

MARCH 17, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



COVENANT

2024 LENTEN SERIES

THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Prelude on *Wondrous Love*

Craig Phillips

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Gilbert Martin

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us here to worship,

People: though we may be tired or anxious, angry or despairing.

Leader: God meets us here with promises of hope,

**People: that we are not alone in the wilderness,
and we do not wander in vain.**

Leader: God meets us here with grace and with a purpose.

**People: We are God's people, and in every season,
we have good news to share.**

*Opening Hymn No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that our wounds are not all healed,
that our fears have not all subsided,
that our doubt has not given way to trust.
We often wander in a wilderness of our own making,
ignoring the path that will lead us home.

Forgive us, as we have not fully loved you, loved others, or loved ourselves.
Remind us of who you are and who we are to you.

May we know you as the one who loves us into freedom.
May we have the courage to live from your grace.

(A time of silence for personal confession)

*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*Sung Response

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.)

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

The Children of the World
Youth Choir with Scarlett Burgess and Melice Rubino, soloists

Johnson

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Response

SEVENFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Old Testament, page 570

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Imposter Syndrome

Rev. Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Inscription of Hope

Z. Randall Stroope

I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining, and I believe in love, even when there's no one there.
And I believe in God, even when He is silent. I believe through any trial, there is always a way.
But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair my heart cries for shelter, to know someone's there.
But a voice rises within me, saying "Hold on my child.
I'll give you strength. I'll give you hope; just stay a little while."
May there someday be sunshine. May there someday be happiness.
May there someday be love. May there someday be peace.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way.
Know that the God who sent his son to die that we might live
will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world.

Postlude

Prelude in C Minor

Felix Mendelssohn

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Jan Baumann, Jo Forrest, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Holly Jones, the Quartet, Youth and Chancel Choirs.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Janet Keisling on the death of her husband, Raymond, on March 6.

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Lois Singleton

We rejoice with Janelle and Timothy Cox as they present Avery Jean; and Kristen and Sean O'Brien as they present Connor Edward for the Sacrament of Baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars

God's Everlasting Covenants

TODAY | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Coming Up Next

Entry into Jerusalem

Sunday, March 24 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem has inspired countless artists. Westminster member and visual artist Sandy Conley leads a discussion about six artists' interpretations of Palm Sunday – from Giotto's magnificent fresco Entry into Jerusalem (1305) to contemporary printmaker Kreg Yingst's Sacred Art Pilgrim. Each artist's moving renderings will help us to usher in Holy Week. Zoom link on the church website.



Deliver a Flower at Easter

Pick Up after Easter worship, or Monday, April 1, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Let's connect with our members in care by delivering one or two Easter flowers to those who have been recently hospitalized or are living in a senior community. Put a smile on someone's face!

Please RSVP to Jan Baumann by Monday, March 25, at baumann@westminster-church.org.



Teen & Parent Mental Health Speaker Series

Wednesday, March 20 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Many of us are "always on" scrolling through social media, checking email, or searching the web. Media spaces can be sites that nurture or harm, and become sources of anxiety, jealousy, and despondency. We welcome Dr. Angela Gorrell, who will speak to us about tools to engage social media in constructive ways. Dr. Gorrell has taught most recently at Yale University and Baylor University. Contact Becky Boyer at boyer@westminster-church.org.

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CARDIO DRUMMING

Find an exercise you love!



Tuesday, March 19 - April 30 | 2:45 p.m. | WROC

Cardio Drumming is a fun program that involves music, dancing, and socializing. This is a whole-body exercise that involves drumming on large yoga balls while maintaining rhythm to music. Moderate to high intensity workout, adaptable to all fitness levels. Can be done sitting or standing.

Register at wroc.westminster-church.org.



Grief Care

Wednesdays, through April 10 | 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

Grief Care is a faith-based grief support group that can help you face the challenges of loss and move toward rebuilding your life. Contact Anna Hiner at hiner@westminster-church.org if you have any questions.

To register and for more information, visit:

<https://westminster-church.org/events/event-list/grief-care>.



