A close-up photograph of pink flowers in a field, with a blurred background of more flowers and a blue sky.


Shout for joy to God,
all the earth!
Sing the glory of his
name; make his praise
glorious.

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A photograph of a bird, possibly a cedar waxwing, standing in the snow and holding a red berry in its beak.


Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will
declare your praise.

Psalms 51:15


A vibrant green abstract background with flowing, wavy lines.

WITH ALL MY HEART,
I WILL PRAISE YOU
O LORD MY GOD.
I WILL GIVE GLORY
TO YOUR NAME
FOREVER!

Psalms 86:12

A close-up photograph of red berries covered in white frost or snow.

Cleanse me with
hyssop, and I will
be clean;
wash me, and I
will be whiter
than snow.

A photograph of green leaves, possibly from a hyssop plant, with a blurred background.

"BE STILL, AND KNOW
THAT I AM GOD;
I WILL BE EXALTED
AMONG THE NATIONS,
I WILL BE EXALTED IN
THE EARTH."

Pastor's Letter by Shamaine Chambers King

Dear Church,

The end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025 have certainly been challenging as I recuperate from my November 16, 2024 bike accident. I suffered skull fractures, a traumatic brain injury, and other damage. While my doctors have said I should make a full recovery, it is taking longer than I would like and I very much appreciate the medical leave of absence which is giving me time to heal.

I am beyond grateful for your continued love, support, and patience during my recovery. I have been overwhelmed with the many ways you have shown love to me and my family with your prayers, cards, calls, visits, time, and other kindnesses. I can't begin to thank you enough. I have also been well-apprised (but not surprised) by how so many of you have stepped up to fill the gaps and make sure the ministries, pastoral care, administration, fellowship, mission, and worship of WPC continue in my absence. I hear stories of how so many of you have just shown up and done whatever is needed. You have been humming along "like a well oiled machine." I could not be more proud of our mighty little flock!

A special thanks goes to the coterie of pastors who have stepped in on my behalf, the Revs. Jon Bailey (Windsor UMC), Bob Culbertson (ret.), Don Elly (ret.), Cindy Ray, and Nathan Williams (Covenant PC). I am also grateful to the Presbytery for offering support and assistance—though it seems that you all have just about everything covered! I am indebted to the Session for providing the leadership to continue moving forward with the mission and ministry of WPC.

I hope the photographs here and throughout our Annual Report will allow you to see and remember the many beautiful ways we were the church this past year. As I re-enter ministry in the coming months, may 2025 be a year where we continue to make the love of Jesus known in ways big and small. Let's be the church, together!



**With you in Spirit,
Pastor Shamaine**

Worship by Laura Ward



THANK YOU WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WE ARE SO VERY BLESSED!

First, my heartfelt thanks to our Worship Committee members who are hard working and always ready to step in at a moment's notice. They toil with great love and creativity and we are blessed to have them: Sue Cooper, Krysta Tomes White, and Linda Newsom. If they left breadcrumbs where they go we would need a hundred vacuums to keep up! I love serving with you and knowing you. Thank you so much!





Upgraded Audio/Visual Enhancement

It's been a pleasure to see our upgraded audio and visual equipment in action. We are so grateful to everyone who worked on this lengthy and complicated project. It takes a team to create the slides and display them and to keep track of the microphones and camera coverage. Thank you, everyone! We are grateful to our worship team for being creative and faithful with our services. Special thanks to Pastor Shamaine Chambers King, Pastor Cindy Ray, Natalie Steenson and Jim Behrens. Thanks also to the other musicians who have brought additional beauty to our Sundays.



**IT TAKES A CONGREGATION,
DOESN'T IT?**



Worship by Laura Ward (cont.)

Pastoral Assistance as Shamaine Recovers

This year our Pastor Shamaine sustained injuries in an accident and is recovering at home. As a result, we have been blessed with many offers of assistance and have accepted gratefully. Our thanks to Pastor Jon Bailey of Windsor Methodist, Pastor Cindy Ray, Pastor Don Elly, and Pastor Bob Culbertson for preaching for us during this time. Thanks to Pastor Nathan Williams for moderating Session meetings. Thanks also to Cindy Ray for writing the liturgy each week, and to Natalie and Jim for the extra effort they have needed to put in. We can be very proud of how beautifully everyone with a task to do has stepped up.



Volunteers Assist with Weekly Worship

Speaking of volunteers, a huge thanks to all of you who have assisted in worship with computer tasks, greeting, ushering, tidying up, leading songs, preparing communion, moving equipment, building stage platforms, working special events, decorating, watering flowers, worship assisting, tallying the offering and special donations, passing along prayer requests, and singing in choir. Thanks to those who have been finding things that need doing without even being asked. It takes a congregation, doesn't it? We are grateful to those who provide food to go with special occasions, and coffee and goodies after worship. We are so very blessed to have so many people gifting their time and energy to us. I think everyone is doing an impressive job of providing worship sustenance while Shamaine recuperates. We are grateful to God that she is recovering and will be back with us in 2025.



