



WATER SUMMER SERIES

INTO the DEEP



Westminster Presbyterian Church

August 27, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude (8:30) Earth and All Stars arr. Mossing

Prelude (11:00) Chorale Prelude on *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship (based upon Psalm 104)**

Leader: God stretches out the heavens like a tent
and makes the clouds a chariot.

People: **From the lofty abode God waters the mountains;
giving drink to every wild animal.**

Leader: In wisdom, God made them all;
the earth is full of God's creatures.

People: **May our worship be pleasing to God.**

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God, you spoke the world into being,
placed creatures into the deep,
and set order over all of creation.
Nothing escapes your loving eye.
No one is beyond your care.

We come to you, humbled by the way we falter.
We make mistakes, hurt others, and ourselves.
We are sorry. Forgive us.
Wash us with grace so we may start afresh.

(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. 626)

As the Deer

AS THE DEER

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

Psalms 104:1-12, 24-29

Old Testament, pages 554-555

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Into the Deep

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Guide Us, Lord

Mark Patterson

Guide us through these days, O Lord; help us to seek your way,
trusting as you lead us with love, teach us again to pray.
Help us know you more clearly, help us love you more dearly,
help us follow you more nearly day by day. Guide us, Lord, we pray.
When we stray and fall to sin, help us find your path again.
Draw us closer in your fellowship of love.
Lead us, teach us, guide us, Lord, we pray.

*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. 629

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
verses 1,2, and 4

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*Benediction

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

arr. John Innes

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Lucas Daniele, Youth Mission participants, Holly Jones, and Jim Burns.

On Psalm 104

By Walter Brueggemann

Yours is the sky with its water,
Yours is the land with its plants,
Yours ... and we arrive each day
 like gaping little birds ...
with hungers we cannot satisfy,
with thirst we cannot quench,
with deep inhaling of the gift of your breath,
with safety we cannot generate,
and rest we can only receive.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Harry Serene on the death of his wife, Linda, on August 19.

The congregation extends condolences to Lois Franks on the death of her daughter-in-law, Jenn Pivick, on August 20.

The congregation extends condolences to Joan Joson and family on the death of Joan's mother, Callie Christner, on August 21.

Prayers for Jim Roberts who has been hospitalized.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events

Wednesdays @ WESTMINSTER

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.

Go to westminster-church.org/wednesdays-westminster for more information and dates about each program.

Poetry and Prayer of the Psalms Adult	4:30 p.m. Rm. 231
Little Ones & Loved Ones (LOLOs) Birth through Preschool	4:45 -5:30 p.m. Rm. 194
Children's Choirs K - 6th Grade	4:45 -5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir, Rm. 176 Junior Choir, Rm. 268
Wednesday Food & Fellowship Everyone	5:30 -6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Kids' Connection	6:00-7:30 p.m. PreK-2nd Grade, Rm. 233 3rd & 4th Grade, Rm. 176
Jesus and Me (JAM) Youth Group 5th & 6th Grade	6:00-7:30 p.m. Rm. 257
Veritas Youth Group for Grades 7 to 12	6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth Dept.
Westminster Ringers Adult	7:30 p.m. Rm. 268



Elder/Deacon Nominations

There are exciting things happening every day in the life of your church. You are invited to share in the future of Westminster by sharing your unique gifts through leadership. The committee that annually nominates the elders and deacons will begin their work in September. Please let Jan Baumann know **by today**, if you would like to be an elder or deacon or if you know of others who might need a little nudge.



Bair Foundation Needs Your Help

Through September 3

The Bair Foundation is currently working with approximately 50 youth, ages 5-18, who are living in facility settings and do not have people who can help them prepare for their first day of school. We would love to surprise them with a back-to-school care package with school supplies and some fun items to show them they are loved!

Scan the QR Code to view our Amazon Wishlist to help!



Making Music at Westminster

Please go to the website for more information and children's registration.

