upcoming events

Poinsettias in Memory or Honor of Loved Ones
This year, you are invited to purchase a poinsettia plant in memory or in honor of a loved one. The poinsettias will then decorate our sanctuary throughout the Advent and Christmas season. Your name, and the name of your loved one, will be shared with the congregation in December. Each plant costs $30. To purchase, either complete the form linked in the eNews, or email Deb Saltzman at cablecarqueenbee@gmail.com.

Christmas Giving Fair
Sun, November 15, 9:15 & 11:00 am, Findlay Hall
A new name for an honored tradition. Come kindle the true meaning of Christmas: wide selection of gifts to featured nonprofits to honor loved ones in tangible ways. We will also have a Giving Tree serving Marin Foster Care.

Matthew Bible Study
Sunday, November 15, 11:30 am, Library
Join Rob and Bethany for an in-depth look at the Gospel of Matthew.

WPC Spiritual Book Group
Thursday, Nov. 16, 7:00 pm, Library & Zoom
Join the WPC Spiritual Book Group to discuss themes 18-26 of "Original Blessing" by Matthew Fox. In person and via Zoom. For questions, Coral Kisseberth - coralkisseb@yahoo.com or Steffen Bartschat - sbartschat@comcast.net.

SoulSifting: Exploring our Spiritual Needs
Wednesday, November 18, 9:30 am, Rm 201a/b
Everyone has basic spiritual needs, such as needs for meaning, wonder, hope, etc. In this series, we will examine various needs and discover how well we are fulfilling them for ourselves and for others. Facilitated by Bethany and Rob.

Camino de Sonoma Informational Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 7:00 pm, Zoom
In response to significant interest in walking the Camino de Sonoma the week of April 5, there will be an informational session on Zoom. (https://zoom.us/j/95876708443) The meeting will be recorded for those who cannot attend live.

Ageless Café Christmas Coffee
Tuesday, December 1, 10:30 am, Findlay Hall
All are invited for warm beverages and snacks, Christmas carol singing, and casual conversation. A fun and informal beginning to the Advent/Christmas season.

Prepare & Serve Dinner at the Street Chaplaincy
Tuesday, December 8, shifts from 3:00-7:00 pm
Help prepare and serve dinner for the unsheltered community at First Pres. San Rafael. Come for 2 – 4 hours to fit your schedule. Donations to cover the meal cost are voluntary. Contact Suzanne Mellen (srmellen@comcast.net) to RSVP.

What's your WHY?
The Stewardship Committee asks that you consider this question. Why are you here? What lights you up about our community? Hopefully, your WHY is why you are willing to make a pledge to support Westminster in 2027. If you haven't yet pledged, please do so in the next week at https://bit.ly/PledgeForWPC. Contact Katie Smith at 415-686-2057 with questions. Thank you.

Congregational Blessing
You are beautiful, chosen, made for a purpose, a precious child of God, loved forever (Psalm 139:14, 1 Peter 2:9, Ephesians 2:10, John 1:2, Jeremiah 31:3).

Westminster
Presbyterian Church

November 15, 2026
10:00 am Worship

"For I saw no wrath in God."

~ Julian of Norwich

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order of worship

Prelude ..... Cantabile "Vocalise" ..... Sergei Rachmaninov
Welcome and Sharing of Peace ..... Robert McClellan
Introit ..... Nothing Can Trouble ..... No. 820
Opening Blessing ..... Steffen Bartschat
* **Opening Hymn** ..... God Whose Giving Knows No Ending ..... No. 716
Community Prayer ..... Jeff Shankle

Generous God, trusting God, forgiving and loving God, free us from deep-seeded doubts we have of your goodness or your good intentions for us. Liberate us from the fears that may have scarred us in the past. Shape us into the kind of leaders who likewise give generously, who empower people with trust, who lead with accountability but not fear. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance
Joys and Concerns and The Lord's Prayer (page 35 in the hymnal) ..... Jeff Shankle
Anthem ..... This Is My Song ..... arr. Terre Johnson
Nancy Leung, flute
Birthday Blessing ..... Robert McClellan
Time of Discovery ..... Robert McClellan

Go now in peace; go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Scripture Reading ..... Matthew 25:14-30, pg. 807 ..... Steffen Bartschat
Sermon ..... Toxic God Syndrome ..... Robert McClellan
Silent Reflection
Offertory ..... River Flows in You ..... Yiruma
Lauren Van Dusen, piano
Sacrament of Baptism ..... See blue box
Reception of New Members ..... See white box
Life of the Beloved Community ..... Robert McClellan
* **Closing Hymn** ..... Trust in God ..... No. 848
* **Benediction** ..... Robert McClellan
Postlude ..... Psalm XIX ..... Benedetto Marcello

**Often, worshippers stand*

Sacrament of Baptism

Call to the Sacrament ..... Robert McClellan
Baptism Congregational Covenant

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Lea into Christ's church. Because we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, encourage, and support her. We promise to share the good news of the Gospel with her and walk alongside her as together we love and serve in Christ Jesus.

Welcome Song

As we baptize you with water,
there is grace upon your life
And we're promising through everything
to help you realize
That you are loved by God
and we all love you too
And we're promising, though everything
that we'll be here for you.

Baptism
Apostles' Creed (page 35 in the hymnal)
Prayer

Reception of New Members

Introduction ..... Rebecca Nowlen

The following people have been received into the membership of this congregation: Rajvi Berry, Bob Brant, Tori Brant, Gay Gilliland, Allison Greason, Cat MacMannis, Sean MacMannis, Trevor Matern, Lea Ritter.

Covenant Questions to New Members
Congregational Covenant

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome these new members into the life of this congregation. We will get to know them, look for their gifts, and walk the road of faith with them. We will pray for them, serve alongside them, bless them, and help them grow in Christ.

Ritual of Welcome
Prayer