



**Westminster**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA**

February 2021



# NEWS

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Our calling as believers in Jesus Christ is to love and live by His example,  
to share God's Word and to find new ways to serve.*

## VISION

**Worship Prayer Community**

## Heirs According to Promise

We are now solidly into the year of 2021 and we are still in uncertain times. While many of us have found new routines, new ways of living normally, we still live in a time in which the future is uncertain. Of course, the future can never really be known, but in the midst of the ongoing global pandemic and the recent political turmoil that had our entire nation on edge, it feels like we are standing on the precipice of a cliff. In times like these it can be easy to get set into our own tribe, our own group, our own party. We do this for any number of reasons but when things are especially uncertain, we do so for comfort and safety. To know that we are not alone in the challenges we face or the concerns we have for ourselves, our friends, and our families. Yet when we do this, it can be all too easy to begin to push others away. To disregard or fail to listen to those who fall outside of our established norm. That isn't to discredit the feeling of safety one gets from having that tribe, that group, because I think that is important. Yet, we are called to be open and hear those who might believe and behave very differently from us. We do this because although we may draw up such divisions and lines, the kingdom of God has no such divisions.

In one of my favorite passages from scripture we get another glimpse at what the kingdom of God looks like. This passage comes from the book of Galatians in its third chapter. Toward that back half of the book, Paul is describing the purpose of the law and how it is not opposed to the promises of God but it served as a disciplinarian until Christ's arrival so that we could be justified by faith. Then picking up in verse 26 until the end Paul writes "for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise." You see, when we become a part of the kingdom, when we are baptized having decided to follow Jesus, to be Christ like, we are brought into the kingdom reality where the things that would have divided us or separated us are put away. A modern reimagining might go like this: there is no longer Republican or Democrat, capitalist or socialist, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. This is the kingdom reality, that regardless of our background, our political beliefs, our origins, our gender, we are all one, together, in Jesus Christ. So, in this time of uncertainty, in this time where things continue to be outside of our normal, let us remember that we are all one community, together in Christ, and to support and love one another. Because since we belong to Christ, we are heirs according to the promise.

*Drew*

## Prayer Bear Collection is Coming!

Please bring a new teddy bear (and bears ONLY) of all colors, shapes and sizes for our annual collection on Sunday, Feb. 14, during service, when they will be blessed. If you prefer to deliver your bear without coming into the building, we will be collecting them on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon in front of the church entrance.

This annual collection for Cook Children's hospital helps us share healing love with their young patients as they go through illness and recovery. The hospital will be accepting our bears even during the pandemic as we'll be taking extra steps to sanitize our donations.

Thank you from Outreach & Mission for sharing the love and warm cuddly hugs with children in need.



### 2021 SESSION MEMBERS

Larry Bartlett (T)	Alex Seleny (T)
Becky Bittle	Barbara Wheeler (T)
Bob Bittle (T)	Rick Bargas
Alice Carter	Gordon Couch (T)
Kaye George	Mark Judice
Donna Christian	Barry Miller
Becky Earley	Chris Sullivan (T)
Susan Green	

### 2021 TEAMS and LEADERS

Building & Grounds	Bob Bittle
Christian Education	Alice Carter
Finance	Barbara Wheeler
Membership	Mark Judice
Outreach & Mission	Susan Green
Personnel	Alex Seleny
Worship	Chris Sullivan



### Treasurer's Corner

We're probably all glad that 2020 is over! Hopefully, we can all be back together soon. As your treasurer, let me express my deep gratitude for the wonderful support you have continued to give this congregation through a difficult and trying time.

Donations in December were \$39,153.03 and expenses were \$38,033.68. The expenses included our quarterly property/liability insurance premium of \$6,899.25. Our premiums went up 32% this year, primarily due to national/global losses (think floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, California fires, etc.). The mortgage balance is \$184,626.21.

If you haven't returned your 2021 pledge yet, there's still time. Pledge forms and time/talent surveys are in the narthex, you can fill one out online, or just call or drop me an email.

Larry Bartlett

### A Message from the Office Administrator:

As we approach the one-year mark of the pandemic, we look back at how we have adapted to the "new normal." Currently, the need for teams and other groups to add **events to the master calendar in the church office** hasn't been an issue. We are hopeful, however, that the arrival of the vaccine will begin to reduce the number of cases of COVID and allow us to move towards planning in-person events.



With that hope in mind, this is just a reminder that teams and groups need to be responsible for entering events on the calendar so we can update our newsletters and electronic communications accordingly, as well as have the appropriate room set-ups in place for events.

