Church Mouse

WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN

NOVEMBER 2026

STO THE FLOCK
--Pastor Shamaine

Being a Member of WPC
In November we will receive the 3rd New Member class in less than a year! I am so excited to welcome these folks into the fold!

In the membership class we learn about church history, Presbyterian Theology and Polity, the ministries of WPC, and the marks of being a church member. We share our faith stories in anticipation of answering the questions of membership, which are:

- Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
- Who is your Lord and Savior?
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Anyone who turns from sin and toward Jesus, committing themselves to growing in faith together can join the church. Church is sometimes messy because it is made up of people, people striving to follow the way of Jesus. We don't always get it right, but to be in a place of forgiveness and grace is, without a doubt, one of the most beautiful things on earth, a little foretaste of heaven.

Worship Scriptures for November

Date		Scripture	Psalm
11/1	All Saints Sunday	Exodus 16:1-18 People complain. God provides	78
11/8	25th Sunday of Pentecost	Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17 Ten Commandments	19, 100
11/15	Receiving New Members	Exodus 32:1-14 Golden calf and God's forgiveness	106, 51
11/22	Christ the King	Joshua 24:1-15 Remembering the Exodus. Choosing to serve God.	34
11/29	1st Sunday of Advent	Ruth 1:1-17 a foreigner finds belonging among God's people.	146

What it Means to Be a Member

- worship—showing our love for God
- outreach—Showing our love to our neighbor by serving others
- fellowship—building community with others
- learning/growing in faith and discipleship together
- being good stewards of ourselves and creation and responding to God grace with gratitude (aka stewardship, see below)

Stewardship—Faith Budgeting
One of the things folks in the Inquirers' class always want to know is how we do stewardship. By that they usually are wondering if they need to fill out a pledge card when they join the church. At WPC we believe, and practice, that your pledge (how much of your time, money, and giftedness you give to the ministries of the church) is between you and God. We ask you to make your pledge give directly to God, no pledge card required. Without pledging amounts, our budgeting process is interesting and some months can feel a little slim, but God is faithful and it always seems to work out.

Ways to Give and Tithing
There are a number of ways to give at WPC. Some give on our website (incurs a small fee), through their banking app, though planned giving accounts, in their wills, checks, and cash. Venmo anyone? Some give using envelopes, some place their offerings in the plate, some by mail, and some give by purchasing things for the church and donating their receipts. Some give weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. However we give, we do so out of gratitude for the grace God has shown us.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 All Saints' Day Daylight Saving Time ends 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12pm Deacon Meeting	2 Taryn E All Souls' Day 4:30pm Bldg & Grounds Mtg/	3 Election Day 9:30am Text Study	4 Session Reports Due 11:45am Comm. Team 5pm WOW (Windsor on Wed 7pm Choir	5 1:30pm CFUM Meal Prep 3:30pm Set Up/Serve CFUM M	6 Facebook Follow Fridays Thia W	7 Don B 2pm Jillian Sonksen Memorial
8 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12pm Session Meeting	9	10 9am Presbytery Meeting (Dall	11 Eric/Pam Veterans Day 5pm WOW (Windsor on Wed	12 2:30pm Prayer Circle	13 Facebook Follow Fridays	14
15 Receive New Members 9:15am Sunday School 10am Food Pantry 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship--New Mem 12:15pm Discipleship Team Mt	16	17 9:30am Text Study	18 5pm WOW (Windsor on Wed 7pm Choir	19 11:30am Women's Luncheon (	20 Facebook Follow Fridays	21 10am Pres Women (PW)
22 Anna S 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	23	24 Kristina C 9:30am Text Study	25 Churchmouse Deadline	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Facebook Follow Fridays Black Friday	28
29 First Sunday of Advent 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	30	Dec 1 9:30am Text Study	2 11:45am Comm. Team	3 1:30pm CFUM Meal Prep 3:30pm Set Up/Serve CFUM M	4 Facebook Follow Fridays	5

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TO THE FLOCK - Stewardship (continued)

The First Fruits or 10% Tithe

The bible tells us to give the first fruit, the first calf, the first 10% of what we receive to God's work. This 10% is known as a tithe. If tithing isn't your habit, I encourage you to put pencil to paper and figure out what your tithe amount would be. Compare it to where you are now—not just what you give the church, but what time, money, and in-kind work you contribute to causes that show God's love in the world, that care for God's creation and people. Add that to what you give to the church to find your giving percentage. Then consider increasing it a bit (maybe 1%) for the coming year with a plan to continue increasing until you reach the tithing mark.

The Four T's

As you have surely read, a growing number of people in the US define themselves as spiritual but not religious. Those of you who have thrown your lot in with the church, with this congregation, have made a bold commitment—you wish to be spiritual and relational. That's what Jesus was talking about when he called his followers to be his body in the world, when he commissioned them to make disciples of all nations. Being in relationship with other Jesus followers was what Paul had in mind when he said the church is like a body made up of many members. At its most basic, being a Christian means following Jesus, which means relating with and loving other people like he did. That's what church is about.

