

*"I am the vine; you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much great fruit,
because apart from me you can do nothing. "*

John 15:5

Dear Friend in Christ,

You are a valued part of the Westminster church family, helping us abide in love and "bear much great fruit." And you are clearly someone who cares about responding gratefully to God's grace, and making a positive difference in our community. Thank you for your faithful participation in the life of our congregation.

Fall is the time of year when your Session invites you to enter into a *Stewardship Covenant*—to commit some portion of your time, talents, and financial resources to the glory of God and the work of this congregation. Your covenant, combined with those of the whole congregation, determines the scope of worship and work we can confidently take on during the coming year.

The enclosed materials build on our theme for the 2025-2026 stewardship season that started on October 1: *Bearing Much Great Fruit!* You'll find an asking budget brochure, a letter from our Pastor, and a Stewardship Covenant form in this packet.

We hope you already have been faithfully using the daily devotional guide that was distributed earlier. It is intended to help you prayerfully focus on the great gifts that God *has* given and *is* giving you. Your stewardship decisions reflect your commitment to give back to God in grateful response.

The Session and all the Elders of Westminster now invite you to join with them by completing your enclosed Stewardship Covenant form and bringing it to worship on **Dedication Sunday, November 16th**. It is especially helpful for you to make a financial commitment at that time, because we must balance our budget within the boundaries of the monetary pledges received.

Please prayerfully consider how you are being called to engage with God as a member of the Body of Christ in the coming year. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to "abide in love..., enjoy God, follow Jesus, and grow disciples."

Sincerely,

The Rev. Caroline V. Dennis
Pastor

Claire F. Kuhl
Clerk of Session

Stewardship Covenant

Stewardship 2026



Stewardship season is a time for you to prayerfully consider how you will show your gratitude to God by helping Westminster “bear much great fruit” in 2026. **God *always* provides for us—and one way that God provides is through you.** During worship on Dedication Sunday, November 16, you’ll be invited to bring the completed form forward to be dedicated to God’s glory.

Financial Contribution

As we are obedient to God’s mission for us, God provides the resources “more abundantly than we could ask or imagine”! (Ephesians 3:20) Please indicate the level of faithful financial support that you are able to pledge as your grateful response to all that God has given to you. Having this information is essential to help your Session craft a meaningful budget and determine the scope of work for the coming year.

Name: _____

Amount: \$ _____ per _____ (e.g., week, month, year)

Time and Talent

All members of your household are invited to write their initials beside each item of interest. Thanks!

Prayer

Pray daily for Westminster’s church family, Session, and pastor _____

Worship

Assist with worship setup/cleanup, especially for communion* _____

Welcome people as they arrive for worship (i.e., worship host)* _____

Read scripture and announcements during worship (i.e., liturgist)* _____

Contribute musical talents of all types _____

Christian Nurture

Care for babies or teach children in Sunday school, VBC, etc. _____

Teach youth or adult Bible study or Sunday school _____

Lead a small group for adults _____

Mission & Outreach

Participate in hands-on mission activities (e.g., trips, meals, repairs) _____

Donate/collect/deliver needed items _____

Arrange and deliver flowers* _____

Administration

Volunteer in the church office (e.g., copying, filing, data entry) _____

Communications

Support audio/visuals and live-streaming during worship or meetings* _____

Keep WPC social media interesting and up-to-date; host Facebook live feeds* _____

Submit items for the newsletter (e.g., articles, photos, art, poetry) _____

Maintain the church website* _____

Building & Grounds

Participate in fixup/cleanup days for our building and grounds _____

Open and close building for worship and other gatherings* _____

Assist with small repairs, maintenance tasks, or classroom/closet clean-outs _____

Congregational Care & Fellowship

Contact members and friends at home, in hospital, or in hospice (e.g., call, visit)* _____

Participate in meal preparation/setup/cleanup _____

** We’ll help you learn how to do this!*

Time and Talent, *continued*

I'm willing and able to serve in these other ways:

Household Contact Information Update

Check here if NO changes ☐

Please help us keep our family information up-to-date by responding to the items that follow. You may also maintain your own information by going to instantchurchdirectory.com.

Family Member #1		Family Member #2	
Name:		Name:	
Nickname:		Nickname:	
Phone Numbers:	Text?	Phone Numbers:	Text?
• Preferred _____	Y/N	• Preferred _____	Y/N
• Alternate _____	Y/N	• Alternate _____	Y/N
Email Address(es) You Check Regularly		Email Address(es) You Check Regularly	
• _____		• _____	
• _____		• _____	
Birthday Day/Month:		Birthday Day/Month:	
Wedding Anniversary Day/Month:			
Household Primary Address/Dates in residence here:			
Additional Household Address/Dates in residence here:			
Children at Home			
Full Name	Birthday Day/Month	School Grade	
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If any family members have allergies, please circle the name and note the allergen(s).

Also note if this individual carries an EpiPen.

