



Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Chimes

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January

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December 2025



Dear Members and Friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church,

As we come to the close of this year, I find myself deeply grateful for the privilege of walking alongside you in ministry. This year has held both holy moments and hard conversations—times of celebration, times of grief, and times that required patience, courage, and trust. Through worship, pastoral care, shared leadership, and quiet faithfulness, we have continued to show up for one another. That in itself is no small thing. God has been present in our gathering, our listening, and our willingness to remain together even when the path has not always been clear.

This past year has also asked a lot of us. We have navigated change, differing perspectives, and the weight that long histories can carry in a congregation's life. These challenges have not defined us, but they have shaped us—inviting us to practice grace, to slow down, and to remember that the Church belongs to Christ, not to any one generation or moment. I have seen resilience in this community, a quiet determination to keep loving, serving, and discerning God's call together, even when the work has felt demanding.

I am thankful to share that Session has renewed my contract for another year of ministry, including a cost-of-living adjustment. I receive this as a sign of trust and commitment to our shared work, and I do not take it lightly. I remain called to serve with integrity, pastoral care, and faithfulness to our Reformed tradition and our Presbyterian way of being church—grounded in covenant, mutual accountability, and hope for what God is still unfolding among us.



As we look ahead to the coming year, my prayer is that we continue leaning into who God is calling us to be now—not who we once were, but who we are becoming. There is meaningful ministry ahead of us: deeper relationships, renewed purpose, and opportunities to serve both one another and our wider community with compassion and courage. Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your presence. May the God who has carried us this far continue to lead us forward, together.

With gratitude and hope,
Rev. Narcissis Tucker Bishop, MDiv

Interim Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church





January

- **Thursday, January 1** **New Year's Day/Office Closed**
- **Sunday, January 4** 10:00 am Worship Service/Communion
- **Sunday, January 11** 10:00 am Worship Service
- **Sunday, January 18** 10:00 am Worship Service
- **Monday, January 19** **MLK Jr. Day/Office Closed**
- **Sunday, January 25** 10:00 am Worship Service



Faye Grier	1/2
Eveline Tamarindang	1/8
Imelda Lalawi	1/8
Kim Weaver	1/21



Paul & Imelda Lalawi
January 25th



May God's blessings and peace
be yours in 2026.

Pacific Symphony - Handel's Glorious Messiah



On December 7th, Pastor Narcissis attended this spectacularly sacred musical presentation in the fabulous Segerstrom Concert Hall in Costa Mesa. Handel's music reflected God's goodness, mercy, and plan of salvation for all of humanity. Each piece of music was rich with direct quotes from the Bible. The 75-100 voice choir was divinely angelic and committed to representing Handel's music with perfection. Jared Hughes sings with this choir. Experiencing this concert was like being in the "holy of holies" with the welcoming Spirit of God ushering us into the heavenly realms. Children, teens, young adults, parents, and seniors, were in attendance. The "house" was full and everyone heard God's message of hope, peace, joy, and love, that's available to all, in this Advent Season. It's a must see for next year. I think a field trip is in the works!

The circular display behind Jared shows Barry Perkins, the Principal Trumpet. He played flawlessly.



Advent Soup/Supper in Walnut Village

On the 10th of December, Jared Hughes was invited to Walnut Village where The Rev. Dr. Les Bishop serves as Chaplain. Jared presented a short homily and Advent songs. The spirit of Advent was overwhelmingly appreciated by all who attended (almost 50...the highest attendance ever).



The congregation of Westminster participated in a "Holiday Food and Toy Basket" program, to provide Christmas food and gifts for local families in need. Members selected an ornament from the Giving Tree, which listed the type of gift they should purchase. Our church family responded enthusiastically, as you can see from all the donated items under the tree. Lynn Elliott coordinated this program and personally delivered the gifts - along with many food items that are not in the photo. Thank you, Lynn - and all those who generously donated to make this Christmas a little brighter for some of our local families!



Once again Westminster's parking lot was used by Carina Castillo for a Christmas Craft Fair on December 12. There were many vendors selling homemade items, tasty food, and a photo booth with Hello Kitty. There were raffle drawings for many prizes and a DJ providing music. Many attended and Carina plans to have other fairs.