Worship and Liturgical Arts by Natalie Steenson

Windsor Presbyterian Church continues to offer new and exciting forms of worship music styles. We have a host of gifted musicians who help support our Sunday worship, playing strings, piano, organ, trumpet, guitar, hand drums and percussion instruments. New this year was the introduction of an electric drum kit played by Craig Branch. We look forward to continuing to expand our ideas of worship with styles ranging from traditional hymns to contemporary and contemplative music to best support our weekly worship.



Thank you to our Choir for Your Leadership

Our choir is such a faithful and wonderful group of people. We rehearse weekly on Wednesdays from September through May. We enjoy learning 3- and 4-part anthems to sing at monthly worship services and on special occasions, such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We also enjoy the opportunity to collaborate with Windsor United Methodist Church, which this past year included singing for each other's Easter Services. During our rehearsals we devote the first 10-15 minutes to exploring 4-part hymn singing from our Glory to God hymnal, and we encourage anyone to join us for this dedicated time of learning side by side with our choir.

Choir is truly a special gathering of people who love to sing and share together the gift of music that God has given us all. We welcome anyone to join our choir community!

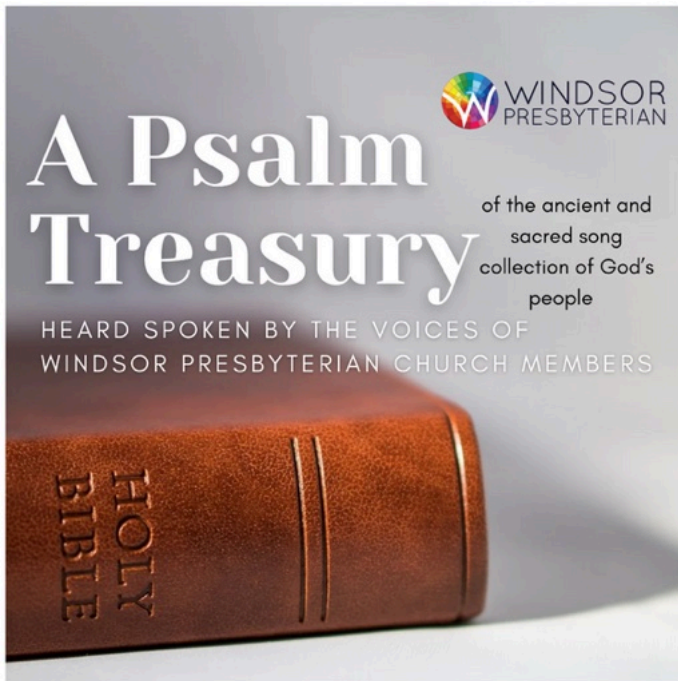


Advent/Christmas Visual Arts Team

A special thanks to Linda Newsom, Sue Cooper, Shelly Weatherby and Krysta White for helping to re-imagine our worship space for Advent and Christmas. Together we decided to add more blue tones to the purple colors typically used during Advent. We simplified the chancel space to allow for our Advent banners to be displayed under the front stained glass window and added lights. For Christmas Eve we added a new banner and white poinsettias. A special thanks to Don and Ann Beeson, Cindy Ray, Lori Pope, Rich Teig and Richard Ankeney (along with our team) for helping to decorate our church.

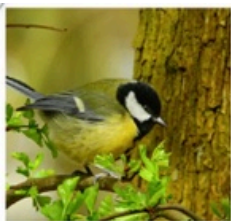


Worship and Liturgical Arts by Natalie Steenson (cont.)



A Growing WPC Psalm Treasury

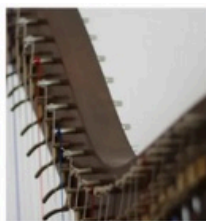
A special project emerged from our WOW 2023 Fall study of the Psalms, a Psalm Treasury of recordings of Windsor Presbyterian voices accompanied with music and photography from church members. This collection has grown to 24 recordings with many more to come. This treasury collection has been played occasionally during our worship services, the stunning artwork and scriptures have decorated our Fellowship Hall, and provided artwork for notecards. We look forward to the continued development of the unique and beautiful collective project that will permanently remain in our archives. We will continue collecting recordings from church members throughout the coming year to add to our Psalm Treasury. We hope that you will add yours!