The Church is What the World Needs

Robert Hall, in his opening remarks at the 2026 PCUSA Stewardship Kaleidoscope event shared that the word religion comes from re—again—and ligare—to bind or join (like ligament), so to be religious is to be bound or connected with other people. He asks, "Is there anything our society needs more today than to re-bind and reconnect? That's religion." The church is, together we are, what the world needs.

In the small congregation, there is no doubt that each person is important to the flourishing of the church. Every person has gifts that contribute to a greater whole as we worship, learn, serve, and witness together. Each person contributes to our witness of love within our walls and out our doors.

Our Testimony

In many churches fall marks Stewardship Season, a time to encourage people to think about how and how much they give to the ministries of their church. And it is important to talk about. I love that at Windsor Presbyterian we don't have a special season to talk about Stewardship (how the church takes care of God's church, people, ministries, and property). Our call to stewardship is 24-365. Every hour, every day. Each week in worship we remember that we are called to share our Time, Talents, and Treasures. This week I was reminded of a fourth T we need to share—our Testimony. We are called to be good stewards of our time, our giftedness, and our money which all come from God. But we are also called to share our stories of how God shows up in our lives, where we see God's Spirit at work in the world, and when the love of Christ become real in our midst.

Mr. Hall recounted a story of going to a restaurant in Dallas where the waiter wore a t-shirt that said, "Get in here before we both starve." I like this story because it reminds us that whether we are serving or being served, we need each other. We are connected. We are spiritual and religious!

Let's be the church, together!
Shamaine

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MONTHLY FINANCIALS – Ron Grohe

WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OPERATING ACCOUNT - SEPTEMBER 2026

	SEPTEMBER	1 Month Budget Figure	Year To Date-Actual	Year to Date Budget
General Contributions	$ 14,378.37	$ 13,958.33	$ 147,010.42	$ 125,625.00
Operating Income	1,515.04	4,316.67	17,653.04	38,850.00
Operating Expenses	14,315.61	18,275.00	160,314.48	164,475.00
Net Gain(Loss)	$ 1,577.80	$ -	$ 4,348.98	$ -

A Look at September Financials

The month of September turned out to be a good moderate month for Windsor in the Operating account. There was a rather different twist that helped us show acceptable results for us in the month. We had a month of about $1,600 in Total profit for the Operating Fund with Total Income being even with the budget not counting a lack of transfers from Capital as no transfers were needed. Total Expenses were $4,000 below budget as Building and Grounds were $1,700 below budget with no expenses for the month and Personnel expenses were $1,800 below budget with half of that total due to no outlay for lack of a Secretary during the month. Our results were helped more than usual as we recorded more than $6,000 from adjustments to credit card income for the fiscal year so far as we were finally able to match that income received so far this year with the names of the people that provided it. This was due to a lack of information in the past from the Presbyterian Foundation on a timely basis. Other expenses generally remained lower than budget in September. Total cash in bank has continued to remain strong for the months year to date at about $17,000.

Land Sale Account

Interest Income in the amount for 2026 is shown up to September 30, 2026 in the Land Sale Receipts and Disbursements. The amount for this year to date is $18,177.20.

MISSION AND OUTREACH – Beth Schmitz



Adopt-a-Family for Christmas

We will be having an adopt-a-family for Christmas again this year with families from Cowles Montessori and Windsor Elementary. The families will be announced and sign-up will begin on November 22.

Watch for More Information on this Fun Community Outreach Event!



WORSHIP – Laura Ward

Order Your Christmas Poinsettias

Please help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve by ordering poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones. You may choose small, medium or large poinsettias. We will order white poinsettias unless you specify that your prefer red ones. Order forms are available at the church. You may also phone or email the church office to order. The last day to place an order is **November 15.**



- S - 4.5”/3-5 blooms $6
- M - 6.5”/5-9 blooms $12
- L - 8”/12-15 blooms $20

The Poinsettias are yours to take home and enjoy following our Christmas Eve service. Thank you for filling our sanctuary with the memories of those we love through ordering Poinsettia flowers.

Sunday Volunteer Schedule - November 2026

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Usher	Don B	Steve N	Beth S	Steve R	
Greeter	Ann B	Beth S	Rich T	Steve N	
Worship Assistant	Laura W	Don B	Jody C	Richard A.	Sue C
Fellowship	Lori P/Judi L	Shelly W	David & Natalie	Craig & Tracy	
Zoom Host	Richard A	John B	Richard A	John B	Richard A
Slides	Shelley M	Shelley M	Shelley M	Shelley M	Shelley M
Sound	Dana M	Dana M	Dana M	Dana M	Dana M

COMMUNITY LIFE IN PHOTOS – Dwight Tomes









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