Emergency Contacts			
Full Name	Contact Number	Relationship	City/State
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Please provide us with any additional information that would improve family communication and safety.

Guidance from the PC(USA) Book of Order

Within the church, we seek to love and serve one another through the rhythm of daily prayer, the ministries of Christian education and pastoral care, the activities of councils of the church, and other gatherings of believers. The church's ministries are shaped and nourished by the Word and Sacraments, and are to be carried out in the spirit of constant prayer.

Through its mission in the world, the church seeks to bear witness to God's reign through the proclamation of the **gospel**, acts of **compassion**, work for **justice** and **peace**, and the **care** of creation. The church's mission is shaped and nourished by the Word and Sacraments, and represents the living out of our prayer for the world.

Westminster Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

United by a common faith in Jesus Christ and governed by the essential tenets of faith and polity of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Westminster Presbyterian Church seeks to be a community of faith characterized by diversity and a commitment to spending our **time**, **talents**, and **resources** in mission and ministry, bringing the grace and love of Jesus Christ to those among us and to those beyond us in our community and in our world.



“God acts with *grace*;
we respond with *gratitude*.”

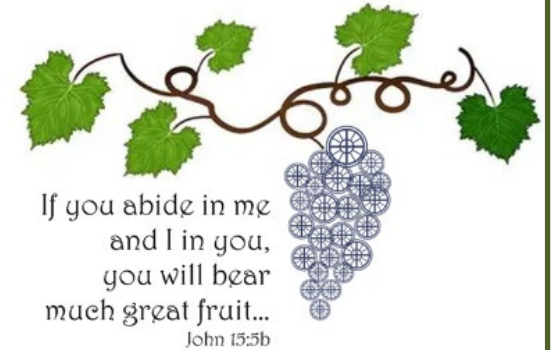
God claims us as beloved children;
we proclaim God's saving love.
God redeems us from sin and death;
we rejoice in the gift of new life.
This rhythm of divine action and
human response—found throughout
Scripture, human history, and
everyday events—shapes all of
Christian faith, life, and worship.”

PC(USA) Book of Order W-1.0102

2026 Asking Budget

Your Opportunities to Support Westminster's Worship and Work

Worship & Music	\$12,000
Mission & Outreach	\$13,500
Nurture & Education	\$10,000
Congregational Care	\$2,000
Building & Grounds	\$51,000
Administration	\$175,000
<i>(with salaries & benefits)</i>	
Total	\$263,500



Stewardship 2026

Worship & Music

We are called “to glorify and enjoy God forever,” so gathering for worship, in person or online, is essential for bearing good fruit. Your support for this work ensures that worshippers are warmly welcomed, and that our worship reflects our gratitude to God. Flowers, honoraria, communion supplies, Dinner Church, and WOW support are among the items included in this request. This year, we’re planning ahead for special music and for kirkin’ o’ the tartans to continue.

2026 Budget Request: \$12,000

Mission & Outreach

The exhortation to “go into all the world and preach the gospel” makes it clear that mission and outreach are core elements of bearing good fruit. Your support in this area allows us to reach out to the local community and to the world to proclaim the good news, work for justice, and provide for the needs of others. This budget request includes support for local mission partners, Camp Fellowship, special offerings, and outreach materials.

2026 Budget Request: \$13,500

Nurture & Education

Our goal of Being [More] Foundational encourages us to grow our knowledge of the Bible and our Reformed tradition. This team establishes curricula, recruits teachers, secures supplies and study books, and maintains the church library. In 2026, we hope to revitalize our youth and college ministries.

2026 Budget Request: \$10,000

God needs you to be a
faithful, fruitful branch.

Please bring your
Stewardship Covenant
to worship on
Dedication Sunday,
November 16th.



Bearing
Much
Great
Fruit!

*An inclusive community of faith,
abiding in the love of God
and committed to
enjoying God, following Jesus,
and growing disciples.*

Congregational Care & Fellowship

Fellowship and fun are absolutely essential for building the relationships that define who we are and how we work together to bear good fruit. Part of this team’s purpose is to foster relationships by creating opportunities for food, fun, and friendship throughout the year. This includes providing programs and activities for events, managing kitchen operations, and ordering and organizing food and other supplies. The CC&F team also plays a critical role in demonstrating love and providing support for those in our church family who need assistance or encouragement, by praying, visiting, sending notes, and delivering meals.

2026 Budget Request: \$2,000

Business Affairs

Sustaining the Body of Christ requires constant vigilance, action, and frankly, investment. This team handles the important-but-boring “back office” business of the church, including maintaining the facility and grounds. This team oversees church finances, personnel, insurance, office operations, risk management, and administrative needs, such as utilities, office supplies, and the like. This budget covers all of those diverse areas. Staff salary and benefits are included. In 2026, we anticipate significant investment in the building, such as replacing HVAC units.

2026 Administration Request: \$175,000

Building & Grounds Request: \$51,000