



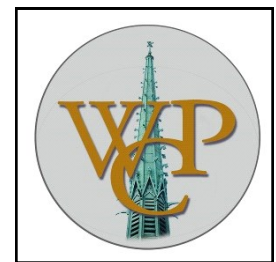
CHIMES - January 2026

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“What a difference! The three kings had only a rumor to go by. But it moved them to make that long journey. The scribes were much better informed, much better versed. They sat and studied the Scriptures like so many dons, but it did not make them move. Who had the more truth? The three kings who followed a rumor or the scribes who remained sitting with all their knowledge?” - Søren Kierkegaard

ADVENT STARRY NIGHT 5, Virginia Wieringa, Acrylic 2011

Sometimes when I'm cooking in the kitchen and Eliana is around, she runs towards me and asks me to pick her up so she can see what is cooking. She knows something yummy (or at least she thinks it's yummy) is being made and she wants to be able to visualize it herself, but she needs help. The same is true for us and our lives of faith. We know God is always up to something in our lives, God is consistently ever moving and active through the power of the Holy Spirit, sometimes though we just need a little boost to see.

Kierkegaard's quote stirs us, if we allow it, to ponder what God's revelation means to us. We can gather all the knowledge in the world, but if we do nothing with that knowledge, what use is it? I can read up on all history of sports, or films, or musical trivia, or more importantly Biblical knowledge of who God is and what God has done, but if that knowledge doesn't move me to do something with it, what good is it to me?

This is the power of the witness of the Three Magi in the Epiphany story. They had the knowledge, they were well versed in astrology, and they knew something powerful was to happen when they saw the star in the sky. Their inquisitive nature moved them to see just what had taken place, and their lives were forever changed because of it.

This is my prayer this Epiphany season, that with all our knowledge of God's everlasting to everlasting mercy, with our knowledge of God's love revealed to us in Jesus himself, with all our knowledge of God's faithfulness from generation to generation, inclusive of us, may we constantly ask God, "Can we see?"

Peace,

Pastor Shawn



Please remember our homebound members.

January Birthdays

- 7 Gabriela Maria Canelon
- 12 Hollie Harris Stobaugh
- 17 Mary Beth McCall
- 22 Valerie Harris
- 23 Valentine O'Brien
- 24 Otto Vallastro
- 24 Jeffery Orion Reed
- 28 Doris Hailey who will be age 100 on January 28!

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 * Kathleen Smith Queen Webb *
 * Westminster Canterbury C/O The Summit *
 * 501 VES Rd, H-429 1300 Enterprise Dr. *
 * Lynchburg, VA 24503 Lynchburg, VA 24502 *
 * Maymie Keys Doris Hailey *
 * R&P at Liberty Ridge 209 Woodland Avenue *
 * 30 Monica Blvd. Unit 305 Lynchburg, VA *
 * Lynchburg, VA 24502 24501-2127 *
 * Eloise Peters Barbara Taylor *
 * Westminster Canterbury R&P at Liberty Ridge *
 * HAI #428 VES Road 30 Monica Blvd. Unit 344 *
 * Lynchburg VA 24503 Lynchburg, Va. 24502 *
 * Sylvia Viar Becky Maxey *
 * 15 John Rucker Drive 57 Beech Avenue *
 * Ruckersville, VA 22968 Hamilton, NJ 08610 *
 * Please pray for Nancy Duncan, Joe Slette, *
 * & Jimmy Reed. *
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Chili Cookoff

Prior to the big game, stay after church to stuff your face with yummy chili! Souper Bowl Sunday will be February 8th, 2026. On that Sunday, after worship, we invite the congregation to compete in the annual Chili Cookoff to raise money in support of Daily Bread.

Carter Miller won last year, so bring your best Chili to try your hand at being our next Chili Cookoff Winner, and support an incredible effort within our community to ensure no one goes hungry.

Be on the lookout for the Chili Sign-up Sheet outside the office and in the Narthex. Many compete, but who will win?

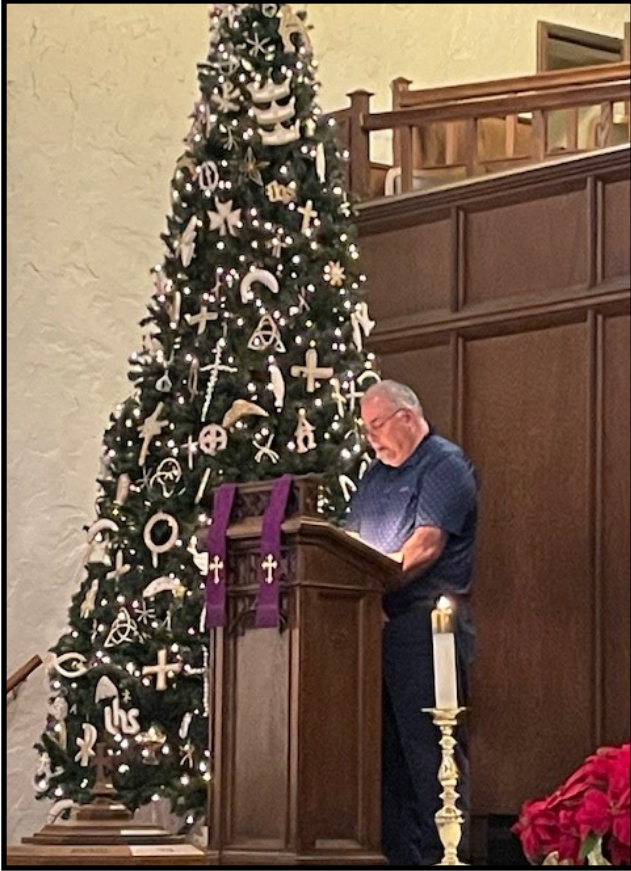
100 Years of Westminster at 11th & Floyd!