What a blessed afternoon we had at our annual Christmas Soup Luncheon on December 14, 2025. The Christmas table decorations were spectacular as well as a special corner photo booth for individual pictures. The Meatball soup made by Bob and Judy Conacher was delicious. There were so many dessert choices that it seemed like you were your own private bakery. These were all baked by Tweddy. It made it difficult to make a choice. And to our surprise, Tweddy had Christmas tins that you could fill up and take home for the holidays. Many were able to also take a container of soup home. We acknowledged Mother Mary as it was officially her last church service that morning. Pastor Narsissis spoke of Mother Mary's years of service. Jared Hughes sang a beautiful song for Pastor Mary. It was a lovely afternoon of fellowship.



December 21 was our Christmas service. It was filled with praise and joyous singing in honor of the greatest gift ever, Jesus Christ. Pastor Narcissis wore her beautiful Nigerian dress, a gift from the Abba family. Music was led by Barbara and Jared. Our own beautiful angels, Bonnie and Dottie McIntyre delivered Baby Jesus to the manger as well as a dance to Angela We Have Heard on High. The choir sang three beautiful songs. A solo by Jared and our yearly tradition of Barbara singing Mary Did You Know.



Our very own Dr. David Clemensen was the featured pianist for "Tis the Season" musical performance held in the beautiful Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa on December 21st. The event was spectacular! We sang Christmas hymns with the Pacific Chorale and Children's Choir and had a special appearance from the North Pole - Santa Claus! Pastor Narcissis highly recommends this premier event for next year.



Dr. David Clemensen hosted a Christmas Day hymn sing-along held in our sanctuary. Ginny Mansfield read the meanings of our Advent candles while Bob Conacher lit the candles. After singing all our favorites, Rev. Dr. Les Bishop, husband of Pastor Narcissis, offered a few words of hope and blessings as he closed in prayer. A coffee and cookie time was held in the parlor for all who attended. Merry Christmas!



Hello Lynn and Westminster Presbyterian Church,

I wanted to take the time to tell you how much we appreciated the donations! The families were in awe of their baskets.

Families apply in October and their applications are screened as we review their expenses and income- only those in most need are accepted. This year due to the generous donations we received, families were given a turkey, a pumpkin pie with whipped cream, fresh produce, a variety of holiday staples for dinner, and general groceries. The amount of food each family is given depends upon the family size. During the application process, families provide us with a list of each child's interests, and we do our very best to match toy donations to the interests of the child.

In the pictures you will see two Mom's alongside our staff- they received one basket full of food and a second basket of toys, carefully hidden in black bags so the kids don't see and can be surprised on Christmas day! The family in picture 488 even received a bike!

We were able to serve 139 families with over 500 individuals including 261 children. We would not have been able to do this without your help!

Thank you so much again and Merry Christmas!

Alyssa Colunga DrPH

**Assistant Director of Human Services & Grants Manager
City of Montclair, Human Services**



Report from the Budget & Finance Committee

Summary of Revenue & Expense For November 2025

Revenues

Headstart	Deacon	Tithes & Offerings	Interest CD Account	Thanksgiving
\$2,207.08	\$120.00	\$4,310.00	\$316.26	\$205.00
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\$1.23				\$7,533.34

November Tithes and Offerings Deposits.

November 10	November 25				November Total	November Budget	October Total
\$2,710.00	\$1,600.00				\$4,310.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,410.00

2025 Total Pledges Received: \$51,426.00. We budgeted \$55,000.00. We are \$3,574.00 below the budgeted pledged amount.

November Major Expenses

Administration	\$911.75		
Building & Grounds	\$2,658.78		
Pastor Expenses	\$3,897.20		
Personnel	\$4,104.70		
Utilities	\$4,414.16		

**Total Expenses = \$17,874.61/ Net Income For November= Negative \$10,341.27
Net Income 2025 YTD = Negative \$16,496.88.**

Special Offerings Balances as of end of November 2025:

Thanksgiving: \$205.00



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The Sovereign Lord
is my strength;
he makes my feet like

the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights.

Habakkuk 3:19, NIV



*As the rain
and the snow*

come down from heaven, and
do not return to it without
watering the earth ... so is my
word that goes out from my
mouth: It will not return to me
empty, but will ... achieve the
purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV