

July 28, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



THE Celebration OF Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Chorale and Trio on Psalm 42

John Propitius

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: This day is a gift from God;

People: a day to reflect, to offer thanks, to seek the good.

Leader: This time is a pause from the fever of life;

People: a time to be with one another, knit into community by God.

Leader: So let us sing and listen, pray and feast.

People: Let us worship the Lord!

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and love,
sometimes we allow ourselves to be distracted by things that don't matter all that much.
We would rather pursue intellectual arguments than live the gospel.
We would rather debate our neighbors than defend the vulnerable.
We prefer to think about you instead of getting to know you.
Forgive us, Lord. And help us.
Help us to discern what does matter to you.
Help us to open our hearts wide in love and grace,
and be living examples of your good news.

(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

Lord, Be Glorified

Bob Kilpatrick

1. In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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.

Congregational Response

THREEFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-13

Old Testament, page 685

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Learn to Fly

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Blessed Assurance arr. Robert Hebble

***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. 450** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response (Hymn No. 748)**

Go with Us, Lord

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

Postlude Postlude on *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* Johann G. Walther

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Jerry Malarkey, and Jim Burns.



JULY SERMON SERIES **Finding God in the Music**

As a faith community, we listen for God's voice in myriad ways: through sermons and Bible studies, hymns and prayers, private devotions and walks in nature. But what about when we turn the dial of our car radio? Or when we find a new playlist on Spotify or put on an old record? How does the so-called secular music of our world intersect with the Word of God we find in Scripture and the whispers of the Spirit in our hearts?

During July, each Sunday's sermon will explore various ways music, beyond the walls of the church, can express and inspire our faith. When have you found God in the music?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Let's enjoy summer fun as a church community!

Worship with us TODAY, at 11:00 a.m. for a combined, casual, outdoor service at the East Rise Pavilion in South Park.

For more information and directions, scan QR code or go to, <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/worship-picnic-in-the-park>



WORSHIP  **IN THE PARK**
WESTMINSTER CHURCH **& PICNIC**

Come and stay for the church picnic.

Lunch will be served at noon, followed by fun summer activities for all ages.

Please bring a camping chair.



TODAY - WORSHIP/PICNIC AT SOUTH PARK

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship and Livestream in Sanctuary | 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Park | Picnic Lunch at noon



The Writers of Westminster

Looking for More Writers – Everyone has a story!

Wednesday, August 21 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Jim O'Brien's house:
512 Hunt Club Drive, McMurray, PA 15317

The Writers of Westminster are calling all writers as they begin gathering stories for Westminster's 6th Christmas book of inspiring stories. Come listen to stories and perhaps share one. Please RSVP to 412-221-3580.

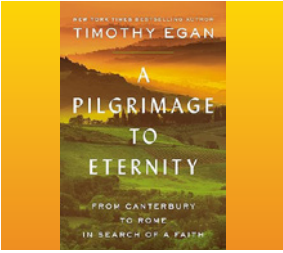


HOLY SCOOPS Sundaes, Sundaes, Sundaes on Wednesday

Wednesday, August 21 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall Courtyard

What's more enjoyable in the summer than ice cream? Join your church community; bring a friend. Lactose free options. No need to RSVP.

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Summer Reading Group

Tuesday, August 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

Gather for a casual reading group led by Jo Forrest.

August 27 - *Pilgrimage to Eternity* by Timothy Egan

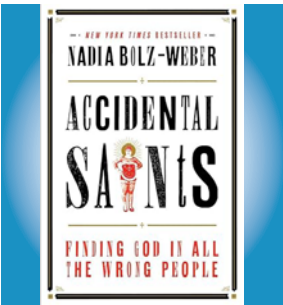
No reservations necessary. Contact Jo Forrest for more information.



Extended Communion

Sundays, September 1, December 1, 2024, and March 2, May 4, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." -*Ephesians 2:10*. The Westminster Deacons have the privilege of serving communion to our homebound congregation four times a year. The Deacons will contact the recipients the week before and schedule a time to visit and serve communion. Please contact Laura Bentley to confirm or add yourself or a loved one to the list of recipients.



LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Book Group

Thursdays, September 5 through October 24 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | Rm. 283

In a time when many have rightly become disillusioned with Christianity, *Accidental Saints* demonstrates what happens when ordinary people share bread and wine, struggle with scripture together, and tell each other the truth about their real lives. This unforgettable account of their faltering steps toward wholeness will ring true for believer and skeptic alike. 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.



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MyWPC is an online tool that will help you stay connected with Westminster's activities and events, as well as manage your personal information and giving. Read more at https://www.westminster-church.org/my_wpc or contact Anna Hiner at hiner@westminster-church.org or 412-835-6630x207.



PHISHING ALERT

DANGER: Phishing

Phishing is the fraudulent practice of sending emails or other messages claiming to be from reputable people to get individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.

Unfortunately, pastors, members, and church staff can be impersonated in texts and email. Therefore, if you receive a text or email from someone on staff asking for your assistance or money, please be careful about opening any links or replying. If there is a churchwide campaign, it will be included in an email from the church, not from an individual staff member. If you're not sure, please call the church to verify.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Memorial Service Reception Volunteer

We need a new team leader for memorial service receptions following funerals. This person notifies the team of experienced volunteers, orders the cookies, and oversees the reception in Memorial Parlor. Training provided. Please contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org with questions or to volunteer.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Looking for a Part Time Job?

KITCHEN MANAGER

Like working in the kitchen? Enjoy working with great volunteers and serving an amazing community? This could be the job you are searching for. Approximately 10 hours a week. Complete training provided.

Contact Jan Baumann with questions or to apply, baumann@westminster-church.org.



Westminster Nursery School

ASSISTANT TEACHER

Westminster Nursery School is looking for an assistant teacher for morning Pre-K and also, morning classroom floaters. These are great part-time jobs and nursery school is a happy place to be! For more information please contact Lori Feldmann at feldmann@westminster-church.org or 412-835-2906.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JULY 28-AUG 3, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
11:00	Worship in the Park	South Park
12:00	All Church Picnic	South Park

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

All Day	Veritas Youth - Charlie	Offsite
9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231

Wednesdays @ Westminster are on summer break. Programs resume August 28.

**Wiggle Room – 8:30 - 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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

All Day	Veritas Youth - Charlie	Offsite
4:00	Farmers' Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	LIFT - Book Group (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Rm. 283
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

MONDAY, JULY 29

All Day	Veritas Youth - Charlie	Offsite
12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

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

TUESDAY, JULY 30

All Day	Veritas Youth - Charlie	Offsite
7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
4:30	Single Women's Group Dinner	Galleria

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3



Children's & Family Ministry



Music & Choirs

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



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