



THE HEART OF GENEROSITY

Westminster Presbyterian Church



October 29, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. / 11:00 a.m.

THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Chorale and Variations on *Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee*

Georg Böhm

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship (From Lamentations 3)

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

People: **They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

Leader: I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

People: **The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who
seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.**

*Opening Hymn No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, you have spoken and we have ignored. You have given and we have rejected. You have loved and we have become indifferent. Our generosity is selfish, and our hearts are self-seeking. When we are honest, we are quite fearful of all that we see around us. Summon our hearts to return to who you have called us to be. Tune our lives to be instruments of your grace. Forgive us for who we have become.

(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

Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant 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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Old Testament, page 191

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

This Is the Land I Promised

Ed Sutter

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Hymn of Praise

René Clausen

Alleluia! Praise God in his holy temple; in the firmament of his power.
Praise God in his mighty majesty, and with pure and humble heart.
Praise him with the sound of the ram's horn.
Praise him with lyre and harp, lute and melody.
Praise him with timbrel and dance.
Praise him with harp, strings, and violin, lute, and trumpet all to his name.
Let everything that has life and breath sing praises unto the Lord!
With cymbal and pipe, with shining stars! We sing hosanna.
For thou hast been our dwelling place from one generation to another
before the mountains were brought forth, or e'er the earth was formed,
even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Alleluia, amen!

*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. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

A Closing Prayer

Don Besig

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place.
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways,
help us share with others the things we've shared today.
May the peace of God, the Father, and the love of Christ, his Son,
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us each one.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to the fellowship once again. Amen.

Postlude

Postlude on *A Mighty Fortress*

Nicolaus Hanff

Leading in worship: Ed Sutter, Elise Sutter, Jim Burns, Lorraine Milovac, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to wife, Martha Madson, and son, Mark and Erin Madson and family, on the death of Larry Madson, on October 19.

The congregation extends condolences to Connie West on the death of her husband, Keith West, on October 20.

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Jeff Underwood.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, TODAY

The meeting will be immediately following each of the three worship services*, when the Nominating Committee will present the nominations for Session, Board of Deacons, Nominating Committee, and Endowment and Special Gifts Committees. Nominations currently include:

Elders Class of 2026

Tom Few
Carol Galbreath
Melanie Hallums
Bill Ludwig
Allison McGee
Tony Price
Denise Rost
Roberta Sarraf
Claire Thornburgh

Endowment & Special Gifts Class of 2027

Don Baumann
Von Campanella

Deacons Class of 2026

Karen Beisner
Lynn Boucek
Ruth Colletti
Sue Davis
Nancy Nunley
James Roberts
Lindsay Senge
Flo Van Cara Sheap

Deacons Class of 2024 (Youth)

Ryan Ranalli
Danny Shanholtzer

Nominating Committee 2024 At-large Members

Megan Exley
Deborah Lee
Tammy Singleton-English
Carrie Kushner
Laura Rhoa
Marta McClintock-Comeaux

*The congregational meeting will be convened at the end of each of the three worship services so that everyone can participate. A brief town hall will also be offered following each service to provide a financial update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars

Everyday Saints: Keeping the Faith in Hard Times

Sundays, Today – November 12 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

The series explores the stories of ordinary Christians who have kept—and even deepened—their faith in resistance to earthly “powers and principalities” (such as communism, racism, bureaucratic indifference). How do their examples inspire us to live with integrity today in the face of the social and political ideologies that try to control us?

Read more and find the Zoom link on the church website.

Westminster Single Women's Group Upcoming Events

Dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market

Tuesday, October 31 | 4:30 p.m. | Galleria

Mark your calendars for the last Tuesday of every month! Registration is recommended. Space is limited to 15.

For more information and to register for any event, go to <https://wroc.westminster-church.org>.



Inquirers' Gathering

November 5 | 2:00 p.m. | Yahweh Café/Room 283

Learn more about becoming a member at Westminster Church at an informal gathering of sharing, teaching, and exploring what it means to be a follower of Christ in the Presbyterian tradition and here at Westminster. No reservations needed. All are welcome. For more information, contact Jan Baumann.



