



Westminster Presbyterian Church



April 3, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Balm in Gilead/Simple Gifts

arr. Joseph Martin

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Let this be the welcoming place,  
the place of return.

People: **Let it be built by a love  
that bends toward those who return here.**

Leader: For it is a love that has been waiting  
and never willing to let go

People: **the hope that each child will return home.**

**\*Hymn No. 630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish,  
thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer;  
Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

4 Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

*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**

Dear God, How easily we leave your side and wander far from your heart.  
We are blind to our self-righteousness and too easily judge others.  
Open our eyes to the ways we fall short. Strengthen our spirits and create our hearts anew,  
calling us back to your embrace. Have mercy upon us.

*(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**

O How He Loves You and Me

O how he loves you and me! (repeat)

He gave his life. What more could he give?

O how he loves you; o how he loves me; o how he loves you and me!

**Gospel Lesson**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

NT 78

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

Coming Home

Jo Forrest

**Offertory Anthem**

Lamb of God

Anna Laura Page

Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the word, grant us 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**

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Sacrament of Communion

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

### Institution of the Lord's Supper

### Prayer of Sending

#### \*Hymn No. 418

Softly and Tenderly

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

**Refrain:** "Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

3 O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. (**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 in D Minor

Charles Villiers Stanford

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\*Please stand if you are able.

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

### Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

#### The congregation extends condolences to

Laura and Steve Pasky on the passing of Laura's father, Jay Hillegass.

Jim Davison, former associate pastor at Westminster Church, on the passing of his wife, Reeny.

Condolences can be sent to: Dr. Jim Davison, 35 Winding Way, Verona, PA 15147

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week



### Twenty-Four Hour Prayer Vigil

Thursday, April 7 @ Noon – Friday, April 8 @ Noon

Join us to pray for peace in Ukraine! We hope to cover one complete day with our prayers. Everyone can take part in this special prayer opportunity. Sign up for a prayer time slot here: <https://bit.ly/wpcprayervigil>

### Westminster Softball Returns

After a two year absence due to COVID, Westminster returns to action this year in the competitive Chartiers Valley Church Softball league. While a solid core returns, the team could use some more players. The season runs from late April to August with the team usually playing one game per week on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday nights at Chartiers Park in Bridgeville. If interested, please contact Jim Roberts at 412-983-8899 or jimroberts2@hotmail.com.



### Veritalk – A New Podcast

from the Youth Department

This podcast will review the scripture lesson and discussion questions from Veritas, Westminster's youth group, the prior week. Join us if you're a student and missed a week, a parent who would like to be included in our faith discussions, or if you've always wondered what the next generation talks about on Wednesday nights. Veritalk is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon, Podbean, and straight from a web browser. Visit [veritalk.podbean.com](http://veritalk.podbean.com) for links to download and listen.

### Contractor Position Opening

Westminster is seeking a **Livestream Technician contractor** who will be responsible for livestreaming two worship services each Sunday. They will work with those that are responsible for AV in the two worship spaces. Visit our website for details and to download the full job description: <https://www.westminster-church.org/about/employment>

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)

## Palm Sunday

*Don't forget your pocket change for the Cherub Choir's special Palm Sunday collection!*



### Children's Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, April 10**  
9:45 Sunday school &  
11:45 after worship

Children and families, join us Palm Sunday for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt! Parents, please bring your children to their regular Sunday school hour/room. 9:45 Sunday school will dismiss from Room 194. 11:00 Sunday school parents can meet their children after worship in the courtyard for the Egg Hunt. Questions? Email Debb Egli at [egli@westminster-church.org](mailto:egli@westminster-church.org).



### Haiti Child Sponsorship Celebration

**Sunday, April 10**  
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
North Entry

Come to the north entry anytime on Palm Sunday morning to learn more about Haiti child sponsorship. Current sponsors will be on hand to talk about their experience. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to select a Haitian student's profile and to commit to one year of sponsorship. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/haiti-child-sponsorship-celebration>

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Coming Soon

### Easter Flower Delivery

**Sunday, April 17, following 11:00 a.m. worship or**  
**Monday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Looking for a one-time volunteer opportunity? Have a heart for people and a warm smile? One of our homebound members would love a flower this Easter. Pick up flowers at the church on Sunday, April 17, or Monday, April 18, and drop off to our members who were recently hospitalized, elderly, and at home or in a senior community. **Deadline to volunteer is Wednesday, April 13.**

### Grow Living Stones

**Sunday, April 24, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.,**  
**St. Catherine of Siena Church**  
**in Beechview**

Work with other Westminster volunteers to set up and serve food... there is a job for everyone. Sign up early! Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/serving/opportunities-to-serve#community>

*For more information about this or other important volunteer opportunities, visit our website or contact Jan Baumann at 412-835-6630x205 or 412-559-1034 or [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).*

# 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  
April Series: *Three Reformers: Distinctive Characteristics*, presented by John E. Wilson. This week features **Martin Luther: Faith and the Power of Destruction (the Devil); Faith and Reason**. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

### Sunday School

9:45 a.m. in person; 11:00 a.m. in person & online. Zoom Link: [bit.ly/wpcvirtualss](https://bit.ly/wpcvirtualss) Passcode: 15241  
A time for children in PreK through 6th 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  
Join us during Lent to explore Jesus' journey to the cross according to the Gospel of Luke. Drop in as you are able.

### 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 EVENINGS

### Wednesday Food & Fellowship

5:30–6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Church family, food, and fellowship! **This week's menu is fried chicken potluck!**

### Kids' Connection

6:00–7:30 p.m. in the WROC  
A time for kids PreK through 4th grade to play, wonder about Bible stories, and connect with God and each other.

### 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.

## STAFF PROGRAM/MINISTRY CONTACTS

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## Giving to Westminster

There are many ways to give to Westminster, all of which are secure through our online giving partner, ACS Technologies. Your giving ensures that our church remains financially healthy.

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

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

# CALENDAR

2022

APRIL 4 – 10

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 4

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/ Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 107
6:45	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
7:00	CFM Commission Meeting	Zoom
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

## TUESDAY, APRIL 5

7:00	Men's Discussion Group	Rm. 238
	WCDC	Rm. 152
9:00	Zumba	WROC
10:15	Strong Bodies /Strong Bones	Fellowship Hall
11:00	Membership Commission	Rm. 238
11:15	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Centering Prayer Flow Yoga	Zoom
7:00	AI Anon	Fellowship Hall
8:00	Adult Pickup Volleyball	Rm. 131
		WROC

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

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
4:30	Bible Read Along	Rm. 231
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grades K-2) Junior Choir (Grades 3-6)	Rm. 176 Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM Youth Group (Gds. 5-6) Kid's Connection (PreK-4th Gd.) Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 7-12)	North Entry WROC Youth Dept.
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

## THURSDAY, APRIL 7

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
8:30	Zumba Toning	WROC
9:00	Zumba	WROC
10:00	W2W-Emerald	Rm. 231
10:15	Abigail Circle	Memorial Parlor
10:45	Arthritis Exercise	WROC Fitness
11:20	Absolute Abs	WROC Fitness
6:00	Adult Pickleball Cub Scout Den Meeting	WROC Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir Nar Anon	Rm. 268 Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

## FRIDAY, APRIL 8

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
6:30	AI Anon	Rm. 231
7:00	AA	Rm. 107

## SATURDAY, APRIL 9

9:45	Zumba with Jocelyn	WROC
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## SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:30	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center - Haiti Child Sponsorship Celebration	North Entry <b>WROC/Livestrm.</b> WROC Fitness
9:45	<b>Contemporary Worship</b> Wiggle Room Sunday School PreK-4th Gd. & Children's Easter Egg Hunt Westminster Seminars	Rm. 194 Galbreath Chapel <b>Sanctuary/Livestrm.</b> Rm. 239 Rm. 121 Rm. 131 Zoom Yahweh Café
11:00	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room Sunday School PreK-2nd Gd. Sunday School 3rd-6th Gd. Virtual Sunday School Confirmation Class	Rm. 131 Zoom Yahweh Café
11:45	Children's Easter Egg Hunt	Courtyard

*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.*

# Easter Flowers

Spring is just around the corner. The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial/honoree contributions for Easter flowers. If you would like to participate in this Westminster tradition, please make checks payable to "Westminster Presbyterian Church," and write "Easter flowers" on the memo line. Checks and forms can be mailed, dropped off at the church office, or placed in the Sunday collection plate.

Your contribution and completed form must be received **by Monday, April 11**, so that your gift can be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please indicate on the form if you will pick up your Easter flower following the Bridge or 11:00 service on Easter Sunday, or if you would like the deacons to deliver your flower to a shut-in.

## EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

In memory       In honor

Name of memorial/honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

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Please deliver flower to a shut-in       I will pick up the flower

My name 

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***Please return this form to the church office by Monday, April 11.***



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