



Westminster Presbyterian Church



July 24, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude (8:30)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us/Brother James' Air
Sing to the Lord
Holly Jones, soloist

John Carter
R. Sterling

(11:00)

"The peace may be exchanged" from Rubrics
Sing to the Lord
Holly Jones, soloist

Dan Locklear
R. Sterling

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

*Call to Worship

Leader: Throughout the generations
God sent the message of peace and reconciliation.

People: God revealed a loving intent to all people.

Leader: In time, God sent Jesus into the world
to embody God's way of living and loving.

**People: So today we come to open our lives once more
to receive the gospel.**

*Hymn No. 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

1 Come, Christians join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

- 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
- 3 Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

***Prayer of Confession**

Dear God, some days Jesus Christ's very humanity escapes us. We do not picture him with scraped knees or grubby nose. We do not see him tripping and falling on those dusty roads that he walked. Sometimes we want just a radiant, perfect Messiah. And yet, you sent us a Christ who affirms the dignity of our lives. Jesus got to know us, teaching us, healing our bodies, eating with us, and feeding us. Forgive us for all the ways we neglect ourselves and injure others. Hear our silent prayers.

(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**

We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord. *(repeat)*
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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.

Congregational Response

Threefold Amen

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-3, 2:5-9

NT 218

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Stories Our Bodies Tell

Jo Forrest

Offertory Anthem

Shine Down
Holly Jones, soloist

Smiley, Gersmehl, and Farrell

***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**

***Hymn No. 839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Refrain)

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

***Benediction**

Postlude (11:00)

Toccata Giocosa

Gilbert Martin

***Please stand if you are able.**

Leading in worship: Jim Burns, Jo Forrest, Holly Jones, Louise Rogers, Jeff Underwood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week



Faith Conversations

Thursdays
July 28 – August 18
11:00 a.m. – noon
Yahweh Café

Join Jo Forrest for one or all in a series of casual conversations this summer on Thursday mornings from 11 to noon, July 28 through August 18. We will begin with a particular topic within our faith vocabulary and follow where the conversation leads. Very informal. No homework. Drop in as you are able. Bring along your little ones.



Westminster Single Women's Group

Washington Wild Things
July 29 @ 7:05 p.m.
Deadline to register:
Monday, July 25

Join us for a fun evening of baseball and fireworks as the Wild Things take on the Québec Capitales! We have great seats on the first base side in Section 103. For details and registration visit wroc.westminster-church.org or contact Sara Locke at 412-389-0419 or sarasmithlocke@gmail.com. **Need a ride?** Let us know when you register or by contacting Sara Locke.

Next Week



Veritas Mini Golf Pro Tour

Tuesday, August 2
Cool Springs
Tuesday, August 9
Forsyth Mini Golf
12:30 p.m.

Ready to show off your golf skills on a miniature level? Join us for two opportunities to compete for the title of champion! Meet us at the course at 12:30 p.m. and bring your own payment. No need to register! *For students entering 7th grade in the fall through the 2022 senior class.* Contact Laura Ecklin at ecklin@westminster-church.org with questions.



Street Moms Volunteer Opportunity

Wednesday, August 3
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Room 107

Street Moms is a non-profit, Christian organization, working with women experiencing homelessness in Wheeling, West Virginia. Join us on August 3 to label tents and write encouraging messages on tarps. Help us show a homeless population of women that they matter. Contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org with questions.

Visit the church's website at www.westminster-church.org for additional details on any event or activity listing and to view a complete church calendar, located under the "Events" menu item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Coming in August



Fellowship Opportunity for Veterans

Saturday, August 13
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Peters Township
RSVP by July 29.

Are you a veteran, a widow or widower of a veteran, or a gold star parent? Would like to meet other veterans in our congregation? The Underwoods are hosting a lunch gathering for our veterans and their plus one. A complete catered lunch will be provided at a cost of \$5.00 per person, payable at the door. Please bring a lawn chair. Reservations requested by calling the church office at 412-835-6630.



