



Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 15, 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  
*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

Johann Gottfried Walther

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Share the Peace of Christ

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: God is our help in times of difficulty,  
our strength in times of weakness and  
our guide when we feel lost and alone.

People: **Through Jesus, God transforms our lives,  
mends broken relationships,  
brings strength to the weary and  
hope to the brokenhearted.**

Leader: We rejoice to belong to God through Jesus.

**\*Opening Hymn No. 385**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of perfect love,  
you continually bring forth life,  
transforming sadness to joy,  
and despair to hope.  
We are weak, but you are strong.  
Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true.  
We are seldom right, but you are never wrong.  
Forgive us, redeem us, transform us.  
Take away the sin that burdens us,  
and restore us to the people you would have us be.

*(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 (Hymn No. 300)**

We Are One in the Spirit  
*verse 1*

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Anthem (11:00)**

Go Tell It, Children!  
*Youth Choir*

Ruth Ellen Schram

**Prayer 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

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**

Philippians 4:1-9

New Testament, page 198

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

**Sermon**

The Deep Well of Joy

Jo Forrest

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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### Offertory Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Anonymous (16th cent.)

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.  
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand.  
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,  
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.  
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 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

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## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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### \*Closing Hymn No. 373

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

### \*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 *Gräfenberg*

Max Drischner

"This is the day the Lord hath made: the hours are all God's own.  
Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne."

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Kathy Long, Rick Ralston, Karen Williams, Chris Hestwood, Holly Jones, Jim Burns, the Quartet, Youth and Chancel Choirs.

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We rejoice with Sara and Paul Hoffman as they present Joel Gaines and Blair Morgan; and Emily and Kyle Wishart as they present Sophie Eloise for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Steve Rupert



Please join with the community at Temple Emanuel on Friday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. to commemorate the five-year anniversary of lives lost at the Tree of Life. We will pray with all faith traditions in this service led by Rabbi Aaron Meyers and other congregations. The service will be held at **Temple Emanuel of South Hills** on 1250 Bower Hill Road in Mt Lebanon.

## 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.



### Fall Festival

Today | 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. | Gilfillan Farm

Join us for an afternoon of fall fun featuring pumpkins, crafts, games, and more! Enjoy the grounds at Gilfillan Farm as you decorate pumpkins, play fall games, adventure through a scavenger hunt, and delight in the fall season with family and friends. If inclement weather, the festival will be held in Fellowship Hall.





## Grief Care

**Wednesdays, October 18 - November 15 | 6:45–8:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor**

Grief Care is a faith-based grief support group that can help you face the challenges of loss and move toward rebuilding your life. Contact Anna Hiner at [hiner@westminster-church.org](mailto:hiner@westminster-church.org) if you have any questions. To register and for more information, visit: <https://westminster-church.org/events/event-list/grief-care>.

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## Faith Transitions Small Group

**Wednesdays, October 18 & 25 | 7:00 p.m. | Room 238**

Are you a former Catholic, or were you of another faith, and now come to Westminster? If you would like to share your experiences with others who have also made that transition, we would love to have you join our discussion group. Contact John Hayes at [jhayesesq@outlook.com](mailto:jhayesesq@outlook.com).

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## Veritas Catacombs

**Friday, October 27 | 7:00 p.m. - midnight | Meet at Yahweh Café**

Students in 7th-12th grade are invited to one of our most popular events, Catacombs! This churchwide game of hide and seek with a biblical history is a crowd favorite as we explore the depths of the building in the dark.

**Register by October 22 on the church website.** Contact Becky Boyer at [boyer@westminster-church.org](mailto:boyer@westminster-church.org) with any questions.

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## Refugee Resettlement 2024

**Sunday, November 5 | Following 11:00 worship | Room 231**

Westminster is planning to sponsor another refugee family in early 2024. The new team is forming! Learn details about the project at a meeting after the 11:00 service on November 5 in Room 231. A second meeting will be held online at 7:00 p.m. on November 5. Find the Zoom link at: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/refugee-resettlement-project>.

If you are unable to attend either meeting or if you have questions, contact Sandy and Paul Conley, or Susan and John Van Cleve.

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## STAY CONNECTED!

Fall into fall and join us for many exciting events and opportunities. Visit our website at [www.westminster-church.org](http://www.westminster-church.org) and complete the Join Our Email List or contact Anna Hiner. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Westminster.Pittsburgh/>.



**THIS** TOWN HALL *South* SPEAKER SERIES

**2023 | 2024** DAYTIME SPEAKER SERIES

**Lynsey Addario** November 7, 2023

**Ruth Reichl** December 5, 2023

**Kobie Boykins** February 6, 2024

**Henry Winkler** March 19, 2024

**Douglas Brinkley** April 9, 2024

The 2023-2024 season of the **Town Hall Speaker Series** begins Tuesday, November 7, 2023, with Pulitzer Prize-Winning Photojournalist Lynsey Addario.

Additional speakers include: Ruth Reichl (James Beard Award-Winning Writer and Culinary Icon); Kobie Boykins (NASA Lead Principal Engineer); Henry Winkler (Actor, Producer, Director, Best Selling Author); Douglas Brinkley (American Historian, Best Selling Author, CNN Presidential Historian).

Lectures begin at 10:00 a.m. at the USCHS Theater. Please visit [townhallsouth.org](https://townhallsouth.org) to purchase tickets.

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### 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.

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### Women Belonging Retreat

November 10-11 | 6:30 p.m. Friday to 3:00 p.m. Saturday (overnight)  
Spiritan Center in Bethel Park | Register at [bit.ly/WomenBelongingRetreat](https://bit.ly/WomenBelongingRetreat)  
Please register by October 22

Join an intentionally intergenerational group of women reigniting, reviving, and reimagining women's ministry at Westminster. Stay overnight for a retreat at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park to pray over Acts 2:42-47. Come take your seat at the table as we pray, eat, walk, talk, and work to discern where God is calling us as the women of Westminster.



# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

OCT 15-21, 2023



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard <i>(weather permitting)</i>
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	<b>Bridge Contemporary Worship</b>	<b>WROC/Lvstrm.</b>
	Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.)	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary/Lvstrm.</b>
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
	Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade)	Rm. 233
	Fall Festival	Gilfillan Farm
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 16

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Session Meeting	Galbreath Chapel
	Grace Westminster Book Club	Zoom

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men’s Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
5:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 238
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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.
	Parent & Caregiver Group	Rm. 284
6:45	Grief Care	Rm. 290
7:00	Faith Transitions Small Group	Rm. 238
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, OCTOBER 19

10:00	Women to Women	Rm. 238
12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Rm. 290
7:00	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	Ladies' Night Small Group	Rm. 283
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21



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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