



Westminster Presbyterian Church



May 29, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Elegy

James Biery

Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

People: **Let us not stray from his way.**

Leader: Let us not distrust him, God's truth.

People: **May we be one in him.**

### \*Hymn No. 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

*We invite you to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of loved ones who gave their lives for our country as well as the victims of Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.*

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
- 5 O Master, from the mountainside,  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
O tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heaven above  
shall come the city of our God.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of love and justice,  
we long for peace within and peace without.  
We long for the day when our homes and communities  
will be dwelling places for your love.  
Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other.  
We are not willing to take the risks  
and make the sacrifices that love requires.  
Have mercy.

*(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**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen. *(Refrain)*

**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.

**Sevenfold Amen**

**Gospel Lesson**

John 17:1-3, 20-23

NT 111

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Lord, in Your Mercy

Jo Forrest

**Offertory Anthem**

This Is My Song

Jean Sibelius, arr. Robert Page

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
And skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.  
This is my song, thou God of all the nations;  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms.  
Thy kingdom come, on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
And hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

**\*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. 318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

**\*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 you might live  
Will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world.

**Postlude**

Postlude on *Built on a Rock*

Gilbert Martin

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

**Leading in worship:** Jim Burns, Jo Forrest, Christine Hestwood, Louise Rogers, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

### We celebrate with joy

the marriage of Shannon Dyer and Dan Knopp on May 21.

### The congregation extends condolences to

Karen Maley on the death of her husband, Ernest (Ernie) Maley.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today

### Westminster Seminars Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. in Galbreath Chapel & Zoom

The May five-week series, *Christians, the Nations, and War*, concludes today, Sunday, May 29, with "How Can We Live Out Our Prayers for Peace?" For details visit <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>

### Barefoot School (June 20-24) Registration

This year's Food Truck Party Barefoot School registration is open online for children and volunteers! **Spots are limited and registration closes on June 13.** Find more info and register at <https://vbspro.events/p/wpc2022>



## Next Week



### Westminster Seminars

**A Time to Laugh:  
Biblical Humor  
Sunday, June 5  
\*8:45 a.m.**

***\*Special start time for  
Sunday, June 5, only***

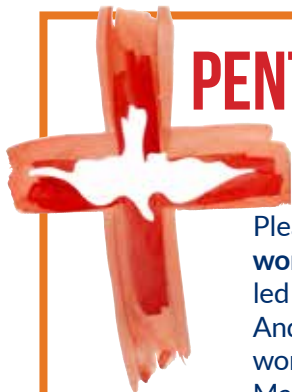
With a little help to get past the unfamiliarity of the culture of biblical times, you too can enjoy scriptural puns and word plays, the satire of Jonah's pout, and revel along with the Mardi Gras atmosphere of Queen Esther's story.

Presenter Ann Morris will help us learn how to get more enjoyment out of reading the Bible. Lighten up and open up your expectations of where and how the Holy Spirit illuminates God's Word. Read more here and get the Zoom link to join online: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>

Visit the church's website at [www.westminster-church.org](http://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)

## Next Week



## PENTECOST BIRTHDAY PARTY

*Confirmation Sunday, June 5*

Please join us on Sunday, June 5, for a **special single worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary**, led by Westminster's 2021-22 Confirmation Class. And don't miss the 75th birthday celebration after worship, with food, fellowship, and fun in the WROC. Mark your calendar for this special Pentecost Sunday.



## Food to Go Collection

**through June 5**  
*Drop off donations or bring to worship on Pentecost Sunday*

**Details:** <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/food-to-go-collection>

Many children rely on school breakfast and lunch as their only meals of the day. When school is out for the summer, we can help fill the void. Our goal is to give one take home bag each week for 110 food insecure children through their local churches for 8 weeks this summer. Help us meet our goal by purchasing these food items and bringing them to church on Sunday, June 5:

- Tuna, individual serving foil packages (no cans)
- Pop Tarts, individually wrapped
- Cereal, individual serving packages
- Fruit Roll Ups, individually wrapped OR
- GoGo Applesauce

## Coming Soon



## Little Ones & Loved Ones Spring Gathering

**Saturday, June 11**  
**10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**  
**Playground**  
*(Rm. 107 if rain)*

Children 3 and under and their loved ones are invited to morning fun at the playground. We will play together, read a story, have a snack, and enjoy fellowship between both little ones and loved ones.

Questions? Contact Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org)

# Ongoing Activities & Opportunities

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

### The Wiggle Room

8:30/11:00 a.m., Room 239

9:45 a.m. in WROC Fitness Room

For families with **children from birth through age 3** who prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service.

### Westminster Seminars

9:45 a.m., Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

The June series begins on June 5, **at a special 8:45 a.m. start time**, with **A Time to Laugh: Biblical Humor**. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

### Sunday School

9:45 a.m., Room 194

A time for children in PreK through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

**On Sunday, June 5**, children will begin worship with their families. After the children's message, they may gather in the narthex to go to Sunday school together in Rm. 176 and the north courtyard. Parents can pick their children up in the north courtyard (welcome center if inclement weather) after worship has ended. Sunday School is open to children in PreK through 6th grade.