Psalm 1

Read aloud by
Henry Jackson

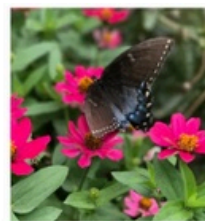
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as Henry Jackson reads aloud Psalm 1



Psalm 33

Read aloud by
Natalie Steenson

Click on the photo above to listen and watch
as Natalie Steenson reads aloud Psalm 33 and
play *Haar* by Ailie Robertson on the harp.



Psalm 86

Read aloud by
Lori Pope

Click on the photo above to listen and watch
as Lori Pope reads aloud Psalm 86



Psalm 42

Read aloud by
Cindy Ray
2024

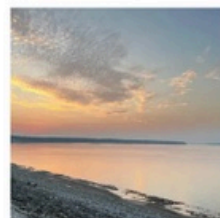
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as Cindy Ray reads aloud Psalm 42



Psalm 43

Read aloud by
Cindy Ray
2024

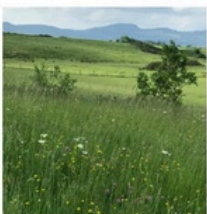
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as Cindy Ray reads aloud Psalm 43



Psalm 66

Read aloud by
David Steenson
2024

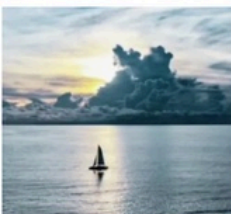
Click on the photo above to listen and watch
as David Steenson reads aloud Psalm 66, and
Elaina and Anna Steenson play "*Come Thou
Fount of Every Blessing*"



Psalm 23

Read aloud by
Mary Sonksen
2024

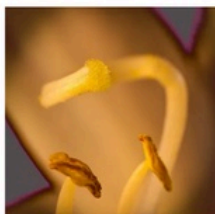
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as Mary Sonksen reads aloud Psalm 23.



Psalm 16

Read aloud by
Tracy Miksell Branch
2024

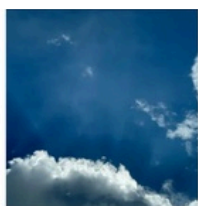
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as Tracy Miksell Branch reads aloud Psalm 16.



Psalm 40

Read aloud by
Dwight Tomes
2024

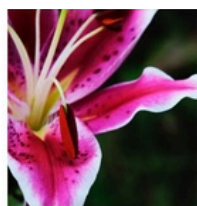
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as Dwight Tomes reads aloud Psalm 40.



Psalm 13:6

Read aloud by
Kent Ryan
In loving memory of Sarah Ryan

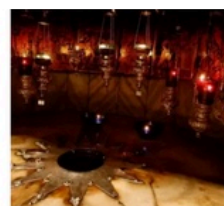
Click on the photo above to listen and watch
as Kent Ryan reads aloud Psalm 13:6,
and the choir sings *O Giver of New Life*



Psalm 16:11

Read aloud by
Kent Ryan

Click on the photo above to listen and watch
as Kent Ryan reads aloud Psalm 16:11,
and the choir sings *Seek Ye First*



Psalm 130

Read aloud by
Shamaine Chambers King
2024

Click on the photo above to listen and watch
as Pastor Shamaine reads aloud Psalm 130,
with special photography from a church trip to
the Holy Lands in 2021

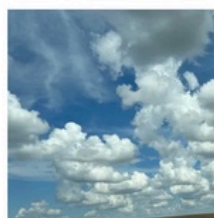


Psalm 104

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Read aloud by
Krysta Tomes
2024

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as Krysta Tomes reads aloud Psalm 104

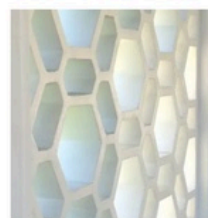


Psalm 123

WINDSOR
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Read aloud by
Steve Rodda
2024

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as Steve Rodda reads aloud Psalm 123



Psalm 139

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Read aloud by
Shamaine Chambers King
2024

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as Pastor Shamaine reads aloud Psalm 139

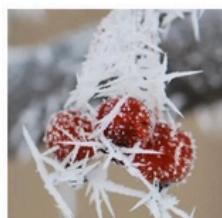


Psalm 91

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Read aloud by
Becky Young

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as Becky Young reads aloud Psalm 91



Psalm 51

Read aloud by
Jim Newsom
2024

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as Jim Newsom reads aloud Psalm 51

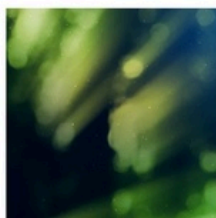


Psalm 148

WINDSOR
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Read aloud by
Rich Teig
2024

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as Rich Teig reads aloud Psalm 148

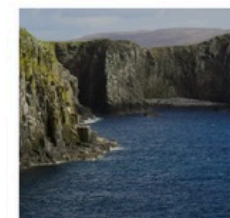


Psalm 100

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Read aloud by
Judi Lemon
2024

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as Judi Lemon reads aloud Psalm 100.