In the meantime, please continue to **contact me at the church office**

**(817) 292-1155** or [contact@wpcfw.org](mailto:contact@wpcfw.org)

with information that needs to be shared with the congregation, either via the e-News or the monthly newsletter. I will gladly add your events to the calendar and share information about them, **but only at your direction.**

Thanks so much for your understanding and cooperation!

Sheri Meston

## February Birthdays

02/02 Kathy Weaver  
02/04 Leon Gregory  
02/04 Abigail Francis  
02/05 Heidi Williams  
02/07 Nicole Tallman  
02/09 Carl Ewald  
02/12 Ruth Owen  
02/13 Benjamin Dyer

02/15 Madison Sullivan  
02/15 Rev. Eddie Wells  
02/17 Sarah Carter  
02/17 Betty Kessler  
02/17 Elaine Thompson  
02/18 Bob Hill  
02/18 Jim Rowe  
02/19 Marcus McClain  
02/21 Matthew Nance  
02/21 Peggy Claus  
02/22 Beverly Lyon  
02/22 Kathy Davenport  
02/23 Sharon Wilson


02/24 Payton Hurd  
02/26 Melise Zepeda  
02/28 Marguerite Amos  
02/28 Chanel Hurd





# February 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			6 PM Mid-Week Ministries			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00 AM Worship		7 PM Finance Meeting	6 PM Mid-Week Ministries			10:00 AM Prayer Bear collection (until noon)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00 AM Worship Prayer Bear Collection & Blessing  Valentine's Day	11:30 AM Staff 7:00 PM Session		<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Newsletter and</b> <b>Calendar Deadline</b> 6 PM Mid-Week Ministries 7 PM Ash Wednesday Service			10:00 AM Tech Arts Training
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>1st Sunday in Lent</b> 10:00 AM Worship			6 PM Mid-Week Ministries			10:00 AM Tech Arts Training
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<b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> 10:00 AM Worship	<p><b>Please note: as of this writing, all events listed - except for Worship Services, Meals on Wheels &amp; ELP Classes - are virtual events only</b></p>					

## Worship Tech Training

Refresher training will take place the last two Saturdays of February for those currently serving on the Tech Arts team on Sunday mornings. If you would like to begin serving on the Tech Arts team, you are invited to join us for the trainings! There are 4 positions available for you to volunteer, and over the course of these two Saturdays, you will be able to be trained in all of them. **Saturday Feb. 20 & Saturday Feb. 27 from 10am – 2pm** (lunch provided)

Please sign up in the Church Center app by going to More, then Events, then select Tech Arts Team Training Events, then select Register.

Questions: Contact Samantha Logsdon at  
[music@wpcfw.org](mailto:music@wpcfw.org)



## Serving the Church

### Sunday, February 7

**Sermon:** "Find Common Ground with Patience"  
**Scriptures:** Isaiah 40:21-31;  
I Corinthians 9:15-23  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Jimmy Cartrette  
**Usher Team:** Mickey Rigney, Susan Green,  
Lincoln Chin, Herman Wardlaw  
**Greeters:** Susan Bennett, Geraldine Parish  
**Elder on Call:** Susan Green

### Sunday, February 14

**Sermon:** "The Story in a Never-Ending Chain"  
**Scriptures:** II Kings 2:1-12;  
Mark 9:2-9  
**Preaching:** Drew Southworth  
**Liturgist:** Jim Wynne  
**Usher Team:** Robert Nance, Gordon Couch, Kathy  
Nance, Linda Moore, Susan Bennett  
**Greeters:** Herman & Ann Wardlaw  
**Elder on Call:** Alex Seleny

### Sunday, February 21

**Sermon:** "Water as a Ritual on Covenant"  
**Scriptures:** Genesis 9:8-17;  
I Peter 3:18-22  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Drew Southworth  
**Usher Team:** Sandra Sullivan, Jimmy Cartrette,  
Chris Sullivan, Shar Werner  
**Greeters:** Mark & Kim Judice  
**Elder on Call:** Barbara Wheeler

### Sunday, February 28

**Sermon:** "Faith, Not Law"  
**Scriptures:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16;  
Romans 4:13-25  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Drew Southworth  
**Usher Team:** Mickey Rigney, Susan Green,  
Lincoln Chin, Herman Wardlaw  
**Greeters:** Jim & Linda Wynne  
**Elder on Call:** Larry Bartlett

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Main: (817) 292-1155  
10:00 am Worship Service  
9:00 & 11:15 am Christian Education

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