



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## The Chimes



April/May 2026

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This letter comes to you in the midst of the Easter season—a time when we continue, as Presbyterians, to live into the reality that Christ is risen, and that resurrection is not a single day, but a way of seeing and living. April gave us many meaningful moments: the joy of Easter Sunday, the sacred remembrance of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the Celebration of Life for Beverly J. Robinson, and even a moment of connection beyond our walls through the invocation I offered at the Ontario City Council. We also witnessed a new beginning through the opening ceremony of our nesting church, Angeles Church. These are not small things—they are signs of life, reminders that God is still at work among us.

And perhaps even more quietly—but just as powerfully—I am seeing the Spirit move in the relationships forming within this congregation. New faces have become familiar ones. Conversations over meals have revealed something deeper than attendance: a sense of belonging, of being nourished by the Word, and of finding family here. Faithfulness continues in the generosity of those who support our outreach through food and clothing, and in the steady presence of those who gather week after week. As we move further into this season of resurrection and into the fullness of spring, may we remain open to what God is doing—often gently, often slowly, but always faithfully. New life rarely arrives all at once; it unfolds. And so we continue, trusting that hope, joy, love, and peace are not only promises we proclaim—but gifts already taking root among us.

By God's grace,

Rev. Narcissis Tucker Bishop, MDiv  
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2026 CALENDAR

- Sunday, April 26                    10:00 am Worship service
- Sunday, May 3                      10:00 am Worship service
- Sunday, May 10                    10:00 am Worship service / **Mother's Day**
- Sunday, May 17                    10:00 am Worship service
- Sunday, May 24                    10:00 am Worship service
- **Monday, May 25**                 **Memorial Day/Office Closed**
- Sunday, May 31                    10:00 am Worship service / **Session Meeting**



Pastor Narcissis	4/20
Natasha Tamarindang	4/25
Al Curletti	4/26



Donna Scharf	May 10
Jayne Davison	May 11



Bill & Barbara Alwin	May 16, 1998
Richard & Jayne Davison	May, 20 1978

During our Sunday, February 22 worship service, we had the blessing of Alyssa Lucia (granddaughter of Marline Van Alstine) leading our Children's Time in worship. Alyssa explained how what we show on the outside just as important as what we are inside- by giving each of the McIntyres an envelope that was rugged and dirty on the outside - but had wonderful messages of worship on the inside. The McIntyres - and our church family - were inspired by Alyssa's special message! And you can see their very proud Mom and Dad in the background - in the light of our beautiful stained glass windows.



During Sunday worship on March 1, Pastor Narcissis conducted a service to install returning Ruling Elders Tweddy Vander Laan and Kim Weaver. During the service of Installation, past and present Elders were called forward for a laying on of hands for Tweddy and Kim, to bless their commitment of service to the church.



On March 8th, during our Young Worshippers time, Marline had our young people pass out a baggie filled with pretzels to each church member. Here's the story of the pretzel: A symbol of prayer and simplicity. Pretzels are believed to have originated in Europe as early as the 6th or 7th century in a monastery. The story goes that a monk created a simple bread using just water, flour, and salt. These three ingredients fit the fasting rules of the time, which didn't allow for dairy, eggs, and meat. He shaped the dough into the distinctive twisted form to resemble arms crossed in prayer, a common posture in early Christian devotion. The three holes in the pretzel were also seen as a reminder of the Holy Trinity.

So, when you eat pretzels, now you know how they came about. Enjoy! And remember, the Holy Trinity loves you!

#### CINCUSH MEMORIAL FUND - SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

On Sunday, March 8 during worship, we were pleased to award a scholarship grant from the Hillard Cincush Memorial Fund to Madison Lowers, the great granddaughter of Faye and Bob Grier. In addition to working hard on her college studies at Cal State San Bernardino, we congratulated Madison on the wonderful news that her Cheer Team, which recently competed in Nationals, placed first in their division! Madison's mother Pam Lowers and Faye Grier were on hand to take this photo, and sent the following note of appreciation: "Thank you Westminster Presbyterian Church - from the Grier and Lowers Family"



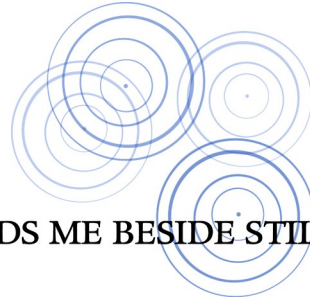
# Baptisms

On March 22nd, Faye Grier, along with her great grandchildren Isabella and Asher, were baptized during our church service at Westminster Presbyterian. It was truly a beautiful event, and everyone present was uplifted by the ceremony. Faye and her family were visibly moved, and the congregation celebrated with applause and heartfelt congratulations. We are grateful to have witnessed such a special moment and appreciate the warmth and support shown by our church family.