Forks & Fellowship

Sign up by Sunday,
August 14

Gather with different folks in our church family over some good food and friendly conversation in a relaxed, casual atmosphere. All are welcome: singles, couples, families, young adults, and retirees. Read more and register here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/forks-fellowship>

Save the Date!

Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, August 17
North Courtyard



Welcome Becky Boyer



Please welcome Rebecca (Becky) Boyer to Westminster as our new Associate Director of Youth Ministry! Becky comes to Westminster with a wealth of experience in working with youth. She holds a Master of Arts in Theological Study with an emphasis on pastoral care from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and an undergraduate degree in music education from West Virginia University. Her recent work

experience addresses mental health needs for youth and in congregational life. Most of all, she approaches working with youth with a passion for mission and prayer. This position is possible only through the generous distribution from Endowment to fund this new ministry position.

Associate Director of Youth Ministry Search Committee: Logan Carmichael, David Kerr, Jo Forrest, Jerry Malarkey, Ed Sutter, Luke Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Giving to Westminster

ONLINE: <https://www.westminster-church.org/give>

TEXT-TO-GIVE: Text WPCUSC to 73256. *Standard text messaging rates may apply.*



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CALENDAR

2022

JULY 25 – 31

Please check our website calendar for the most up-to-date listing of events and activities:
<https://www.westminster-church.org/events/calendar>.

MONDAY, JULY 25

	Veritas "Charlie"	Off Site
8:00	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
9:15	Parkinson's Level I Workout	WROC
9:30	PACC Movie Matinee	Yahweh Café
10:00	Single Women's Group Walk	Gilfillan Trail
10:20	Parkinson's Level 2 Workout	WROC
12:00	AA	Rm. 176
5:30	Cardio Kickboxing	WROC
6:45	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

TUESDAY, JULY 26

	Veritas "Charlie"	Off Site
9:00	Flow Yoga	Rm. 176
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:30	Centering Prayer	Zoom
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131
8:00	Adult Pickup Volleyball	WROC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

8:00	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
9:15	Parkinson's Level I Workout	WROC
10:00	Gentle Flow Yoga	Rm. 176
10:15	Veritas "Charlie"	Rm. 283
10:20	Parkinson's Level 2 Workout	WROC
2:45	Veritas "Charlie"	WROC

THURSDAY, JULY 28

	Veritas "Charlie"	Off Site
9:00	Zumba with Jocelyn - Free Class	WROC
	Flow Yoga	Rm. 176
11:00	Faith Conversations	Yahweh Café
4:00	Farmers Market	S. Parking Lot
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
7:00	Nar Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

FRIDAY, JULY 29

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
8:00	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
9:15	Parkinson's Level I Workout	WROC
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
6:30	Single Women's Group - Washington Wild Things	Off Site
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	AI Anon	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, JULY 30

9:45	Zumba with Jocelyn	WROC
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SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard (weather permitting)
9:45	Contemporary Worship Wiggle Room**	WROC/Lvstrm. WROC Fitness
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 194
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239

*Sunday School

9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message
A time for children in PreK through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith. Children can be picked up after worship in Room 194.

**Wiggle Room

9:45 - Upstairs WROC Fitness Room; 11:00 - Room 239
The Wiggle Room is 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.

Calendar/Scheduling Reminder: To schedule an event or make a room reservation, please contact Kathy Long at 412-835-6630x200 or long@westminster-church.org for current availability.

Capable Flesh

The tender flesh itself
will be found one day –
quite surprisingly –
to be capable of receiving,
and yes, full
capable of embracing
the searing energies of God.
Go figure. Fear not.
for even at its beginning
the humble clay received
God's art, whereby
one part became the eye,
another the ear, and yet
another this impetuous hand.
Therefore, the flesh
is not to be excluded
from the wisdom and the power
that now and ever animates
all things. His life-giving
agency is made perfect,
we are told, in weakness –
made perfect in the flesh.

– St. Irenaeus (c. 125 – 210)

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