

November 19, 2023

**Thanksgiving/Commitment Sunday
25 Pentecost
Communion Service**

The Book of Common Prayer, ACNA 2019

The congregational responses are in ***bold italic*** print.
Please join us in saying the responses.

Vision Statement: “Our Culture”

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

Know ✦ Grow ✦ Serve

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,
 he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.
 the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:
 sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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Worthy is the Lord our God,
To receive glory and honor and power.

Almighty God, ***to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40 ESV*

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Papa & Boswell

Verse 1

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
In the fury of the storm,
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow,
When my sinking hopes are few.
I will hold fast to the Anchor.
It shall never be removed.

Verse 2

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
While the tempest rages on,
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won.
Deeper still, then goes the Anchor,
Though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the Anchor.
It shall never be removed.
No, it shall never be removed.

Verse 3

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
Through the floods of unbelief.
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul,
Now Lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the Anchor.
It shall never be removed.

Verse 4

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
As we face the wave of death.
When these trials give way to glory,
As we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon,
Clouds behind, and life secure.
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endure.

Bridge

Christ the sure of our salvation,
Ever faithful, ever true,
We will hold fast to the Anchor.
It shall never be removed.

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, ***the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65:1 – 8 (*Please pray by half verse*)

1. You, O God, are to be praised in Zion, *
and unto you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
2. You who hear our prayer, *
unto you shall all flesh come.
3. My misdeeds prevail against me; *
O be merciful and blot out our sins.
4. Blessed is the man whom you choose and receive unto yourself; *
he shall dwell in your courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of your house, even of your holy temple.

5. You shall show us wonderful things in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, *
for you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the isles that are far away;
6. You in your strength set firm the mountains, *
and are girded about with power;
7. You still the raging of the seas, *
the noise of their waves and the tumult of the peoples.
8. Those who dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be in fear of your wonders; *
you make the morning and evening to shout with joy.

The Epistle

James 1:17 – 27

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

Worthy of Worship, v 1

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,
Worthy of honor and glory,
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,
Worthy of all the offerings we bring.

Refrain:

You are worthy, Father, Creator.
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy, and wonderful,
Worthy of worship and praise.

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 6:25 – 33

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

Worthy of Worship, v 2

Worthy of reverence, worthy of fear,
Worthy of love and devotion,
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,
Worthy of all of this and added to these....

Refrain:

You are worthy, Father, Creator.

You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.

You are worthy, worthy, and wonderful,

Worthy of worship and praise.

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

Commitment Sunday: "A Thankful People"

In Gathering

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth. For the color and forms of your creation and our place within it, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

Your mercy endures for ever.

For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

Your mercy endures for ever.

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts; for insight and imagination, for the skills of research which bring healing and fulfillment to the lives of many; we bring our thanks, good Lord:

Your mercy endures for ever.

For the light and shades of the changing seasons, and their variety and dependability; for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay; we bring our thanks, good Lord:

Your mercy endures for ever.

For new hope and strength in our communities, especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

Your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience, and humility, and all the fruit of the Spirit, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

Your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given, and for all those whom you have given us to share it, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

Your mercy endures for ever.

We bring our thanks, good Lord:

Your mercy endures for ever.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

We bring our thanks, good Lord:

Your mercy endures for ever.

Thanksgiving Collect

Most merciful Father, ***we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, on God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times, and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Most merciful God, ***we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the word of God to all who truly turn to him:

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2 ESV

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays

Risa Jackson	11/19	Linda Jackson	11/25
Jerry Macek	11/21	Skip Sant	11/25

Question for Week 47

The New City Catechism

Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

No, Christ died once for all, The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

(1 Peter 3:18)

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God...

Offertory

Doxology

All Creatures of Our God & King

Hymn 400, v. 7

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because the wonders of your creation reflect your goodness and beauty; and your gifts of sun and rain, seed time and harvest, manifest your constant love and care for all that you have made.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell, and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Lamb of God

Twila Paris



1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have sent ____ Him from Your _
 (2. Your gift of) love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and scorned _ Him as He __
 (3. I was so) lost I should have died; But You have brought _ me to Your _



side, __ to walk up - on ____ this guilt - y sod, __ and to be - come the Lamb of
 died. __ The hum - ble King __ they named a fraud, __ and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of
 side __ to be led by ____ Your staff and rod, __ and to be called a lamb of



God. 2. Your gift of God. Oh Lamb of God, _ sweet Lamb of God. _ I love the

ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in His pre-cious blood, my Je - sus

Christ, the Lamb of God. I was so blood, my Je - sus

Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly one, give

thanks because he's giv-en Je - sus Christ His son. Give son. And

now let the weak say, "I am strong", let the poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And

us. Give thanks.