## *In Loving Memory of Beverly Robinson Johns*

On Sunday March 29, 2026, we bid farewell to our long-time member, Beverly Robinson Johns. Beverly passed into the arms of our Lord on February 16, 2026. At the close of the Memorial service, at Beverly's long-ago request, Bob Conacher played the bagpipes to lead us from the sanctuary to a lovely reception in the Fellowship Hall. Beverly will be lovingly and deeply missed.



“HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS.”

PSALM 23:2, NRSV



## PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29



On Palm Sunday, March 29th, church members were invited to walk to the cross and place their sins, burdens, and prayers on the cross with tape, or by nailing them to the cross. You can see how many people walked to the cross by looking at all the pieces of paper. It was a beautiful reflection of our felt need to connect to Jesus. This act reminds us that we do not bear life's weight alone; at the cross, we encounter grace, forgiveness, and the quiet promise of new beginnings. Here, Jhailun and Sarah Thomas, place their burdens at the cross.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 2

**What is Maundy Thursday?** "Maundy" comes from the word *mandate* or *command*. On this night, Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples and gave them one simple command: **Love one another**. He chose love even in the face of betrayal, fear, and suffering.

**Why Does This Matter Today?** In a world that often feels divided, rushed, and uncertain, Maundy Thursday invites us to slow down and return to what matters most.

**A Simple Practice for Today** – using your journal and bookmark, write a thought, prayer, idea or what matters most.



## CITY COUNSEL MEETING APRIL 7



Rev. Narcissis Tucker Bishop was invited to offer a short invocation on April 7th for the Ontario City Council meeting. Her humor lightened the mood and her reflection was noted as "the most inspirational they've ever heard..." Pastor Narcissis received another invitation to offer prayer at the San Bernardino City Council meeting in May.

# EASTER SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER



Sharing beautiful Easter music with us, our special soloist Jared Hughes sang "The Goodness of God" during communion.



Bonnie and Dottie McIntyre, were dressed in pretty lavender Easter dresses, and they came forward in the sanctuary to scatter rose petals at the foot of the Cross.



**Angeles Church is our new nesting church that uses our chapel on Sundays for worship. On Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> they held their opening celebration. Pastor Yoon preached, musicians led worship and Pastor Kim led a liturgical dance with background music and drumming while she danced (I have a video of the dance if anyone would like to see it.). It was absolutely beautiful and holy. Pastor Narcissis led the Benediction.**



## Report from the Budget & Finance Committee

### Summary of Revenue & Expense For February 2026

#### Revenues

Headstart	Donations	Tithes & Offerings	Interest CD Account	Use of Facility
\$20,467.70	\$35.00	\$4,990.00	\$197.50	\$650.00
<b>Interest Cincush MM</b>				<b>Total Revenue (Cincush Fund Not Included)</b>
\$1.06				<b>\$26,340.20</b>

#### February Tithes and Offerings Deposits.

February 09	February 26				February Total	February Budget	January Total
\$3,150.00	\$1,840.00				<b>\$4,990.00</b>	<b>\$5,250.00</b>	<b>\$4,700.00</b>

**2026 Total Pledges Received: \$9,455.00 . We budgeted \$10,333.34. We are \$878.34 below the budgeted pledged amount.**

#### February Major Expenses

Administration	\$856.33		
Building & Grounds	\$1,162.99		
Pastor Expenses	\$4,131.46		
Personnel	\$3,764.99		
Utilities	\$2,919.40		

**Total Expenses = \$13,305.17/ Net Income For February = \$13,035.03  
Net Income 2026 YTD = \$6,854.82.**

#### Special Offerings Balances as of end of February 2026:

Christmas:\$100.00





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Barbara Alwin

Jeanne McIntyre

Lynn Elliott

Marline Van Alstine

**Clerk of Session**

Ginny Mansfield

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Facility & Property: Jesse Rose

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