

***Confessing Our Separation from God** (unison) Liturgist

In the winter of our lives, Tender God, our passion for following Jesus wilts in the chill of indifference. We could walk in the light, but tiptoe through the shadows of missed chances. We could look for your glory in others, but gaze instead in the mirror of selfishness, seeing our desires staring back at us. We could gather the broken of the world to our side but hold them at arm's length from us. Forgive us, Redeeming Grace. Jesus was bringing life and hope to all people. With grace and truth, he calls us to follow. In the name of Christ, who has been revealed to us, and continues to reveal you in the world around us, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Gospel Lesson John 1:10-18 Pastor Eddie
Source: The New International Version

Anthem *In The Garden* C. Austin Miles
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Reflection Fresh Start

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles Creed GTG p. 17
Ecumenical

**Prayers of the People of God –
Joys and Hopes**

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* GTG 12

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God** GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist

God of light and guidance, just as the wise men brought their gifts to honor the Christ child, we now present our offerings to you. May these gifts, like theirs, reflect our devotion and desire to seek your presence in all that we do. We pray that these tithes and offerings provide hope, healing, and peace to a world in need of your light. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn of Invitation** *Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with
Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer Liturgist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give thanks and praise...Great is the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted. And yet, we received everything that we needed. For this, we pray the way your son, our Lord and Savior taught us to pray... "Our Father..."

**The Words of Institution & the
Blessings of the Home Communion Sets**

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

Communion Prayer

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

GTG 744

***Benediction**

Postlude

Next Week's Liturgist: Deb Norton

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Al Cybart

Ushers: Greg Estes and Jim Miller

Music: David Libby

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

Thanks to Pam Jusino for today's Communion Bread.

CORRECTION:

Staff hours will NOT change in 2025. 2025 hours listed below.

Office Manager - Wendy

Tuesday: 10:00am – 3:30 pm

Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00pm

Thursday: 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Bookkeeper - Kerry

Monday: 9:00am – 3:30

Wednesday: 9:00am – 1:00pm

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 @ 10am – Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service. The Mission/Outreach Committee will be providing light refreshments.

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 8 – FEBURARY 26 @ 10-11:15am- Adult Ed Bible Study: “Questioning Scripture” with Alan Keohane.

Questioning Scripture is an interactive visual tour of the bible organized chronologically. It builds on Picturing Scripture. Please join us for these interesting and thought-provoking sessions on Genesis. This is a Zoom class **only** - the link is accessible on the Back of the Bulletin email and on WPC’s website.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 @ 10am - SUNDAY SERVICE and ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS - Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service for light refreshments. Stay for Fellowship, Stay for Joy: Where Faith and Friendship Flourish!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 –19: Code Purple Shelter Ministry Drive to support the Homeless

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Paul Wildey, a dear friend of Charlotte Jacobs and John Still, is in hospital due to pneumonia complicated by underlying medical conditions and recent surgery. We envelop Paul and his wife in our fervent prayers for his comfort and recovery. May God instruct his medical team in the best ways to restore him to health.

Ailing

Charlotte (mother of Pam Jusino)

Patrick (friend of Sherry Schnepfe)

Riley (great-niece of Pastor Eddie and Pam Jusino)

Susanne (daughter of Wes and Connie Paulson)

Tracy Green (wife of Don Smith's nephew, Major Mike Green)

Luke Shelton (friend of Cheryl Maginley's son, Brett)

Sid Simon

Don Smith

Surgery/Post Surgery/Accident

Terry (friend of Lois Gillespie)

Grieving

Barbara McCoy (friend of Mike and Maureen Quinn) – passing of her partner

Doris Hagan (friend of Eleanor of CRC) - passing of her daughter

Long Term Health Concerns

Mary Beth Adair, Mary Boyer, Sam Coleman (relation of Eleanor of the Community Resource Center), **Francis Cowgill, Bonnie Ekas, Mable Granke, Hull McLean & Barbara Miller, Joe Morgan, D.D.S., Jane Nicholson, Betty Pratt and Richard Pratt** (her son), **Caleb Randall** (family friend of Dave and Deb Norton), **Lois Ann Rayner, Rick Rowland** (friend of Tory, Danielle and Cole VanderWerf), **Lisa Salita** (Pastor, Georgetown Presbyterian Church, **Gina Sinclair** (sister-in-law of Rich Pratt), **Joyce Turner** (friend of Leslie Marsh), **Charlotte** (mother of Pam Jusino)

2025 EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Wednesdays, January 8 – February 26 @ 10-11:15am (no class on Jan. 29)
“Questioning Scripture - Genesis” with Alan Keohane (Part 1) - Please join us for these interesting and thought-provoking sessions on Genesis. This is a Zoom class **only** - the link is accessible on the Back of the Bulletin email and on WPC’s website. (7 sessions)

Ash Wednesday, March 5 - April 2 @ 10-11:15 a.m. (no class on March 12)
Lenten Season will kick off the a study of the Psalms of Lamentations. The class will be hybrid (in-person and Zoom) led by Pastor Eddie and hosted at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall. The study book will be announced later and the Zoom link will be accessible on the Back of the Bulletin email and on WPC’s website. (5 sessions).

Wednesday April 23 - June 4 @ 10-11:15 a.m.
“Questioning Scripture - Exodus through Deuteronomy” with Alan Keohane (Part 2) - Join us for continuation of “Questioning Scripture”. This is a Zoom class **only** - the link is accessible on the Back of the Bulletin email and on WPC’s website. (7 sessions)

Summer Session: led by Dave Norton
Starting from July and continuing through August - Wednesdays @10- 11:30 a.m. **in person only** hosted at Coolspring Presbyterian Church Community Center. (6 sessions) (**Topic and resource book TBD**).

Advent Season: November 26 – December 17
The class will be hybrid (in-person and Zoom) led by Pastor Eddie and hosted at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall. The study book will be announced later and the Zoom link will be accessible on the Back of the Bulletin email and on WPC’s website. (4 sessions)

Save the dates. ALL ARE WELCOME!