



February SERMON TITLES

FEBRUARY 3
"A Church of
Constant Alertness"
Rev. 3: 1-6

FEBRUARY 10
"A Church of
Enduring Patience"
Rev. 3: 7-13

FEBRUARY 17
"A Church of
Shining Passion"
Rev. 3: 14-22

FEBRUARY 24
"Clarifying Our
Commitments"
Jonah 1

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MONTHLY NEWS FOR AND ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

Dear Westminster Friends,

I hope that my articles about worship have been helpful to you. It is always good to be reminded about what is foundational and important, and to learn how each service is constructed. I thought, though, that it might be a good idea, before moving on, to have a brief chat about how to prepare for worship.

There are four different time frames, and many different ways, in which we can prepare ourselves for worship. Individual preparation for worship is as vital to pleasing God as it is to comforting ourselves, so we need to be intentional about it, whether we sit in the pew, sing, preach, or pray.



PASTOR CHUCK LEGVOLD

The preparation for corporate worship—what we do each Sunday morning, as well as at other special times of the year, begins during the week before each Lord's Day. We honor God when we take what we have learned in worship and apply it to our lives. It is during these in-between times that we do serious introspection and make changes that make us better fit to be in the presence of God, now and in eternity.

It is also helpful to prepare deliberately before we come to church each Sunday morning. Take advantage of the Scripture lessons we provide for the weeks ahead, reading and meditating on those passages. Take the time to pray for those who will be leading worship: pastor, choir, lay worship leaders, and musicians. Set your minds on the things of God, and set your expectations on meeting Him in worship.

As our time of worship begins, we always have a time for announcements and greetings, but after those things are complete, it's time to give our total attention to the Living God. After the brief silent interlude, it's not about us anymore—not our likes, or how we are feeling, or who might be sitting next to us. If we truly will, as I direct you, set aside the distractions of the week behind and the week ahead, and focus solely on praising Him, we will be ready to hear His voice and offer our thanksgiving.

One final way we can prepare for worship occurs as we leave our time together. Let's not be in a hurry, and let's talk in the narthex about how we have encountered God in the time we've been together. Take time to pray for someone, and begin to process and practice what has been revealed by the Spirit through the Bible. In other words—begin the cycle of preparation all over again.

God promises that He meets us when we come to praise Him. Let's be as prepared as possible for His presence.

Faithfully,

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 January meeting, the Session:

- ◆ Approved communion dates for 2019
- ◆ Discussed updates on our social media sites (website, Facebook, etc.)
- ◆ Spent most of the meeting focused on goal-setting and implementation
- ◆ 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.

Men's Flourishing Discipleship Group Announcement

Are you a man of God, committed to the Westminster family, and seeking to be more like Jesus?

Are you willing to make a year-long commitment to learn and practice what it means to be a Flourishing Disciple?

Are you serious about your relationship with Jesus, want to know how to grow deeper into it, and desire to see those around you come to faith in Christ?

Pastor Chuck is looking for Westminster men to start a new kind of small group, intended to dive deep into our discipleship, and seeking the life that Jesus desires for us all.

If this speaks to your heart, or even peaks your interest, contact Pastor Chuck personally, or by email (pastorchuck@wpc10.org), and he will provide you with a detailed list of commitments and expectations, after which you can make an informed choice about being a part of this initial group of 4 to 7 men.

We are looking to launch shortly after Easter, so make this contact soon!



Financial Report 2018

Revenue:	\$412,421
Expenses:	\$424,792
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Additional Revenue:	
A/C Donations	\$15,053
Bergman Fund	\$27,747
Hoefle Fund	\$1,646

We are prepared to take off into a brand-new year. Please make sure your Attitude and Blessings are secured and locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should we lose altitude under pressure during the flight, reach up and pull down a Prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. The Captain (God) has cleared us for takeoff.

**WESTMINSTER
LEADERSHIP NETWORK
MEETING**

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 9
9:00-11:00 AM
FLC**

**This quarterly meeting is for
all active Elders, Deacons
and Staff.**

6 Ways to Pray Like Abraham Lincoln

**Our 16th president was a man of frequent prayer. Here's how we can benefit from his habits.
by Bob Hostetler Posted in Pray Effectively, Feb 12, 2016**

Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is February 12, may have been the most eloquent president in American history. His speeches—particularly the Gettysburg Address and his Second Inaugural Address—are among the finest ever delivered. And multiple historical sources (including Lincoln himself) characterize him as a man of frequent and often desperate prayer. So it is surprising that we have no surviving text of any vocal prayer uttered by the 16th president.



That doesn't mean, however, that we have no insight into how Abraham Lincoln prayed. We do. And there is much benefit we can derive from praying like Abe, in these six ways at least:

1) Pray privately.

During his presidency, Lincoln often attended a weekly prayer meeting held at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church near the White House. When doing so, however, he chose to sit alone in the pastor's study with the door to the chapel ajar. He was there not for show but (as he told the pastor, Dr. Phineas D. Gurley) because he was able to pray without distraction and without anyone trying to impress him.

2) Pray in writing.

His most famous letter is one he wrote to Mrs. Lydia Bixby, whom he was told had lost five sons in the war between the states. He wrote, "I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours, to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of Freedom." Writing your prayers—whether to others or in a journal no one else will ever see—can marvelously focus your thoughts and prayers.

3) Make time for prayer.

Though he was elected twice, Lincoln was president for a mere 49 months. In that time he issued nine formal calls for the American public to fast and pray—an average frequency of one proclamation every five-and-a-half months. He clearly believed in making time for focused, united, purposeful prayer.

