

## Church Staff

Pastor • Chad Reynolds  
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Adam Bruyere  
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John Burnette  
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# Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Know • Grow • Show



*The vision of Westminster Presbyterian is to know God in his glory, grow in grace together, and show the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and beyond.*

# A Service for the Worship of God

December 25, 2022

Welcome to all who are visiting with us today! Please let us know if we can answer any questions or provide additional information. We invite you to fill out a visitor's card if you have not done so previously. You will find them in the racks on the back of each pew. Please drop the cards in the offering plate.

We would love to get to know you!

\* Please stand if you are able

## We Gather to Know God in His Glory

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

*Now Sing We, Now Rejoice* • arr. Paul Manz

Catie Moyer

#### \*Call to Worship

from Isaiah 61 • Pete Partee

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

### Prayer Concerns

#### The Church at Large

Presbytery • Liberty Springs PC • Cross Hill  
Denomination • Ridge Haven Conference Center • Wallace Anderson  
Missionaries • Keith and Ruth Powlison • Peru  
National and Regional Leadership

#### Church Member Requests

Prodigal children

George Cadmus • Recovery from surgery  
Eunice Edgeman, Pat Watt's mom • relief from pain awaiting eye surgery  
Nancy Motes' sister • non-Hodgkins lymphoma  
Hope Natiello • pain management  
Al LiCalzi • on-going medical decisions  
Alyssa LiCalzi • chronic headache management

#### Those Expecting

Jordan and Thomas Orr • due in February  
Benjamin and Susan Orr • due in June  
Amber and Michael Strickland • boy, due in February

#### December Financial Report

Current Week's Income	\$11,641.30
Income MTD	\$24,002.19
Income YTD	\$388,442.84
Budgeted income YTD	\$392,400.00
Expenses MTD	\$27,337.26
Expenses YTD	\$385,049.29
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$389,541.00
YTD Income over/ (under) expenses	\$3,393.55

## **We Go Forth to Show the Gospel to Others**

### **\*Hymn of Response**

*Joy to the World* • Hymn 195

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Trio on the First Noel* • arr. Lasky  
Catie Moyer

## **Announcements**

**January 1** • Regular Sunday schedule

Tithe envelopes are available in the narthex.

The church office will be closed until January 2.

The LORD GOD has accomplished all of this through his Son Jesus. Let us worship and glorify the LORD with gladness and praise by the righteousness of his salvation to us in Christ!

### **\*Hymn of Adoration**

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice* • Hymn 207

### **\*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

### **Confession of Sin**

**Call to Confession** • Jeremiah 6:16-19

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon** • Jeremiah 31:31-34

### **\*Confession of Faith**

From 1 Corinthians 15

**We believe that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve, and then to more than five hundred brothers at one time.**

**We believe that Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

### **Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

\* Please place any tithes and offerings in one of the plates at the front of the sanctuary or in the narthex.

## Congregational Prayer

### \*Song of Preparation

*Angels We Have Heard on High* • Hymn 214

## **We Receive the Word to Grow in Grace Together**

### Scripture Reading

2 Kings 4:8-37

### Sermon

The Beginning of a New Creation

◇ I. Grace Comes to Us by God's Will

◇ II. Faith Compels Us to Seek the Man of God

◇ III. New Creation Life Is Ours by Union with Christ

◇ IV. Application and Discussion

The Shunammite and her son are nameless in the text. In what ways might the absence of their names speak to God's concern for "ordinary" (less than famous) saints?

In what ways can that be an encouragement to you and others whom you disciple?

In what ways does the Shunammite's story teach us to: (1) expect God's grace to be more abundant than we ask or think? (2) to pray with faith for God to meet our needs and the righteous longings of our hearts?

In what ways do the encounters between Elisha and the Shunammite point us to Jesus?