



Westminster Presbyterian Church



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

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

This Joyful Eastertide
I Know That My Redeemer Lives

arr. Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Living our Faith

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Behind closed doors,

People: God's Spirit blows on us.

Leader: Through closed hearts,

People: God's Spirit works in us.

Leader: In God's time,

People: We come before God to worship and wonder and be blessed.

***Hymn No. 239**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

*Prayer of Confession

We speak too much and rarely listen as we ought.
We move when we should be still
and we come before you today without focus.

We lay our lives into the palm of your hand,
you, who holds us, carries us and pushes us when we need it.

Forgive us through the hands which reached out for his mother from the manger.
Forgive us through the hands once stretched out on the cross.
Forgive us through the hands held out for Thomas to touch.

Receive the confessions of our hearts
In this time of silence

(Silence is kept)

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Leader: In Christ we are offered hands, leading us into a future.
Receive his promise of forgiveness
and be released from the burdens which bind you.
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)*

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

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 20:19-31

NT 115

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The End of Unbelief

Jo Forrest

Offertory Anthem

We Walk by Faith

Joseph M. Martin

We walk by faith and not by sight;
 no gracious words have to hear from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe Him near.
 We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where His feet have trod,
 but in His promise we rejoice, and cry "My Lord and my God!" Help then, Lord, our unbelief!
 And may now our faith abound. Let us call on Thee when Thou art near
 and seek where Thou art found. That when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer,
 glorious light we may behold You as Thou art with full and endless sight.
 I need no other argument, I need no other plea;
 it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

***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. 236**

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
 the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly sped; Christ rises glorious from the dead:
 all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! (*Refrain*)

***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 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

Healy Willan

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

Leading in worship: Jim Burns, Paul Conley, Jo Forrest, Christine Hestwood, Rick Ralston, Ed Sutter,
 John Van Cleve, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Baptism

We rejoice with Jennifer and Richard Bono as they present Riley Mae for the Sacrament of Baptism.

The congregation extends condolences to

parents John and Suzanne Zanardelli; brother Brandon and Lisa Zanardelli; and sister Robyn Zanardelli on the death of Stephen Zanardelli.

Marie Sauret and Mike Nicoletta and family on the death of Marie's mother, Chiara Veroni.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week

WROC Talk: Success with Perennials – Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Westminster Book Group – Wednesday, April 27, Noon– 1:15 p.m., Library



Church-wide Bike Ride

Saturday, April 30
9:30 a.m.
Panhandle Trail in
McDonald, PA

Come enjoy nature and get some exercise while biking on the Panhandle Trail. This is an opportunity to fellowship with your church family of all ages. Wear your new church t-shirt if you have one! Meet at 9:30 in the parking lot. *Rain date May 7.* Contact Sue Davis at planetsue66@gmail.com for more information.

Join Our Team! Hiring: Associate Director of Youth Ministry

Westminster is on the search for a full-time Associate Director of Youth Ministry and we'd love your help! Know anyone with a heart for Christ and a love of teens and young people? We'd love to meet them! The new Associate Director will be directly involved with the development and implementation of our long-standing AMAZING ministries to youth and their families, and we're excited to enter into a new era of growth. For more information, or if you'd like to share any ideas, please reach out to Ed Sutter.

Next Week



Barefoot School (June 20–24) Registration

Join us for this year's Food Truck Party Barefoot School! **Registration opens online on May 1** for children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade for the 2022-2023 school year. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/wpcBFS22>

Masterpieces for Piano Four Hands Concert – Sunday, May 1, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary



Extended Communion

Sunday, May 1

The Deacons will be taking communion to anyone unable to attend Sunday worship on Sunday, May 1. If you would like to receive communion or know of anyone to add to the list, please contact Louise Rogers at rogers@westminster-church.org or call the church office 412-833-6500.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Next Week



Westminster Seminars

Five-Week May Series
**Christians, the Nations,
and War**
Begins Sunday, May 1
9:45 a.m.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has shocked the world. This series will draw on Christian perspectives on war to help us understand how God may be at work in these events and what God is calling us to do as American Christians. Read more here and get the Zoom link to join online: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>

Coming in May



“The Ukraine War and Global Geopolitics”

Town Hall South Evening Lecture with Admiral James Stavridis
Tuesday, May 10
7:00 p.m.
Upper St. Clair High School Theater

Town Hall South welcomes Admiral James Stavridis, USN (Ret.) 16th Supreme Allied Commander at NATO, for a special evening lecture.