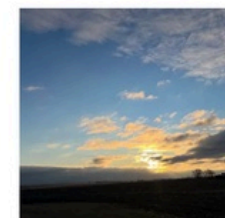


Psalm 24

WINDSOR
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Read aloud by
Chuck Bryan
2024

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as Chuck Bryan reads aloud Psalm 24.



Psalm 96

WINDSOR
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Read aloud by
Sue Cooper
2024

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as Sue Cooper reads aloud Psalm 96.



Psalm 8

Read aloud by
Linda Newsom
2024

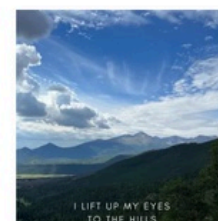
Click on the photo above to listen and watch
as Linda Newsom reads aloud Psalm 8.



Psalm 46

Read aloud by
Don Beeson

Click on the photo above to listen and watch
as Don Beeson reads aloud Psalm 46.



Psalm 121

Read aloud by
Nancy Snyder

Click on the photo above to listen and watch
as Nancy Snyder reads aloud Psalm 121.

All of the recordings are available on our website: windsorpc.org/psalm-treasury

Personnel by Laura Ward



Beth Mogle, Sue Cooper and I comprise the Personnel Committee. I'm grateful to Beth and Sue for their grounded and compassionate approach to staff matters and their willingness to do the business of the church.

All is well on the personnel front. Our staff members are here with a higher calling and they work with commitment and talent. Please continue to pray that we support their growth, and fulfill their needs as they satisfy ours.

Carol Heilman, Secretary

Our newest Windsor family member Carol Heilman came to us with great experience and an abundance of patience and eagerness to learn. She loves to be busy. Now that Carol is settled in as our secretary, it's important that you share information for the bulletin, the newsletters, and the church calendar with her. Even if you've already alerted someone else, Carol needs to have it also, and should probably be your first call. We are blessed to have her with us!

Aldin Plavulj, Custodian

We have been blessed to have the same family responsible for our custodial needs for many years now. Thank you, Aldin Plavulj for all that you do.

Deb Hibbert, Accountant

You might not have met our accountant Deb Hibbert at church, but she plays a big role here. Deb issues the checks and pays the bills and watches our pennies carefully. She's also whip smart and patient. Big hugs to you, Deb, and much appreciation.

Jim Behrens, Organist

Our thanks to our Organist Jim Behrens. Jim is an integral member of the Worship Team and does more than play the organ. He has a vast knowledge of hymns and provides ideas for appropriate songs for the text. His experience of how other churches do their services is wonderful for us. We appreciate the ideas you bring and the faith and reverence you bring. Thank you, Jim.

Cindy Ray, Parish Associate

How much space would it take to cover the ways Pastor Cindy Ray has served our church? She has led meetings, written scripts for our fine actors in worship, sung duets, led congregational singing, composed liturgy, visited the sick, called members, preached, represented us at Presbytery and has been an all around good egg. Our appreciation knows no bounds, Cindy!

Natalie Steenson, Music, Arts & Communication

Did you know Natalie Steenson's job expansion didn't happen until 2022? It's unbelievable to see how much she has put into motion and brought to fruition in such a short time. I know she will be submitting her own report about some of it. Natalie, thank you for everything you do for us with such love. We appreciate every bit of it.

Shamaine Chambers King, Pastor

I wish I had a nickel for every time one of us missed having Pastor Shamaine around. She is our guide, our comforter, our buddy, our teacher, our spiritual advisor and our mainstay. She acts both as an anchor when we need one, and as the wind in our sails when we want to go very fast. When we are blessed with her presence once again, it will be important for awhile to let other people handle the little stuff and the small questions about the calendar or meeting information. That way we can support her in doing the real ministry of the church in the fullest way possible. We appreciate you, Shamaine, and continue to send our love and prayers for your healing.

Parish Associate by Cindy Ray

Serving at Windsor Presbyterian Church

I have had a good year. I have continued to do pastoral calls, but still need to get more intentional about them. Recently I have spoken with Nancy Baker, Chuck Bryan, Leon Sanderson and Barb Pomeroy.