In spring of 2026, we will celebrate Westminster Presbyterian Church being here, in Lynchburg, Va, at 11th & Floyd, for 100 years!

In preparation for that incredible event, Angela Hart, our congregation Historian, is working on refurbishing the Legacy History room. It has been moved upstairs into what was once the Ladies Bible Study Room, behind the Fellowship Hall, for ease of access and enjoyment. There is still much to do to catalogue and artfully display all the incredible pieces of history we have hidden away here at WPC.

If you would care to donate to this cause, please write checks to WPC with "Legacy Room Refurbishment" on the MEMO line of your check.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service





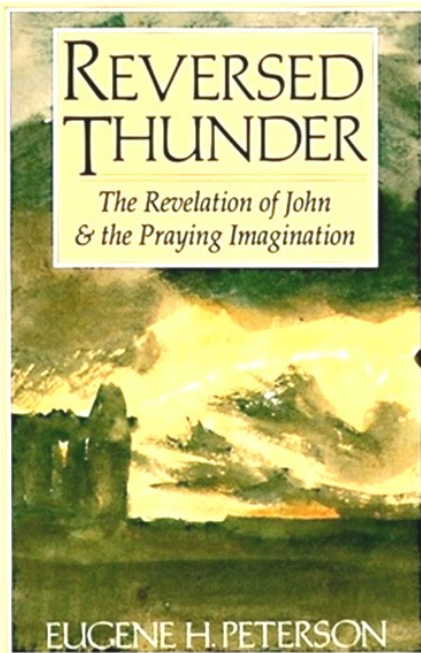
**Happy 100
Birthday Eloise!**



**Also, Maymie Keys tuned 102 on December
21st! Happy Birthday, Maymie!**

Lessons & Carols Luncheon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlrCQHkA59M>



Tuesday Nights 5:15 PM —6:15 PM

January 13—Revelation 15 & 16/Chapter 10—The Last Word on Judgement

January 20—Revelation 17 & 18/Chapter 10—The Last Word on Judgement

January 27—Revelation 19 & 20/Chapter 11—The Last Word on Salvation

February 3—Revelation 21:1-22:5/Chapter 12—The Last Word on Heaven

February 10—Conclusion/Chapter 13—The Last Words

Revelation Bible Study at Westminster Presbyterian Church

Continuing through

Join us this year as we delve into the Revelation and expand our imagination. During the study we will read the Biblical text itself alongside Peterson's book Reversed Thunder: The Revelation of John & the Praying Imagination. The Study will begin in October, and the group will meet for one hour each week— **Tuesday nights, 5.15 to 6.15 PM. There will also be a Zoom option for those who cannot make it in person to the church.**

We will be continuing our exploration of Revelation in January and welcome everyone who is interested to join us.

January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 2nd Sunday of Christmas HYMN SING Scripture: Jer. 31:7-14 and Ps.147:12-20; Eph. 1:3-14;3-14; 1:(1-9) 10-18 HYMN SING Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Byron & Ashley Thulin Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler Liturgist: Ashley Thulin	5 Lunch Bunch	6 Epiphany	7	8	9	10 Unhanging of the Greens 10 AM
11 Baptism of The Lord Communion Scripture: Isa. 42:1-9 and Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:13-17 Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Chris & Val Harris Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler Liturgist: Pix Mahler Communion Prep.: Pix Mahler, Ashley Thulin Communion Servers: Sharee Eans, Chris Harris, Ashley Thulin Session Meeting 9AM W&M meeting 12:15PM	12 P.W. Women 11:00 a.m. Luncheon to follow	13	14	15	16	17
18 Second Sunday after Epiphany Scripture: Isa. 49:1-7 and Ps. 40:1-11; 1st Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Angela Hart Ushers: Wilbur Duncan, Jeff Evans Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress Congregational Meeting after church	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Third Sunday after Epiphany Scripture: Isa. 9:1-4 and Ps.27:1, 4-9; Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-23 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Ashley & Byron Thulin Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler Liturgist: Angela Hart	26	27	28	29	30	31

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 4th 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Scripture: Jer. 31:7-14 *and* Ps.147:12-20;
Eph. 1:3-14;3-14; 1:(1-9) 10-18

HYMN SING

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson
Ushers: Byron & Ashley Thulin
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler
Liturgist: Ashley Thulin

January 11th Baptism of The Lord

Scripture: Isa. 42:1-9 *and* Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt.
3:13-17

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson
Ushers: Chris & Val Harris
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler
Liturgist: Pix Mahler
Communion Prep.: Pix Mahler, Ashley Thulin
Communion Servers: Sharee Evans, Chris Harris,
Ashley Thulin

Session 9 AM

W& M at 12:15 PM

January 18th Second Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Isa. 49:1-7 *and* Ps. 40:1-11; 1st Cor.
1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska
Acolyte: Angela Hart
Ushers: Wilbur Duncan, Jeff Evans
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross
Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress

January 25th 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Isa. 9:1-4 *and* Ps.27:1, 4-9; Cor. 1:10-18;
Matt. 4:12-23

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson
Ushers: Ashley & Byron Thulin
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler
Liturgist: Angela Hart

Congregational Meeting after Church