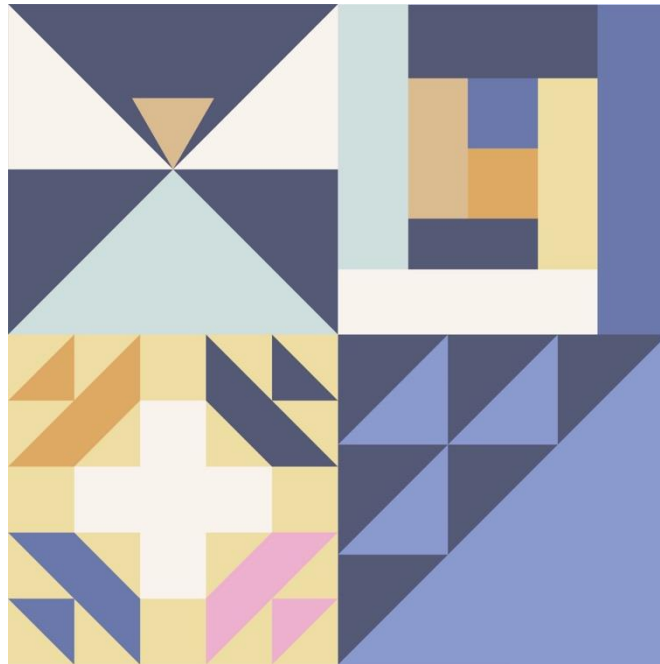


# Westover Hills Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



## A Service of Word and Sacrament Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025  
10:30am

### OUR MISSION

Westover Hills Presbyterian Church exists to worship & learn, welcome & celebrate, advocate & serve with people open to a faith shaped by practice to be a congregation recognized as a safe place and a resource for action, acceptance, and joy.

*Adopted May 2024*

We Gather at God's Invitation

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold text indicates unison readings.***

Welcome & Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Shea McGinnis

Prelude

David Austin, Director of Music

Call to Worship

Liz Branch, Liturgist

Come and see!

**The light of God has come into our world  
to proclaim God's justice and love;  
It has overcome the darkness and brought new life.**

Come and follow!

**Christ our companion has redeemed our world  
He draws us into a loving family  
From every tribe and family and culture.**

Go and tell!

**The Spirit has equipped us for service  
To love our neighbours as we do ourselves  
To bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.**

Come and see, come and follow, go and tell!

**In God's Love the nations of the earth will put their hope.**

\*Gathering Hymn

*"Morning Has Broken"*

Purple #664

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**How many times, Lord Jesus,  
have you come to us unwelcomed?  
How often have you  
visited yet we have been too busy to notice,  
spoken yet we have been too full of ourselves?  
Change all our insensitive habits  
and help us to do better.**

**Make us so sensitive to your immediate comings  
in the ups and downs of each ordinary day  
that we shall be well prepared  
to welcome your Final Coming  
as a consummation of love and joy.  
For your love's sake.  
Amen!**

*Silence is kept*

Assurance of Pardon

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\*Sung Response

*“Alleluia!”*

Purple #587

\*The Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

We Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

*“Thy Word”*

Purple #458

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Second Scripture Reading

John 1: 1-18

Sermon

“The Children’s Moon” Rev. Shea McGinnis

We Respond to God’s Word

\*Hymn of Response

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

Purple #14

\*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

We Gather at God's Table

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**And forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

We Depart in God's Name

\*Closing Hymn    *“Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*    Purple #662

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

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## The Life of the Church

*Join Us on the Journey!*

*Jan. 12 – Jan 18, 2025*

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### **Welcome!**

We are so glad to be worshiping with you today. If this is your first visit, welcome! If you have been with us before, welcome back! Whether you are a life-long Presbyterian, a brand-new Christian, or someone who is just trying to make sense of this world we share, we hope you will feel at home at Westover Hills Presbyterian.



Digital Visitor Card

### **Let us know you are worshiping with us!**

In the pew you will find an information card. Please leave us information on how we might be in touch with you to share more about life at Westover Hills. We would love to share a little about our story and hear more about yours. If you do not see a card in the pew near you, please ask one of the ushers you saw when you came in and we will be sure to get one for you. If you prefer, please scan the QR code below to be directed to the contact page of our website.

### **Evening Bible Study**

The evening Bible study group will meet on Monday, January 13th at 6:30 in the Chapel. Julie will lead Lesson 4 on Water Justice and Jackie will lead Lesson 5 on

Air Quality. Bring a snack to share if you would like.

### **Update on New Coffee Hour**

1) In the Arts & Crafts Area, Helen Hughes will be offering knitting 101 for anyone interested. Number 6 needles and yarn will be available for the first six 'knitter novices.'

2) 25 folks were in attendance last Sunday for the first Coffee Hour!

### **Midweek Manna**

Midweek Manna Bible Study resumed Wednesdays in the chapel at noon. We will be studying the prophet Micah this month.

### **Yoga Resumes Thursday**

Yoga with Jenny resumed on Thursdays in the chapel at 10am.



## *Caring for One Another*

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### **Prayer and Meditation**

There are two important traditions at Westover Hills that join our voices in prayer every week. The first is *Prayer on the 9's*. Every day you are able, join us in taking a minute to pause at 9am and 9pm to offer a short prayer for the church, the world, or someone you know who needs comfort.

Every Sunday in the bulletin and every Wednesday in the Careline e-newsletter, we share the list of pastoral care concerns known to the church. Members and friends are invited to pray for those people and world issues named on the list. Prayers of comfort, for healing, and for peace are always appropriate ways to remember our friends and neighbors. This week we remember:

**Blakey Raggausch, granddaughter of Ann & Max's friend, traveled**

**with her parents to Philadelphia for tests this week;**

Judi King, ongoing health concerns;

Liz Gath, recovering from colon cancer surgery;

Max Snowden, undergoing treatment for cancer;

Sam Highsmith, in hospice care at Presbyterian Village;

Beth Highsmith, in memory care in Alabama near her daughter;

Isatu Lebbie continuing to recover from a stroke;

Rene Thompson, friend of Joyce Smith, dealing with cancer treatments;

Stacy Harter dealing with cancer;

Monroe Flucas, Jr., Julie Gaffney, Martin Gaffney, Richard Gaffney,  
Eunice Holdcroft as they deal with health issues (friends of Judi King);

Our members and friends at Presbyterian Village;

The WHPC Staff: Robert, Tammy, David, Ulysses, and Shawn

**Bold indicates new additions or updates.**

To include a person or group on the Prayer List, please contact the church office at [office.westoverhills@gmail.com](mailto:office.westoverhills@gmail.com) and Robert at [robertwilliamlowry@gmail.com](mailto:robertwilliamlowry@gmail.com)

### **Deacon's Ministry**

Deacons for January are Shirley Garlington and John MacLeod.

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