at 9:00 am in the Library. Books are available from the Posts. Questions may be directed to **Dorrie** at dorrie.post@comcast.net or **630-844-3041**.

WPC HELP NEEDED

WORKERS ARE NEEDED TO MAINTAIN THE OUTSIDE AREAS OF THE CHURCH, SUCH AS WEEDING, PRUNING OF BUSHES AND LITTER PICK-UP. AREAS WILL BE DESIGNATED AND YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT AREA. THE WORK CAN BE DONE TO YOUR SCHEDULE AS NEEDED. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN HENDRICKS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

*Annual
Christmas
Concert*



Westminster Presbyterian Church **JANUARY 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
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WPC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with the by-laws of the church and according to the established polity of A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO), the Session has called a meeting of the congregation and corporation for Sunday, January 20th immediately following the 10:30 AM worship service in the Sanctuary of the church. The purpose of the meeting is to: receive the annual reports; receive the financial reports of the corporation; remember in prayer those members of the church who died in 2018; pray for the needs of the church; and other business which may properly come before the meeting. All active covenant partners of the congregation are eligible to speak and vote at this meeting, regardless of their age.



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ONE WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 10:30 AM SANCTUARY

Our Mission Statement

Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to lead people into intimate relationships with Jesus, the Son of God, deep relationships with His family, and servant relationships with our community.

