



YOU BELONG *here*

Westminster Presbyterian Church



March 27, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Mache dich, mein Herze, rein
from *St. Matthew Passion*
Vinay Thomas, soloist

J.S. Bach

Make yourself pure, my heart. Within me, he shall forever take his rest.
For I will bury Jesus within myself. World, leave my heart, and let Jesus enter!

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (*Psalm 32*)

Leader: Many are the torments of the wicked,

People: but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,

People: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

*Hymn No. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect 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.

4 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord, You have called us to life and transformation, yet we so often choose sin and separation. We are fearful of change and we doubt in your providence. We are wary of surrender, so we grasp for control. Open our hearts to the life that you would choose for each of us and forgive us as we wander from whom you have called us to be. Hear us now as we offer our personal 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**

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!

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

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

NT 181

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A New Creation

Ed Sutter

Offertory Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

***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. 774**

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART

1 There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

2 Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone:
now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.

4 Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast;
Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.

5 There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ.
Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!

***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

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor

Bach

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

Leading in worship: Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Louise Rogers, Ed Sutter, Vinay Thomas, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir

About the prelude: Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* tells the story of Christ's betrayal and crucifixion according to the gospel of Matthew. The aria, *Mache dich, mein Herze, rein*, comes at the end of the work as Joseph of Arimathea prepares Christ's body for burial. The poetic text is not scriptural, but rather a reflection on the story, with a particular emphasis on Jesus inhabiting the human heart.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Recent surgery, illness, or hospitalization

June Klieber

Jackie Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

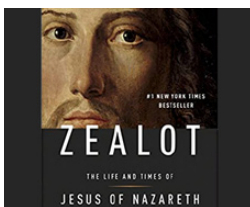
Today

Refugee Resettlement Preparation

Sunday, March 27
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
North Entry, WROC

The Refugee Resettlement Committee is delighted to report that we have been matched with a family from Africa arriving in early April! We invite the congregation to help prepare their home. Members of the Committee will be available after each worship service today with a list of needed items. For details visit the events page on the church website or email Jenny Thompson at jenthompson106@gmail.com

This Week



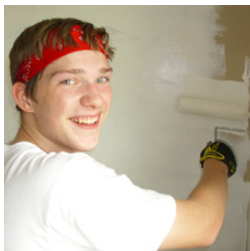
Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, March 30
Noon – 1:15 p.m.
Room 238

At the next meeting of the Westminster Book Group we will discuss *Zealot: Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth* by Reza Aslan. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us!

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. This role involves ensuring everything is ready to go prior to the livestream (setting up the links on YouTube) as well as maintaining production cohesion during the services. Visit our website for details and to download the full job description: <https://www.westminster-church.org/about/employment>



Veritas Summer Mission Trip

July 10-16, 2022
Elkview, WV
Space is limited!
Sign up today!

Westminster's youth are headed to West Virginia for a week of service to join other groups from all over the country and work on different types of home repair projects. Cost is \$150 per student. Registration is available online. Contact Ed Sutter at sutter@westminster-church.org with any 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)

This Week

Westminster Softball Returns

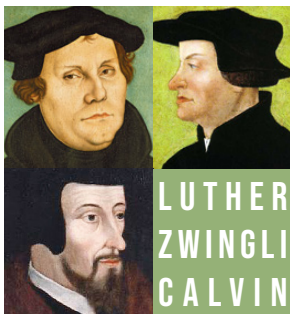
After a two year absence due to COVID, Westminster returns to action this year in the competitive Chartiers Valley Church Softball league. While a solid core returns, the team could use some more players. The season runs from late April to August with the team usually playing one game per week on Tuesday,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



Word Cloud Question for Lent

The Membership Commission would like to ask for your input for a Lenten Word Cloud. Submit your one or two-word answer to this question, "Where do you feel close to God?" to the Membership Commission via email at membership@westminster-church.org. Contact Sue Castelli with any questions at spcfjc@comcast.net. We hope to hear from you!

Next Week



Three Reformers: Distinctive Characteristics

Westminster Seminars
April Series
Sundays, April 3, 10, 24
9:45 a.m.
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

John E. Wilson will lead us through an exploration of the distinctive works of Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, and John Calvin – the main sources of Reformation history and theology.

Read more about the series and get the Zoom link to join remotely here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>

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>

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

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

Children are always welcome and encouraged to participate in worship, yet we realize sometimes families need a little wiggle room in their worship experience. The Wiggle Room is 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 Lenten series: *History of Biblical Interpretation*, presented by Kenneth J. Woo, concludes this week. **Interpreting the Bible is always something that can stir people up. What can we learn from past efforts? What does history reveal about how the Bible speaks to us today?** Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School

9:45 a.m. in person after the

Children's message; 11:00 a.m.

in person & online at the start of the service. Zoom Link: 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. No homework. Drop in as you are able.

Children's Choirs

4:45–5:30 p.m. in Galbreath

Chapel (grades K–2) and

sanctuary (grades 3–6)

Open to all children K–6th grade. Join us and make some music to glorify God!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday Food & Fellowship

5:30–6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join your church family for food and fellowship! **This week's menu is chicken, garden salad, and fruit salad.**

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. Meet 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.

A youth group for grades 7 to 12, Veritas maintains the goal of bringing Christ to kids in a way that inspires their minds and fills their hearts with the love of God in a fun and exciting way.

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CALENDAR

2022

MAR 28 – APR 3

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

MONDAY, MARCH 28

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	Rm. 176
5:30	Cardio Kickboxing	WROC
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
	Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Youth Commission Meeting	Rm. 238
6:45	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
7:00	Deacon Meeting	Rm. 231
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

7:00	Men's Discussion Group	Rm. 238
	WCDC	Rm. 152
9:00	Flow Yoga	Rm. 194
	Zumba	WROC
10:15	Strong Bodies /Strong Bones	Fellowship Hall
11:15	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Centering Prayer	Zoom
	Flow Yoga	Fellowship Hall
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131
8:00	Adult Pickup Volleyball	WROC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

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	Rm. 238
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
	Kid's Connection (PreK-4th Gd.)	WROC
	Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 7-12)	Youth Dept.
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

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 1

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
2:00	Gillen/Schmitz Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	AI Anon	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

9:45	Zumba with Jocelyn	WROC
3:00	Gillen/Schmitz Wedding	Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8:30	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Entry
9:45	Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestrm.
	Wiggle Room	WROC Fitness
	Sacrament Class	Fellowship Hall
	Sunday School PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 194
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestrm.
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
	Sunday School PreK-2nd Gd.	Rm. 121
	Sunday School 3rd-6th Gd.	Rm. 131
	Virtual Sunday School	Zoom
	Confirmation Class	Yahweh Café
2:30	Mendelssohn Choir 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.

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)

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

My name

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



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