Pocket Change Project

Collection on Palm Sunday, March 24

Once again, the Cherub Choir is in mission on a mission in the **Pocket Change Project** this Lenten season. Through Palm Sunday, the Cherubs are leading the campaign to collect as much pocket change as possible to support school children in Haiti. Please consider joining them by collecting your own pocket change and combining it with theirs during a special collection on Sunday, March 24, during all three services.



Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24 | After each service | North Courtyard

Children and families, join us Palm Sunday for an Easter Egg Hunt! Egg hunting fun will take place after each worship service in the courtyard (weather permitting). Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Meals on Wheels Easter Egg Decorating/Pizza Party

Wednesday, March 27 | 5:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Please join us Wednesday evening, March 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for pizza, fellowship, and egg decorating. Get to know others in the church while serving a good cause. Email Jan Baumann if you are participating at baumann@westminster-church.org.



TO REGISTER



Seder Dinner at Temple Emanuel

Sunday, April 14 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Temple Emanuel of South Hills at 1250 Bower Hill Road

This Seder dinner is the first of many activities planned by Westminster's newly established Dismantling Antisemitism Team to join with the Jewish community to build enduring relationships in the South Hills. The dinner will be held at Temple Emanuel of South Hills. Over time we'll add more activities with other Jewish communities in our area.

To RSVP for the dinner, please email Dan Paul at dan.paul.42@gmail.com.



Veritas Spring Retreat - Splash Lagoon

April 12-14 | Register before April 1

Come with us this spring for an opportunity to share in fellowship and explore your faith while sitting in a lazy river. This retreat is for students in 7th-12th grade. Registration deadline is April 1 (and that's no foolin'). Cost is \$75 per student. Contact Laura Ecklin with questions at ecklin@westminster-church.org.



Scan QR to Register!



Veritas Mission Trip

July 7-13 | Youth mission trip to West Virginia

Registration is open to all youth in grades 7-12 for our summer mission trip with the Appalachian Service Project. Register now to save your spot! Registration deadline is May 12. Please contact Becky Boyer with any questions at boyer@westminster-church.org.



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THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAR 17-13, 2024



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for complete
church
calendar



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a full WRoc
schedule &
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SUNDAY, MARCH 17

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.) Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminars	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade) Confirmation Class 2023-2024	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233 Rm. 283
1:00	Street MOMs - Meal Preparation	FH Kitchen
7:00	Youth Choir (Grades 7 - 12)	Rm. 268

***Sunday School** - 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message; 11:00 a.m., report directly to Room 233. A time for children in PreK through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

****Wiggle Room** - 9:45 - Upstairs WROC Fitness Room; 8:30/11:00 - Room 239. Available to **families with children from birth through age 3** who would prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service. Please see an usher if you need help finding the Wiggle Room.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting Session Meeting	Rm. 107 Galbreath Chapel
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club	Zoom

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
5:00	Worship Commission	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:30	Bible Read Along - Covenant Study	Rm. 238
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones Cherub Choir (Grades K-2) Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6)	Rm. 194 Rm. 176 Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry Youth Dept.
6:30	Teen and Parent Mental Health Speaker	Fellowship Hall
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

Wednesdays @ Westminster have something for everyone! From children's choirs to Children's & Family Ministry programs, Food & Fellowship, Veritas Youth Group, Bible studies, and more, make plans to be here. Visit our website or scan the QR codes below for details.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Chancel Choir Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) Lenten Study	Rm. 268 Rm. 283
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AI Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107

SATURDAY, MARCH 23



Children's &
Family Ministry



Food &
Fellowship Menu



Music &
Choirs

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER

Easter Flowers

The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial or honoree contributions for Easter flowers. Use the form below and make your check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Mail your check and form to the church office or place it in the collection plate.

Contributions must be received no later than TODAY, so that your gift can be listed in the Easter bulletin. Please indicate if you plan to pick up your flower or whether you would like it delivered to a member in care. Flowers will be available on Easter Sunday, after the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services, or Monday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

A suggested minimum donation of \$25 will cover the cost of the flowers. Additional donations beyond that will be used to support the work of the Chancel Guild throughout the year.

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

My name _____

In memory of In honor of

Name of memorial/honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

Please deliver flower to a member in care

I will pick up the flower on Easter Sunday after the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services, or Monday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please return this form to the church office by TODAY.

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