



Westminster Presbyterian Church

February 11, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Fiat Lux

Théodore Dubois

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God touches the world,
and the world changes.

People: **God touches us,
and we are transformed.**

Leader: In the brightest of day,
in the deepest of night,
on mountain,
in valley,
everywhere.

People: **In this time, together,
we invite God
to open our eyes
to the mystery
of our lives.**

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God,
 we race through life thinking that we know who you are,
 who we are, and those around us. We don't know.
 We cannot grasp the love that sent your son to walk with us in this life.
 We don't see others as your beloved, nor ourselves.
 We only see the surface and confine ourselves to small lives.
 Open our eyes. When we see the hurt that we caused, forgive us.
 Reveal to us the mystery of your grace.

(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

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel;
 God with us, revealed in us; his name is called Emmanuel.

Anthem (11:00)

Seek, and Ye Shall Find
Cherub and Junior Choirs

Natalie Sleeth

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.

Choral Response

SEVENFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

New Testament, page 44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Outed

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Unclouded Day

arr. Shawn Kirchner

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies, they tell me of a home far away,
and they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O the land of cloudless days. O the land of an unclouded day.

O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,
they tell me of a land far away, where the tree of life in eternal bloom
sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

They tell me of a King in his beauty there, they tell me that mine eyes shall behold
where he sits on a throne that is bright as the sun in the city that is made of gold!

~Josiah K. Alwood

*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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*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 we might live
will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world.

Postlude

Wondrous Love

- arr. Dale Wood

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Chip Staub, Jim Burns, Melanie Hallums, Lorraine Milovac, Holly Jones, Beth Ketterman, the Junior, Cherub, and Chancel Choirs.

About the Prelude Dubois' Fiat Lux (Let there be light) sets the mood for Transfiguration Sunday when Christ's "face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light." Starting quietly, it ends in a blaze of light on full organ. The postlude is based on a 15th century Transfiguration hymn and is found on page 189 of the hymnal.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to family and friends of Eric Harrison who died on February 5.

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Nancy Nunley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Ash Wednesday Prayer Stations and Worship

Wednesday, February 14 | Prayer Stations in the WROC at 5:30 p.m.,
Worship service in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

Join us on Ash Wednesday for intergenerational prayer stations followed by worship with the imposition of ashes. Prayer stations will be set up in the WROC beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by worship in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. There will be no PreK-2nd Grade Kids' Connection. Instead, families are encouraged to journey through the prayer stations together.

Westminster Seminars

Frances Willard and the Women's Christian Temperance Union

Sundays, TODAY through February 25 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Elaine S. Frantz, Professor of History, Kent State University



Bible Read Along – Covenant Study

Wednesdays, February 21 - March 27 | 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Room 238

As a companion to the Lenten sermon series, we will read those texts in scripture that describe God's promises to humankind. God points to nature as symbols of an everlasting promise to be faithful to us. Rainbows after the rain, stars in the sky, and morning daybreaks after dark nights. We will gather in Room 238 from 4:30 to 5:30 with a zoom link optional for those who travel. Contact Jo Forrest with questions.



Veritas Volunteers Needed

Youth Ministry | Wednesdays through school year | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Wing

Veritas Youth Ministry is searching for caring adults to help with crowd control and assist with activities during programming. Veritas meets every Wednesday during the school year from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. There is no commitment to coming every week - sign up as you are able (or just come once to check it out!), but we do need you to stay the entire time. Contact Laura Ecklin for more information ecklin@westminster-church.org.



February Is Hunger Action Month

Community Engagement Commission | All of February

Help us feed the hungry in our area by contributing to our month-long fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 which will allow us to expand our current food ministry opportunities and to reach out in new ways to help programs that address hunger.

For more information, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.



Give Today!



Meals on Wheels Blizzard Bags

Meals on Wheels @ The Crossroads needs our help. Touch a life...

TODAY | 9:15, 10:30, and 11:45 a.m. | Room 274

Please stay after church for 30 minutes. We will be assembling shelf stable food bags for those days when fresh meals cannot be delivered due to winter weather. Contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.



Living Stones

Sunday, February 25 | 3:00 p.m.

