

## October 2020 Session Notes:

- Session extends its sincere condolences to the families of Evelyn Post and Alice Clark, who died on October 4 and 7, respectively. Rev. Dr. Hogg officiated at both services and committals.
- Session received Sam Ecton into members on Sunday, October 11, 2020. Welcome, Mr. Ecton! Sam has been a part of us for quite some time, attending our Men's Bible Study each week and worship with his son. We look forward to getting to know you better!
- The 2021 pledge drive started October 18 and runs through November 22. Packets, including an electronic pledge card, will be available on-line. Hard copies of the packet are available for pick-up with a contact with the church office.
- Communion is planned for Sunday, November 15; pre-packaged elements are available on Saturday, November 14 between 10 a.m. and 12:00 noon, or by request through the church office for pick up on the preceding Tuesday or Wednesday between 9 am & 4 pm
- CCA Holiday Baskets will be collected on October 24, between 10 and noon and on October 25 during worship. It is also possible for persons to deliver baskets to CCA during operating hours in November.
- Session decided to continue in-person worship services on Sunday mornings. Live streaming of the service will continue through the various platforms already in place.
- Return to children's Sunday school is being considered; however, at least two children have worship responsibilities, and timing for this class may have to be altered. A change in timing for at least one adult Sunday school may be necessary as well. A date for resumption of these classes will be published when determined.
- ELP reopened on October 1, following specific guidelines for protection of the children and staff who will be attending. School is progressing very well. No visitors, including parents, are permitted in the building. Additionally, all persons NOT associated with ELP operations are NOT permitted in that educational portion of our building during school hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays. This is a mandate by the educational oversight body of the State. Cooperation with this by all persons is requested and appreciated.
- Session gratefully thanks our members for their continued financial support, which enables Rev. Hogg and others to continue the work and mission necessary despite inside-facility restrictions.
- Session thanks the continued commitment of the Worship committee and participants, as well as the Tech Team involved, to provide Sunday morning worship in several platforms for viewing.
- Session continues to be proactive about the possibility of fully reopening our facility and will publish any decisions made in the future regarding Sunday school, Presbyterian Women, The Linus Project and other gatherings.
- There are four tablets available for those who wish to participate in the Sunday worship and Wednesday mid-week ministries but do not have computer, tablet or other way to connect with these services online. Access through tablets is easily learned and there are tech people who can easily and quickly explain the process. Please contact the church office and leave a message, if someone is interested.
- Please be in prayer as session and its Teams continue to discern God's will for Westminster, its mission and its ministries.
- Please continue to join us in daily prayer at noon – or as close as possible – as we continue to lift our collective prayer for God's will for His church at Westminster, as well as prayers for our first responders.
- Reminder: Session minutes are available, upon request, through the church office.
- A reminder: articles for the November newsletter will be due Wednesday, October 21.