I have begun learning how to format a bulletin. I am painfully slow at this. I used to be a good typist, but I haven't learned very well the ins and outs of producing a document using all of the perks available in MS Word or Pages. I am trying to learn these now, but it is a process that may require patience on the part of all of us involved. I am looking forward to improving in this area so that I can be more of an asset to the rest of the staff. I preached a few times earlier in the year, and since Shamaine's accident I preached on December 1, 15, 24 and 29. I look to improve my preaching skills. I also look forward to officiating at communion in the future.



I have helped in leading the singing at Windsor, and in choir, and from time to time have played the piano when needed. I also have served as worship assistant, and enjoy doing all of these things.

I received with joy and gratitude the robe Windsor gave to me last June. I feel honored to wear it, as it feels filled with love.

Preaching at Other Locations

I have preached in several locations. In February, March, June and August, I preached at Dallas Center. September 8 and November 24 I preached at Newton United Presbyterian Church. They have already asked me for four dates in 2025. December 8 I preached at Monroe; they have engaged me for four dates in 2025 as well, one of which is Easter.

Personal Adventures

I continue to do concerts with "Dave and Cindy." We do approximately two to three a month. We did more before Merrymakers ceased having a footprint in Iowa. They were instrumental in finding performances for the facilities at no cost. At the end of March they ceased work in Iowa, so now we are on our own to find performances. David also has a barbershop quartet, and since the facilities are more familiar with them, they are more apt to get the engagements, though we are gaining on it as we begin our third year.

I am teaching a gentleman braille in return for harmonica lessons. He is a delight because he is so committed to learning braille. We work together most Mondays. I am also involved in the National Federation of the Blind, and I helped considerably with our legislative agenda last year. I expect to do that this year as well.



**Thank you again for the
opportunity to serve.
-Pastor Cindy Ray**

Belonging and Christian Education by Angie King



Our Windsor family had many opportunities in 2024 to gather for learning, camaraderie, growing in faith, and just plain FUN! Your Discipleship Team gives a big shout-out to all the folks who participated, shared, discussed, supported, argued, encouraged and laughed together.

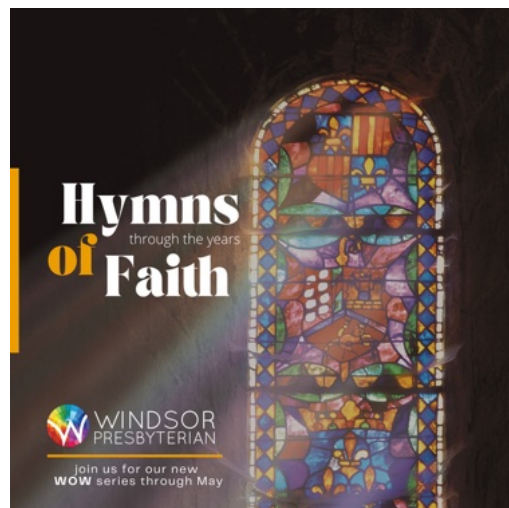
Our Presbyterian Women study in 2024 was called *"Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts."* Like all the PW lesson books, this is written BY women, FOR women, which offers us a more personal look at our faith from a woman's perspective. We read about sacred encounters that happened to Elizabeth, Mary and Martha, Lydia, people with physical and mental disabilities, the Ethiopian eunuch, and others.



PW sponsored a summer and a winter "Clean Out Your Closet" clothing drive, both of which were wildly successful and garnered a large number of donations. A big thanks to all who contributed. The clothes were given to Bidwell-Riverside Community Center, a part of the Families Forward organization, which consists of four groups: Bidwell, providing food, clothing, and basic essentials to all in need, Child Development Center, providing affordable, high quality early childhood education for families on limited incomes, New Directions Shelter, providing emergency shelter and supportive services for families experiencing homelessness, and The Home Connection, providing vulnerable families affordable homes while they work to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Each year, our PW group engages in an outreach project. If anyone has an idea for 2025, let us know.

The 2025 PW study, beginning in March, is called *"Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation."* We'll discuss environmental justice, land justice, food justice, water justice, air justice, economic justice, intergenerational justice, and others. This will be a timely and fascinating study, sure to bring great discussion and learning opportunities. We meet on the third Saturday of the month from March through November at 10:00 am in Ward Hall. Join us this year. Each lesson is stand-alone, so if you can't come regularly, it makes no difference. We invite all Windsor Women to attend when schedules permit.

WOW started off in the spring with a joint Lenten study with our neighbors at Windsor United Methodist. This was followed by a fun look at some of the most well-known hymns and the background and circumstances that led to their creation. We called it "Beer and Hymns - Hymns of the Faith" because some hymns were written to beer hall melodies so they would seem more familiar to people! One of the best loved hymns, "Here I Am Lord" was actually written in two days by a seminary student, Dan Schutte, who was suffering from the flu! A fellow student asked him on a Wednesday to write a song for an ordination scheduled for the weekend. On Friday, he ran it over to his friend, making edits on the way. True story!