Fairhaven United Methodist Church, Overbrook

Please give a couple of hours of your time to help a neighborhood in Overbrook. Serve food on Sunday, February 25, 3:00 p.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m. Transportation provided from the church's north parking lot. Sign up early. For more information and address, go to <https://growlivingstones.com/>.



Rise Rise Against Hunger

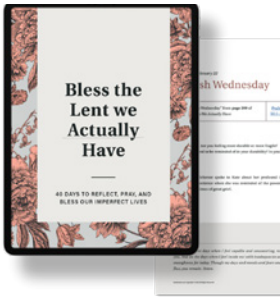
AGAINST HUNGER Volunteer Ministry | WROC

Saturday, February 24 | 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
& 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Sign up today to volunteer for this incredible mission opportunity. Six million children under the age of 5 die every year because of hunger. We will be assembling nutritious meal packets for Rise Against Hunger, an international hunger relief agency. All ages are welcome. Use the QR code above to register.

**REGISTER
TODAY**





LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Lenten Study

Thursdays, February 15 - April 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Room 283

Ladies in Fellowship Together (formerly Ladies Night Book Group) will spend the Lenten season with Kate Bowler's devotional book and accompanying Lenten guide *Bless the Lives We Actually Have*. The devotionals and reflections are short and designed for a busy individual. This is a group for women of all ages to come together and share the realness of life. Drop in as you are able, even if you are behind on reading. Contact Kristy Berrott with questions, kristy@berrott.com.



Deacons' Blood Drive

Sunday, February 18 | 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Westminster Deacons are hosting our final blood drive of the year. Please pre-register for your appointment by using sponsor code UG0010171 to secure a time slot. Registration is easily done by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or online at <http://www.vitalant.org>. The Westminster Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this worthy mission.



Teen & Parent Mental Health Speaker Series

Wednesday, February 28 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Anxiety! Just the word causes us to get tense. If you have or know a teenager, you are aware of how many are dealing with stress and anxiety. School stress, family stress, peer pressure, friends, and just the state of the world are some of the reasons for anxiety. Join us in discussion led by the staff of Strong Foundations about how to handle these stressors. Contact Becky Boyer at boyer@westminster-church.org.



Save the Date for Barefoot School VBS!

Children's & Family Ministry | June 17 - 21 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Mark your calendar for this summer's Barefoot School VBS: **Camp Firelight!** This unique Vacation Bible School program takes children on an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ. Barefoot School VBS will be held June 17-21. Registration opens on May 1! Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

FEB 11-17, 2024



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30	Traditional Worship Meals on Wheels Blizzard Bags Volunteer Opportunity Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 274 Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Meals on Wheels Blizzard Bags Volunteer Opportunity Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.) Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminars	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 274 Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Meals on Wheels Blizzard Bags Volunteer Opportunity Wiggle Room** Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade) Confirmation Class 2023-2024	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 274 Rm. 239 Rm. 233
7:00	Youth Choir (Grades 7 - 12)	Rm. 268

*Sunday School – 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children’s message; 11:00 a.m., report directly to Room 233. A time for children in PreK through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

Wiggle Room – 9:45 - Upstairs WROC Fitness Room; 8:30/11:00 - Room 239. Available to **families with children from birth through age 3 who would prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service. Please see an usher if you need help finding the Wiggle Room.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Session Meeting The Grace Westminster Book Club Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Galbreath Chapel Zoom FH Kitchen Serving Area

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men’s Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00	Men’s Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
1:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
4:30	Bible Read Along	Rm. 238
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones Cherub Choir (Grades K-2) Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6)	Rm. 194 Rm. 176 Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship Ash Wednesday Prayer Stations	Fellowship Hall WROC
6:00	Kids’ Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Kids’ Connection (3rd/4th Grds) JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry Youth Dept.
6:30	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

Wednesdays @ Westminster have something for everyone! From children’s choirs to Children’s & Family Ministry programs, Food & Fellowship, Veritas Youth Group, Bible studies, and more, make plans to be here. Visit our website or scan the QR codes below for details.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Chancel Choir Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) Lenten Study	Rm. 268 Rm. 283
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AI Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17



Children’s & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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Giving to Westminster

ONLINE: <https://www.westminster-church.org/give>

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