Tickets are \$40 for reserved seating. Discounted tickets are available to Upper St. Clair faculty and staff at \$30, and USC students at \$20.

To purchase tickets and for additional information, visit www.townhallsouth.org



Inquirers' Gathering

Saturday, May 14
9:00 a.m.
Memorial Parlor

If you're a visitor and have been considering membership, we invite you to attend an Inquirers' Gathering! The gatherings are an informal time of sharing and teaching as we explore what it means to be a follower of Christ in the Presbyterian tradition and here at Westminster. More details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/inquirers-gathering>

Deacons Blood Drive – Sunday, May 15, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. @ Westminster

Adult Mission Trip to Kentucky – Saturday, May 28 – Friday, June 3

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.

Ongoing Activities & Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Wiggle Room

8:30/11:00 a.m. in Room 239
9:45 a.m. in WROC Fitness Room
Available to 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. in Galbreath Chapel or on Zoom
The final week of the current series, *Three Reformers: Distinctive Characteristics*, presented by John E. Wilson, is April 24. This week features **John Calvin: The Reformation of the Refugees and Church Discipline**. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School

9:45 a.m. in 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

Bible Read Along

4:30–5:30 p.m. in Room 231
The final week of Bible Read Along is Wednesday, April 27.

Children's Choirs

4:45–5:30 p.m. in Rm. 176 (Gds. K–2) and Rm. 268 (Gds. 3–6)
Open to all children K–6th grade. Glorify God with music!

Wednesday Food & Fellowship
5:30–6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Church family, food, and fellowship! **This week's menu is Family Deli.**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

JAM (Jesus & Me)

6:00–7:30 p.m. in the north entry
A youth group for 5th & 6th graders that offers a time for fun, fellowship, and faith.

Veritas

6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Youth Dept.
Youth group for 7th 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, a review the scripture lesson and discussion questions from Veritas. Find it here: veritalk.podbean.com

STAFF PROGRAM/MINISTRY CONTACTS

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Westminster on Social Media

Don't miss Westminster on social media. Watch worship videos, listen to the new Veritas podcast, share Westminster events, find inspirational prayers, Scripture, and more to like and share!



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veritalk.podbean.com

CALENDAR

2022

APRIL 25 – MAY 1

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

MONDAY, APRIL 25

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
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
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
6:45	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
7:00	Deacon Meeting	Rm. 231
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

7:00	Men's Discussion Group	Rm. 238
	WCDC	Rm. 152
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
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Centering Prayer	Zoom
	Flow Yoga	Rm. 194
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131
	WROC Talk	Fellowship Hall
8:00	Adult Pickup Volleyball	WROC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
10:00	Gentle (Hatha) Yoga	Fellowship Hall
10:20	Parkinson's Level 2 Workout	WROC
12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
4:30	Bible Read Along	Rm. 231
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grades K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Grades 3-6)	Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM Youth Group (Gds. 5-6)	North Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 7-12)	Youth Dept.
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
8:30	Zumba Toning	WROC
9:00	Zumba	WROC
10:45	Arthritis Exercise	WROC Fitness
11:20	Absolute Abs	WROC Fitness
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	AI Anon	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

7:00	Rotary Pancake Festival	Fellowship Hall
9:30	Church-wide Bike Ride	Off Site
9:45	Zumba with Jocelyn	WROC
11:00	Berdanier Memorial Service	Sanctuary
12:00	Berdanier Memorial Reception	Memorial Parlor

SUNDAY, MAY 1

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
3:00	Masterpieces for Piano Four Hands Concert	Sanctuary

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.

Beyond doubt

by Kathleen O'Toole

The minute the preacher named it, I knew: Thomas was a hero, not the foil. It took guts for him to offer his hand to Jesus' slit side, to poke his fingers into the nail holes. And besides, he was the honest one: What do you mean, you saw him? Logical to ask his brothers still cowering behind locked doors. And how come Mary Magdalen never earns a Sunday solo—her moment of truth, recognition, in the Easter garden, her witness buried like the lost coin, in the mid-week lectionary days after we celebrate the Resurrection she proclaimed. In truth, she and Thomas should be our guides: wail that grief out in some public place, question if you doubt, but bloody your hands in the world wounds for Christ's sake do what it takes to find your way.

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