Summer brought the gathering of a Grief Group - **Holding Space for seasons of grief and loss**, which proved to be a personal and moving experience. In the fall, we read and discussed a book entitled "*Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit*," followed by an Advent month of decorating the church, singing Christmas carols, drinking hot chocolate, and enjoying the Holiday season with fellowship and fun.

Adult Sunday School met each Sunday at 9:15 in Ward Hall, using **The Wired Word** for our discussions. The Wired Word is published by Communications Resources, a business that publishes material for churches. There is an Editorial Board and a Senior Editor, Stan Pardum, who decide the topics. Scriptural reference material is provided to facilitate discussions about matters of faith raised by news of the week. Each Friday, the lesson is emailed to participants. If you would like to be added to our email list, let me know. We explored a wide variety of different topics such as, weather disasters, social media influence, demoralized teachers, Jesus's childhood, elite athletes and their faith practices, Israel/Palestine war, stranded astronauts, depression, new discoveries of old artifacts, and one lesson was all about Caitlin Clark! YAY! We look forward to another year of great conversations about current events and how to approach them in a faith-based manner.

There's a lot going on at Windsor, that's for sure! Huge thanks to Laura Ward and Beth Mogle for everything they bring to your Discipleship Team.

**IN 2025, MAKE AN EFFORT TO
EXPLORE ANY AND ALL
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR BELONGING AT WINDSOR.**

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!



The WiredWORD™

Join the **Adult Sunday School** at 9:15 am
for a group discussion of current events and
latest headlines from a biblical perspective

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Communications by Krysta Tomes



Our Website - windsorpc.org

Think of our website as a welcoming front porch for congregants and potential guests alike. Visitors can tell at a glance who we are, what to expect when we gather to worship, find out about fun events, or find a moment of solace with our Psalm Treasury and Sacred Moments. Our communication shepherd, Natalie Steenson, has a wonderful knack for elevating Windsor's message into something truly moving. Thanks to her vision and perseverance in expanding our digital offerings, our website can reach up to 8x the number of physical attendees we see in church and on zoom each Sunday.

Highlights in the past year – Psalm Treasury, Follow Friday

The Psalm Treasury is a collection of one-of-a-kind recordings of the Psalms from our own congregation, put together with contemplative music and beautiful imagery sourced from many of our own creative members. The result is an anthology unique to Windsor – and there's still time to participate, either by yourself or with family and friends. Natalie makes it easy and can edit over any verbal slip ups we all have when speaking naturally.

We've recently expanded the Psalm Treasury into 5"x4" Notecards, featuring photographs and scriptures and our website url on the back with information on how to see and hear the various Psalms that have been recorded! What a wonderful way to share with others about the faith and beauty at Windsor Presbyterian Church.

Follow Friday is about getting into the habit of checking in with Windsor's social media accounts on a weekly basis to help amplify our spiritual message to the wider community. We might offer a scripture to ponder, an invitation to go on a faith journey, announce a special event or a shout out to a volunteer activity. To Follow is an echo of the invitation Jesus made to each of the disciples to take up the work of the church, and this is something every member with a Facebook or Instagram account can do.

WPC Psalm Treasury NoteCards



You can purchase a variety pack with a selection of 10 cards for \$5. Contact Natalie at natalie@windsorpc.org or Carol at info@windsorpc.org



Each engagement – a "like", a heart, sharing with your own social media followers, a thoughtful comment – helps:

- Get the word out about Windsor, without a sound.
- Gives a friendly wave to our neighbors, all over the city.
- Opens our red door wide, every day of the week.
- Generates compound interest in what's happening, without spending a penny.

This small action can make a big impact in how likely we are to bring in potential visitors Sunday morning, and to be the church together even when we are away from our favorite pew or Zoom screen.

Audio/Visual Sanctuary Upgrades

The long-awaited audio/visual upgrades and sanctuary refresh was made a reality this year due to generous contributions from both current and former members, as well as dedicated volunteers. The purchase of new equipment was made possible by Memorial Funds earmarked for technology updates and approved by Session.



We've had a true friend in expert sound engineer Brain Dobson, who's impressive range of audio experience across the state really worked to our advantage. He helped us select equipment within our budget, with room to grow for future expansion, and spent many weeks making sure the installation was successful. A special mention goes to Richard Ankeney, who helped devise several custom solutions to mount the new equipment and make adjustments to the front nave and upper balcony. Dana Mitchell has been instrumental in getting our set up for Sunday service up and running smoothly. Plus many other volunteers willing to help with everything from sound checks to climbing up really tall ladders – we appreciate all of you!