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Song of Celebration

Jesus is Lord

Townend & Getty



1. "Je - sus is Lord," the cry that ech - oes through cre - a - tion:
2. Je - sus is Lord, whose voice sus - tains the stars and plan - ets,
3. Je - sus is Lord, the tomb is glo - ri - ous - ly emp - ty!
4. "Je - sus is Lord," a shout of joy, a cry of an - guish,



Re - splen - dent pow'r, e - ter - nal Word, our Rock. The Son of
 yet, in His wis - dom, laid a - side His crown. Je - sus, the
 Not e - ven death could crush this King of love! The price is
 as He re - turns, and ev - 'ry knee bows low. Then ev - 'ry



God, the King, whose glo - ry fills the heav - ens, yet bids us
 man who washed our feet, who bore our suf - f'ring, be - came a
 paid, the chains are loosed, and we're for - giv - en, and we can
 eye and ev - 'ry heart will see His glo - ry; The Judge of



come to taste this liv - ing bread.
 curse to bring sal - va - tion's plan.
 run in - to the arms of God.
 all will take His chil - dren home.

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Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, *we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.

1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home:
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
 2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
 3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
 4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
 shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
 tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
 to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,

come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
 we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

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The Dismissal

Go, in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Avon Lake Thanksgiving Outreach – The deadline for donations is **today, Sunday, November 20th**. The meals will be delivered on Tuesday, November 21st. If you have any questions, contact Joanne Iannello at ownie3@gmail.com or 216.402.9227. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Nominations for Vestry – Quality elders are one of the keys to a healthy church. Forms are available in the narthex and should be returned by **December 1st** to one of the vestry members listed on the nomination form. Interviews will be conducted in early December.

Let's Go Caroling Together – Please join us on **Sunday, December 3rd**, from **2:00-3:00 pm** at the Avon Lake Public Library! Calling all volunteers who like to sing Christmas carols to meet us at the library at 1:50 pm for an hour filled with joy! Please contact Gene with any questions.

CCW Annual Women's Holiday Party – Please join us on **Saturday, December 9th** in either the **Fellowship Hall or the Hearth Room from 2:00-4:00 pm** for an afternoon of fellowship, appetizers, singing, cookies (cookie exchange), praying, and much, much more! There are two sign-ups, one for the cookie exchange and one for the appetizers or volunteering to help out. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the Realm post you received this week or add your name(s) to the sign-up sheet on the board in the Narthex. As sisters in Christ, let's take this opportunity to come alongside each other to share in making our holiday efforts a bit lighter, thereby giving us more time to enjoy our precious Advent Season. Don't forget to wear your best **UGLY SWEATER** and bring a friend or two to the party!!!!

Holiday Concert at CCW – The Avon Lake Women's Chorus invites all of you and your families to an afternoon of Christmas Carols on **Sunday, December 10th from 4:00-5:30 pm**, in the Fellowship Hall. This is a free concert, and it would be wonderful if we could support them by attending this event! Please make sure to bring a friend or two! There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex in the next couple of weeks.

Gifts for Our Senior Saints – We are remembering our senior saints this Christmas with a gift bag from our church family. If you wish to donate, please write "Senior Saint gifts" on memo line on your check. The bags will be ready on **Sunday, December 10th** and we would appreciate your help delivering them. For more information, please contact Iris at the church office, Jane Godfray (440) 476-8152, or Peggy Joyce (216) 225-8180.

Santa's Workshop for CRS at CCW! – There are two Christmas trees in the Narthex for donations to CRS. The Angel Tree has gift tags with the name of an item that you can purchase and return to CCW for Santa's Workshop. Please select a tag, or several, and bring the purchased item back to CCW **unwrapped** with the tag attached. The second, smaller, tree is for donations of new hats, gloves, and scarves. You can also shop online at Walmart. They have the complete registry on their website, and they will ship it directly to CRS. Please hang these items on the tree and they will be given to Community Resource Services to be given out during Santa's Workshop. **The deadline for donations is Sunday, December 10th!** We are blessed; so, let us be a blessing to others!

Operation Christmas Child – Thank you so much for volunteering to assist Amy & Evy Jackson during drop off times this week/weekend needed for OCC drop offs. Also, thank you so much for your generosity in filling the boxes! What a blessing you all are to CCW!

CRS Santa's Workshop – We have been blessed this holiday season to host the CRS Santa's Workshop in our new home! Santa's workshop will be open from Monday, December 11th through the 14th. CRS allows their clients to "shop" for new coats, pajamas, and one other toy or specific item requested by their children for Christmas. Volunteers from CCW will be greatly appreciated to assist their customers while they shop and help them out with Christmas gifts for their entire family. A message will be sent out via Realm in the next couple of weeks with a sign-up sheet included. The shifts are usually 2-3 hours. We'll keep you posted as we get closer to those dates.



Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 8

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

¹¹“Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹²lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ ¹⁸You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. ²⁰Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.



Giving

**The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God
by Chris & Nancy Hund
In celebration of Chris' brother's 71st birthday
& all of God's blessings for Chris & Nancy
&
To a Blessed & Happy Thanksgiving to all!**

2023 Financials

Through Sunday	11/12/2023
<u>Offerings</u>	
Current Month Budget	\$36,133
Current Month Actual	\$19,507
YTD Budget	\$442,910
YTD Actual	\$440,818
Annual 2023 Budget	\$520,593

Attendance for 11/12/2023

9:00 am — 30

10:30 am — 102

Wednesday — 15

Online — 32