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

### Last Day Wednesday, June 1

### Wednesday Food & Fellowship

5:30–6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join your church family for food and fellowship! **This week's menu is pierogies, fruit, and salad.** \$5 adult/ \$3 child

### JAM (Jesus & Me)

6:00–7:30 p.m. in the north entry

A youth group for 4th & 5th graders that offers a time for fun, fellowship, and faith.

### Veritas

6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Youth Dept.

Youth group for 6th to 12th graders, inspiring minds and filling hearts with the love of God in a fun and exciting way.

## STAFF PROGRAM/MINISTRY CONTACTS

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## Westminster on Social Media

Watch worship videos, listen to the new Veritas podcast, share events, find inspiring prayers, Scripture, and more to like and share!



[Westminster.Pittsburgh](https://www.facebook.com/Westminster.Pittsburgh)



[wpc\\_pgh](https://www.instagram.com/wpc_pgh)



[WestminsterUSC](https://www.youtube.com/WestminsterUSC)



[veritalk.podbean.com](https://www.veritalk.podbean.com)

# CALENDAR

2022

MAY 30 – JUNE 5

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

## MONDAY, MAY 30

Memorial Day – Church Closed  
WECEP Closed

## TUESDAY, MAY 31

|       |                              |                 |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9:00  | Zumba                        | WROC            |
| 10:15 | Strong Bodies - Strong Bones | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:15 | Tai Chi                      | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:30  | Centering Prayer             | Zoom            |
| 8:00  | Adult Pickup Volleyball      | WROC            |

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

|       |                                 |                |
|-------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 8:00  | Cardio Strength Fusion          | WROC           |
| 9:15  | Parkinson's Level 1 Workout     | WROC           |
| 10:00 | Gentle Flow Yoga                | Rm. 176        |
| 10:20 | Parkinson's Level 2 Workout     | WROC           |
| 5:30  | Wednesday Food & Fellowship     | WROC           |
| 6:00  | JAM Youth Group (Gds. 4-5)      | North Entry    |
|       | Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 6-12) | Youth Dept.    |
| 7:00  | Westminster Men's Softball      | Chartiers Park |
|       | vs. Chapel Gray                 |                |

**\*Fellowship Hall renovation is scheduled to begin on Thursday, June 2. Fellowship Hall will be closed for use during the renovation, which is expected to last four weeks.**

Funded by the Forward in Faith campaign, the renovation includes: replacing the ceiling and improving lighting; new carpet and a laminate border installed; repainting of woodwork and walls. Funded by the Westminster Endowment, Fellowship Hall will also receive new chairs with sympathetic fabric colors.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 2

|       |   |                 |
|-------|---|-----------------|
|       | <b>Fellowship Hall renovation begins*</b> |                 |
| 8:30  | Zumba Toning                              | WROC            |
| 9:00  | Flow (Vinyasa) Yoga                       | Rm. 176         |
|       | Zumba                                     | WROC            |
| 9:45  | Arthritis Exercise Program                | WROC Fitness    |
| 10:00 | W2W – Emerald Group                       | Rm. 231         |
| 10:15 | Abigail Circle                            | Memorial Parlor |
| 10:40 | Absolute Abs                              | WROC Fitness    |
| 4:00  | Farmers Market                            | S. Parking Lot  |
| 6:00  | Adult Pickleball                          | WROC            |
| 7:00  | Nar Anon                                  | Rm. 131         |
| 8:10  | Adult Pickup Basketball                   | WROC            |

## FRIDAY, JUNE 3

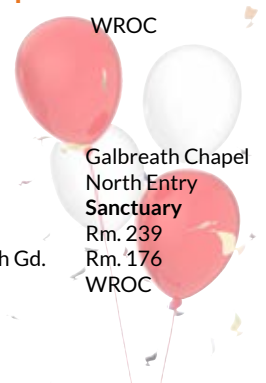
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| 6:30 | Fishers of Men              | Rm. 231 |
| 8:00 | Cardio Strength Fusion      | WROC    |
| 9:15 | Parkinson's Level 1 Workout | WROC    |
| 6:00 | Adult Pickleball            | WROC    |
| 7:00 | AA                          | Rm. 107 |
|      | AI Anon                     | Rm. 231 |

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4

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| 9:45 | Zumba with Jocelyn | WROC |
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## SUNDAY, JUNE 5

|       |                            |                  |
|-------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 8:45  | Westminster Seminars       | Galbreath Chapel |
| 9:00  | Welcome Center             | North Entry      |
| 10:00 | <b>Worship Service</b>     | <b>Sanctuary</b> |
|       | Wiggle Room                | Rm. 239          |
| 10:15 | Sunday School/PreK-6th Gd. | Rm. 176          |
| 11:45 | 75th Anniversary Picnic    | WROC             |



**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](mailto:long@westminster-church.org) for current availability.

## Church Survey

Each generation at Westminster expresses the great command to love God and neighbor in ways that are unique to the challenges and potential of its time. As we look to the future, help us shape our ministries and plans.

We invite all who participate in Westminster to share your experiences of our congregation through this brief survey. This survey is designed to be completed in less than five minutes, easily accessed through this QR code, and ensure complete confidentiality of your responses.



Your input will help shape our priorities to accept everyone with love, inspire wonder and meaning, seek justice without exception, and inspire the next generation.

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## Giving to Westminster

**ONLINE:** Give a one-time or recurring gift:  
<https://www.westminster-church.org/give>

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



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