Look for additional training options on the new A/V system over the next few months; we'd like to have several members with knowledge on how to run the equipment to complement our slide and zoom volunteers.

It's been wonderful to see the many improvements come together this year, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve this small church with a big heart.

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Dewey Heaton
Phyllis Barton
Joni Soule

C Kenny & Louise Newsom
Debbie Hunt
Wanda Ori
Loren Knapp
Glenna Grohe
Duncan Leitch
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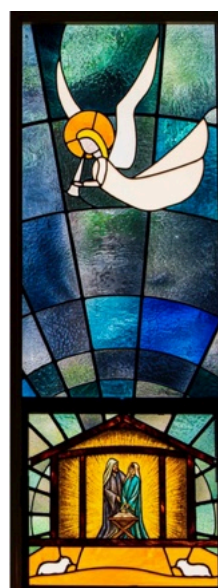
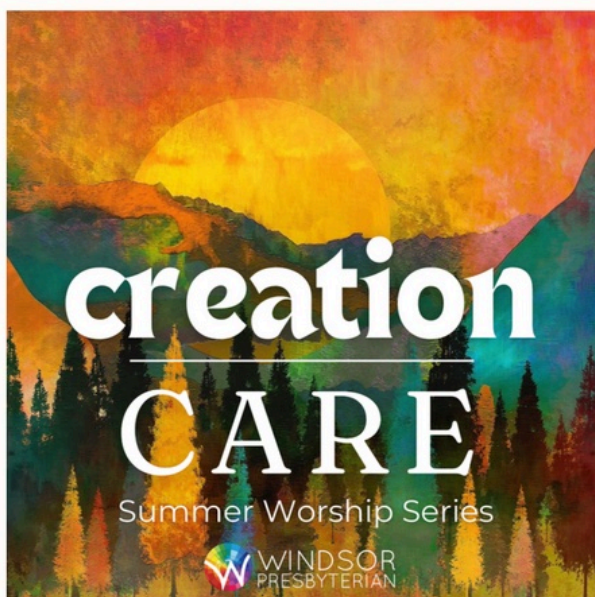


Communication Helps Grow our Community

This past year I have enjoyed creating consistency in all of our communication platforms. This includes the **website, newsletters** (both the Windsor Weekly email and the monthly Church Mouse), **print publications** such as invitations to Holy Week and Christmas Eve services, our **weekly bulletin cover** and **social media** posts. Our social media currently consists of Facebook and Instagram. I post our bulletin cover on a weekly basis and invite our viewers to join us in-person or online. These weekly opportunities to engage with the public are rich with opportunity. The more that we all take the time to be present on social media, the more our reach extends. I would encourage all of us to try to like/share/comment on posts and create conversations that are wholesome and show those reading a glimpse of the community that exists at Windsor Presbyterian.

Graphic Design Samples from this Past Year

I am including samples of bulletin covers, print material and social posts from this past year.



Christmas Eve

7:00 pm | December 24, 2024

Join us as we celebrate the gift of Jesus, Emmanuel, the Light of the World at our traditional Candlelight Service featuring the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke, traditional carols, and special music



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Stay awake, stand firm in your faith, be brave, be strong.
Everything should be done in love.
1 Corinthians 16:13-14



August 11, 2024

"Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy,
as the Lord your God has commanded you."
Deuteronomy 5:12



September 15, 2024

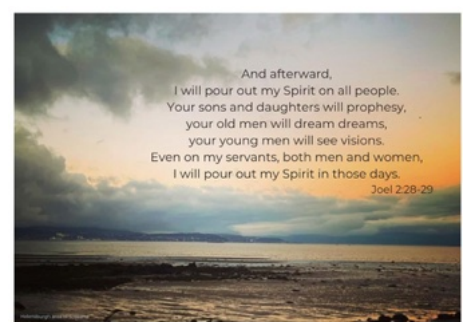
Genesis 3:1-24



WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN October 13, 2024
1 Samuel 3:1-21



WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN November 3, 2024



WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN November 10, 2024

Weekly and Monthly News that's Interactive, Informative and Fun!

This past year has seen a change with the look of our beloved monthly Church Mouse publication. We have instituted more interactive online newsletters in the Windsor Weekly, the Church Mouse and Sacred Moments Newsletter. Within each of these publications you will find links - usually underlined and in a different color or as a button. Both of these links can be engaged by selecting them. Oftentimes they will take you to another website to learn more about specific related content. We have also used these to direct you to our website, either the calendar page or our Psalm Treasury page to find out more information, or to listen and watch the beautiful Psalm recordings by fellow church members. Experiment and have fun interacting with our newsletters.

Watch for a change in our Church Mouse publication. You will see this now on a quarterly basis, instead of monthly.