4) Be specific in prayer.

In his first "National Fast Day," President Lincoln's words reveal the careful reason and specific thought he gave to prayer:

"And whereas when our own beloved Country, once, by blessing of God, united, prosperous, and happy, is now afflicted with factions and civil war, it is peculiarly fit for us to recognize the hand of God in this terrible visitation, and in sorrowful remembrance of our own faults and crimes as a nation and as individuals, to humble ourselves before Him, and to pray for His mercy, to pray that we may be spared further punishment, though most justly deserved; that our arms may be blessed and made effectual for the re-establishment of law, order and peace, through the wide extent of our country; and that the inestimable boon of civil and religious liberty, earned under His guidance and blessing, by the labors and sufferings of our fathers, may be restored in all its original excellence."

5) Pray with hope and humility.

In his Second Inaugural Address, Lincoln's prayerful words were characterized by both hope and humility: "Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet if God wills that it continues...until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid another drawn with the sword...so still it must be said that the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

6) Pray fervently.

Perhaps Lincoln's most famous words on the subject of prayer reflect an awareness of his great responsibility, personal inadequacy and fervency: "I have been driven many times upon my knees," he once confided in an associate, "by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go."



WPC GAME NIGHT
MAC-N-CHEESE BAR

Mark your calendars for
Saturday, February 16, 2019
5:00 PM

for a Game Night and Mac-N-Cheese Bar.

Bring your appetite, your favorite board game
(no tag or dodgeball), and your favorite people
for a fun night of fellowship and laughter.

Look for a sign-up sheets in your
Sunday bulletins.

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 NEW COVENANT PARTNER COFFEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor Chuck and Bonnie will be hosting our next afternoon coffee for all of those interested in becoming Covenant Partners at Westminster. From 2:00 to 3:30 PM on Sunday, February 10, at the Legvold home at 2051 Alschuler Drive in Aurora, we will enjoy an informal time of conversation about the meaning, expectations, and procedures by which one becomes a Covenant Partner at WPC.

If you would like to explore making that commitment, please contact Pastor Chuck at the church, or email him at pastorchuck@wpc10.org to let him know that you'll be attending. You may also contact Membership Deacon Norrain Phelps for the same purpose.



WPC BRIDGE GROUP

We will meet on **Thursday, February 21, 1:00-4:00 PM** in the church lounge.



I AM THANKFUL

for the taxes I pay

because it means I am employed.

for the mess to clean after a party

because it means I have been surround by friends.

for the clothes that fit a little too snug

because it means I have enough to eat.

for all the complaining I hear about the government

because it means we have freedom of speech.

for the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot

because it means I am capable of walking, and I have been blessed with transportation.

for my huge heating bill

because it means I am warm.

for the lady behind me in church who sings off key

because it means I can hear.

for weariness & aching muscles at day's end

because it means I have been capable of working.

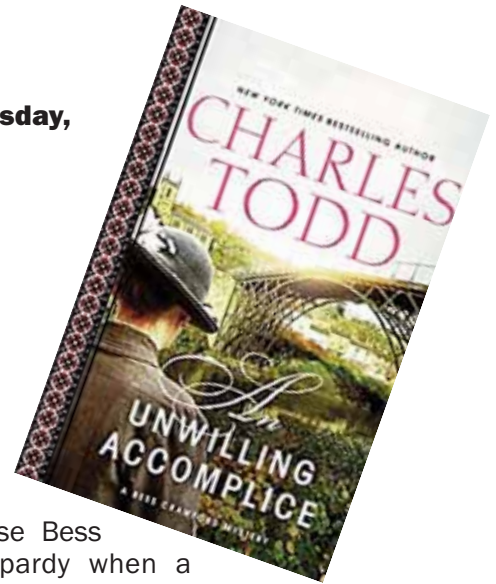
I AM THANKFUL FOR SO MANY THINGS.....

WPC BOOK CLUB

The February will meet on **Tuesday, February 19, 1:30 PM** West Conference Room.

The book for discussion is **An Unwilling Accomplice** A Bess Crawford Mystery by Charles Todd.

The book is available in the church office to sign out and read before the meeting



“World War I Battlefield nurse Bess Crawford’s career is in jeopardy when a murder is committed on her watch, in this absorbing and atmospheric historical mystery.

Home on leave, Bess Crawford is asked to accompany a wounded soldier confined to a wheelchair to Buckingham Palace, where he’s to be decorated by the King. The next morning when Bess goes to collect Wilkins, he has vanished. Both the Army and the nursing service hold Bess negligent for losing the war hero, and there will be an inquiry.

Then comes disturbing word from the Shropshire police, complicating the already difficult situation: Wilkins has been spotted, and he’s killed a man. If Bess is to save her own reputation, she must find Wilkins and uncover the truth. But the elusive soldier has disappeared again and even the Shropshire police have lost him. Suddenly, the moral implications of what has happened—that a patient in her charge has committed murder—become more important to Bess than her own future. She’s going to solve this mysterious puzzle, but righting an injustice and saving her honor may just cost Bess her life.”

Coffee Set-Up Help

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 **FEBRUARY 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Faith Weavers Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Jr./Senior High Sunday School 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM WPC "Read Through the Bible" Class 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM WPC WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Life Christian Center - Worship Service - Sanctuary	28 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM TOPS IL #2386- Aurora Chapter	29 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	30 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 - 7:30 PM WPC Youth Group 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM LCC Worship -Sanctuary, FLC	31 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day	1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM girls basketball gym rental	2 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM CCS- Greek School 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CCS- Music program (El Sistema)
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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.