Chancel Choir - Rehearsal starts August 31 on Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Rm. 268

Westminster Ringers - Rehearsal starts September 6 on Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Rm. 268

Junior Choir (3rd-6th grd) - Rehearsal starts September 6 on Wednesdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m., Rm. 268

Cherub Choir (K-2nd grd) - Rehearsal starts September 6 on Wednesdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m., Rm. 176

Youth Choir (7th-12th grd) - Rehearsal starts September 10 on Sunday evenings, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Rm. 268



Washington Wild Things Faith & Family Night

September 2 | Gates open: 6 p.m. - First Pitch: 7:05 p.m. | Wild Things Park

Join the Wild Things for some summer fun with a baseball game where you can hear testimonials from the players after the game. We have 50 FREE tickets to share with the congregation. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Contact Faith Kemmler to reserve tickets for your family.



Register Now for Fall Fitness Programs at the WROC!

Class spotlight: STRONGER BONES - BETTER BALANCE (55+ Friendly). Build and maintain bone strength! Tuesdays, September 5-October 31, 10:10-11:10 a.m. | \$63 Instructor: Pam Hart.

Visit wroc.westminster-church.org for a complete list of classes.



BYOB

Every other Sunday, September 10 through November 19
11:00 a.m. | Youth Wing

Bring Your Own Bible - What did you think it meant? Do you want to become more familiar with scripture, or explore an opportunity to take next steps in your faith? With God's Word as our guide, we'll learn about the ways that God has worked throughout time and still works today. Contact Ed Sutter for details.



Confirmation: The Remix

Sundays, Beginning September 10 | 11:00 a.m. | Youth Classroom

Confirmation class will be held for students in grades 9-12 who are interested in exploring who Jesus is in their lives. The class will meet every other week throughout the school year from September through May. Register online. Questions? Contact Becky Boyer.



Ron Tappy, Professor Emeritus of Bible and Archaeology Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Westminster Seminars:

The History of Old Testament Israel: A View from the Bible and the Writing of Israel's Neighbors

September 10, 17, 24; October 1 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Professor Tappy will briefly discuss the history of writing and then present a series of major inscriptions about ancient (Old Testament) Israel that were written by scribes and rulers in multiple powers outside Israel. The historical information recorded in these monumental inscriptions provides a sweeping view of Israel's history and supports the basic reliability of the biblical narratives.

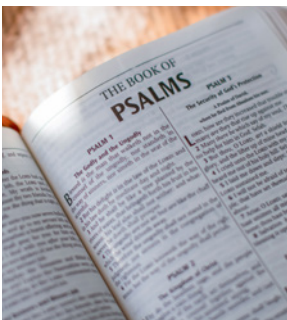
Read more and find the Zoom link on the church website.



Men's Group

Tuesday Mornings, Beginning September 12 | 7:00 a.m. | Room 238

Men of Westminster - Our new year together is just around the corner. Join us as we open God's Word to find how it guides us and challenges us in our daily lives. Coffee and donuts are on the house, and we'll have you on the road in time to meet the new day. For more information contact Ed Sutter.



Poetry and Prayer of the Psalms

Wednesdays, September 13 through October 11 | 4:30 p.m. | Room 231

At the center of faith and worship, the Book of Psalms are grounded in the experiences of life: pain and joy, fear and peace, and praise and doubt. Read today, they give us permission to speak honestly and openly to God about complicated feelings, even to shake our fist at times. Join us to delve into a selection of psalms. Explore reading as a devotional. No homework. Drop in as you are able. Contact Jo Forrest for additional info.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

AUG. 27-SEPT. 2, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard <i>(weather permitting)</i>
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.) Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC/Lvstrm. WROC Fitness
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239
2:30	Growing Living Stones	Offsite
6:00	Social Justice League	Yahweh Café

***Sunday School** – 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message. 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.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
6:00	WNS Kick Off Night	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club Zoom	
7:30	Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 107

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
4:30	Single Women's Group Dinner	Galleria
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107



Children's & Family Ministry



Music & Choirs

Columbarium Price Increase The price of columbarium niches will increase from \$1,750 to \$3,000 each, effective September 1, 2023. Members who enter into a purchase agreement before September 1, 2023, will receive the \$1,750 per niche price. Payment plans are available. Please contact Anna Hiner at 412-835-6630x207.

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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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