Outreach: Mission and Generosity by Beth Schmitz



Engaging in Mission to Our Community

There is not much that brings me more joy than watching how God works through the members of Windsor Presbyterian Church and their commitment to the Outreach we do in this community and the broader world. Our ability to do engage in Mission to the community is thanks to a dedicated Outreach team and caring congregation members and volunteers.

Thanks to everyone for your contributions and for being a part of a small group doing mighty and wonderful things.

CFUM Mission Project Continues to Grow Strong!

In 2024, Children and Family Urban Movement (CFUM) continued to be a strong mission project for us under the guidance of Linda and Jim Newsom. We provided 75 meals to adults and children each month on the first Thursday of the month. A balanced meal of cheesy potato casserole, corn or green beans, fresh veggies, a homemade dinner roll, a cherry Jello salad, cake, and assorted cookies is our offering each month; and, we have received lovely compliments from the CFUM staff that our meal is one of the best that is offered and our volunteers are some of the friendliest towards the families that participate in this community outreach offering. In December, we once again provided a \$10 gift to the adults in the program. If there are leftovers, CFUM saves them to provide a meal on a night when there are no volunteers. Linda and Jim Newsom are supported by many volunteers and donations. Linda Newsom shares that the volunteers enjoy the time together in fellowship with each other working on a project that aligns with Windsor Presbyterian's values and Christ's values. Linda encourages us to look at Matthew 25:37-40 for the purpose we serve through this mission. It is a program we will continue to support through the coming year. Thank you to Jim and Linda for all your time and dedication in leading this mission and to all the members/volunteers who have contributed in some way to the success of this program.



Providing Meals for Iowa Fresh Start and Meals for the Heartland

This year we started a new mission connection with the Iowa Fresh Start program. This program was introduced to us by Bob Culbertson. Iowa Fresh Start is a program that works with adult female offenders to support them with job placement, education, and substance abuse programming. In the fall, members of the congregation provided an evening meal to the participants. They prepared the food and served the meal to them and then joined them in the meal, allowing an opportunity to connect with them. A chance to tell their individual life stories is a valuable resource to women who are dealing with difficult lives and circumstances. Meals are provided twice a month to the participants and several other churches are also providing meals. During 2025, our plan is to provide dinner three to four times to the program spread out over the year. Our first for this year will be in January with additional meals in May and September. Thanks to all who have contributed to this project.



This fall a group of WPC volunteers had fun together as we also participated in packaging meals for Meals for the Heartland.

Food Pantry Collections for DMARC and Little Food Pantries

We continued our participation with the DMARC Food Pantry, reaching our goal and making a total contribution of \$5,753.00. We collected money for DMARC throughout the year and during some special food pantry offerings in honor of mothers and fathers. The DMARC contributions continue to reflect the generosity of our members and our commitment to addressing the issue of food insecurity in the local community. We have set the goal for DMARC contributions at \$5,000.00 again this year and there is no doubt that we will reach and exceed it again. We had a special collection of soups for Souper Bowl Sunday and were truly blessed by the amount of soup that was donated for our little neighborhood food pantries. It carried us through the tough winter months. Replenishing the food pantries is required frequently throughout the week. Thanks to our church secretary, Carol Heilman, who helps to stock the food pantry on the days that she is here. Just before Thanksgiving, we collected over \$200.00 in a special food pantry collection to use in support of our little food pantries. Several members of the congregation participated in the Third Annual Short Hike for Hunger through our neighborhood in October. We were joined in the by the ministers of Windsor United Methodist Church and Windsor Heights Lutheran Church.



Building and Grounds by Dana Mitchell



Thanks to All Who Help

Many thanks to all the members that serve on committees, show up for workdays, and generally pitch in to keep this 100+ year old building looking good and providing a welcoming place for worship and activities.

Thanks be to God for a fairly uneventful 2024 for the upkeep and use of our beautiful building and facilities.

Some of our projects this year included:

- Ward Hall floor was stripped and waxed.
- The North portion of the building had some tuckpointing repairs done.
- We had a workday in April to do some cleanup and small projects around the church, one of which was an unexpected sewer backup in the basement kitchen.
- We needed to have some pest control application done, possibly due to the demolition of the houses to the North.
- Kitchen stove, exhaust filters and fire suppression annual inspection was performed.
- Air conditioning units were inspected and preventative maintenance performed on them. Some of the units are inoperable and will need replacing in the future.
- Our fire alarm connection was changed to a cellular connection, bypassing the unreliable CenturyLink land lines for this important function.
- The east door by the office was replaced.
- Additional work days were held in August, September, and November. Much outdoor cleanup was completed along with some interior painting.



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