



Westminster Presbyterian Church



May 22, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Beach Spring
America the Beautiful
Jim Burns, organ
Westminster Ringers

B.P. White/arr. John Matheny
Samuel Ward/arr. Arnold Sherman

Welcome and Announcements

Celebration of Faithful Service (11:00)

*Call to Worship

Leader: Those who love Jesus keep his words;

People: **Those who love Jesus
will make their home with God.**

Leader: Those who know Jesus will know his peace;

People: **Those who know Jesus
will be taught in the ways of peace.**

Leader: Come, worship God, who loves us, lives among us,
and calls us home.

*Hymn No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Our Mission: We seek to be a caring community of faith committed to bringing people to Christ and developing their faith through worshipping God together, teaching the faith, and serving in mission.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

***Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in Jesus. He asked us to keep your word. We confess that we often follow not his way but an easier way. Too often we ask you to bless what we would rather do than do what we know is right. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when we worship what we desire instead of you. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

(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 14:23-29

NT 109

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Keep My Words

Jo Forrest

Offertory Anthem

The Heavens Are Telling from *The Creation*
The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.
The day that is coming speaks to the day,
The night that is gone to following night.
In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

Haydn

***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. 688**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

5 Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

***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 in C

Hermann Schroeder

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

Leading in worship: Jim Burns, Jo Forrest, Jim Marshall, Lorraine Milovac, Louise Rogers, the Quartet, the Chancel Choir, and the Westminster Ringers

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness
Betty Digby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

The May five-week series, *Christians, the Nations, and War*, continues today, Sunday, May 22, with “What Kind of Justice Must We Work For?” For details visit <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>

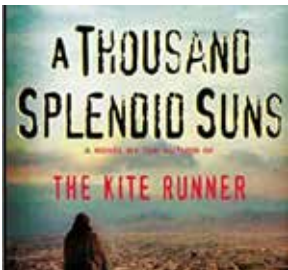


Treasures for Troops

FINAL DAY, May 22
Collection boxes at
north, south & WROC
entries

To honor our troops for Memorial Day, the Deacons are hosting a donation drive for Operation Troop Appreciation. All donations are used for OTA's Active-Duty "Wish-List" and veteran "Welcome Home" programs. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/treasures-for-troops>

This Week



Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, May 25
Noon – 1:15 p.m.
Church Library
*Bring a brown bag lunch
and join us!*

At the next meeting of the Westminster Book Group, we will discuss *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khalid Hosseini. “...*A Thousand Splendid Suns* is at once an incredible chronicle of thirty years of Afghan history and a deeply moving story of family, friendship, faith, and the salvation to be found in love.” – Amazon

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)

This Week

Westminster Men's Softball defeats Bethany Red

On Tuesday, May 12, after falling behind 5-0 in the first inning and trailing until the ninth, Westminster rallied for six runs in the top of the ninth and withstood the Bethany Red onslaught in the bottom of the ninth to win 16-15. All in all, a great win for Westminster as it evened the team's record at 2-2 and puts them in the thick of the Calvin Cup race. Come cheer on the team at their next game!

Wednesday, May 25, 8:30 p.m.

Chartiers Park, Bridgeville

Westminster vs. Christ United Methodist



Food to Go Collection

through June 5

Drop off donations at the church office or bring to worship on Pentecost Sunday

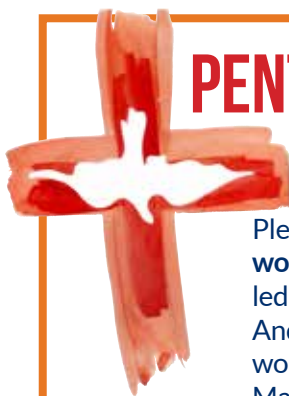
Many children rely on school breakfast and lunch as their only meals of the day. When school is out for the summer, we can help fill the void. Our goal is to give one take home bag each week for 110 food insecure children through their local churches for 8 weeks this summer – a total of 880 bags. Help us meet our goal by purchasing specific food items and bring them to worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/food-to-go-collection>

Coming in June

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.



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 five-week May series, **Christians, the Nations, and War**, presented by John Burgess, continues this week. 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday Food & Fellowship

5:30–6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join your church family for food and fellowship! \$5 adult/\$3 child **This week's menu is: Chick-Fil-A.**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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. Can't make it on Wednesday? Catch the Veritalk podcast here: veritalk.podbean.com

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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

CALENDAR

2022

MAY 23 – 29

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 23

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
8:00	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
9:30	PACC Movie Matinee	Yahweh Café
10:20	Parkinson's Level 2 Workout	WROC
12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
5:30	Cardio Kickboxing	WROC
6:45	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
7:00	Deacon Meeting	Rm. 231
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

TUESDAY, MAY 24

7:00	Men's Discussion Group	Rm. 238
9:00	Zumba	WROC
9:30	Town Hall South	Yahweh Café
10:15	Strong Bodies – Strong Bones	Fellowship Hall
11:15	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
5:30	PACC Activity Night	Yahweh Café
6:30	Centering Prayer	Zoom
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131
8:00	Adult Pickup Volleyball	WROC

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

8:00	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
10:00	Gentle (Flow) Yoga	Fellowship Hall
10:20	Parkinson's Level 2 Workout	WROC
12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM Youth Group (Gds. 4–5)	North Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 6–12)	Youth Dept.
6:30	Membership Commission	Rm. 238
8:30	Westminster Men's Softball vs. Christ United	Chartiers Park

THURSDAY, MAY 26

8:30	Zumba Toning	WROC
9:00	Zumba	WROC
9:45	Arthritis Exercise Program	WROC Fitness
10:40	Absolute Abs	WROC Fitness
12:00	Alzheimer Support Group	Memorial Parlor
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, MAY 27

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
8:00	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
4:00	Fitzgerald/Miller Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	AI Anon	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, MAY 28

9:45	Zumba with Jocelyn	WROC
5:30	Fitzgerald/Miller Wedding	Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 29

8:30	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Entry
9:45	Contemporary Worship	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room	WROC Fitness
	Sunday School PreK–4th Grade	Rm. 194
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath/Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
	Confirmation Class	Yahweh Café
12:00	Confirmation Lunch	Fellowship Hall

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.

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. Everyone over the age of 16 in your household is encouraged to respond. 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.

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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