Refugee Resettlement 2024

Sunday, November 5, following 11:00 worship in Room 231 or 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Westminster has supported a Syrian refugee family who immigrated to the US one year ago and we are planning to sponsor a second family in early 2024. If you would like to learn more, please plan to attend one of the upcoming meetings. Read more and find the Zoom link at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/refugee-resettlement-project>. If you are unable to attend or have questions, please contact Sandy and Paul Conley, or Susan and John Van Cleve.



2023-2024 Season of the Town Hall South Speaker Series

THS TOWN HALL
South
SPEAKER SERIES
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Tuesday, November 7 | 10:00 a.m. | USC High School Theater

THS starts off the season with Pulitzer Prize-Winning Photojournalist Lynsey Addario. For information about this presentation and to purchase tickets, please visit townhallsouth.org.



Chili Cook-Off

November 8 | 5:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Warm up with us for a chili cook-off at Wednesday Night Food and Fellowship. Cook up your favorite chili recipe to share! We will provide all of the toppings and side dishes! **Adults: \$7 / Kids: \$5. FREE for everyone who brings chili!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Veritas' Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Wednesday, November 8 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | North Entry

Help us to serve the community - It's time for Veritas' Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive! Bring your donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations in cash or check on Wednesday, November 8, between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. to meet our students and support our neighbors along the way. Please contact Ed Sutter for any questions.



John Rutter's Requiem

Sunday, November 12 | 11:00 a.m. worship | Sanctuary

Featuring the Chancel Choir and flute, oboe, cello, percussion, harp, and organ, Rutter wrote his requiem in 1985 to be "intimate rather than grandiose, contemplative and lyric rather than dramatic, and ultimately moving towards light rather than darkness - the 'lux aeterna' of the closing text." John Rutter's Requiem is not strictly a setting of the Requiem Mass. His Requiem is a musical setting of sections of the Requiem Mass, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Psalms. Mark your calendars and join us for this special worship service.



Veritas Winter Retreat

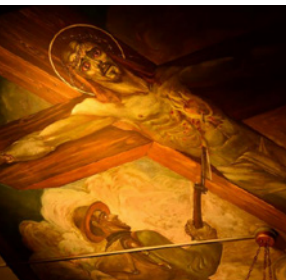
December 1-3, 2023 | Crestfield Camp and Conference Center

Deadline to register is November 12.

This year's retreat, with tracks for middle school and high school, will be speaking on the topic of relationships, how we relate to each other, ourselves, and to God. Come with us as we join other area youth groups for worship, energizers, and games. For students in grades 7-12. Contact Becky Boyer boyer@westminster-church.org with any questions.

Violins of Hope Greater Pittsburgh

Monday, November 13 | 7:00 p.m. | USC High School Theater



Maxo Vanka Mural Tour

Tuesday, November 14 | 10:30 a.m. | St. Nicholas Croatian Church

Please join us for a tour of the Maxo Vanka murals at St. Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church in Millvale. The docent led tour will include discussions about the immigrant experience, social justice, history, art, and more. Suggested donation \$10 per person. Lunch (pay on your own) afterward at the historic Grant Bar Restaurant for conversation and homemade pie. Contact Deborah Waller 412-760-7523 for your reservation.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

OCT 29-NOV 4, 2023



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for complete
church
calendar



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a full WROC
schedule &
information

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:30	Traditional Worship/ Congregational Meeting	North Courtyard
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship/ Congregational Meeting	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.)	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship/ Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
	Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade)	Rm. 233
	Bring Your Own Bible (BYOB)	Yahweh Café
	Confirmation Class 2023-2024	Rm. 283
6:00	Social Justice League	Yahweh Café
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, OCTOBER 30

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Grace Westminster Book Club	Zoom

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
4:30	Single Women's Group Dinner	Galleria

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

3:00	Jewish - Christian Dialogue	Fellowship Hall
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
	Cherub Choir (Grades K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6)	Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6)	North Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Youth Dept.
6:45	Grief Care	Rm. 290
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, NOVEMBER 2

10:00	Women to Women	Rm. 238
7:00	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	Al Anon	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4



Children's &
Family Ministry



Food &
Fellowship Menu



Music &
Choirs

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Giving to Westminster

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

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



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