



WATER SUMMER SERIES

WADE in
the **WATER**



Westminster Presbyterian Church

August 6, 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)

Dunlap's Creek/Rockingham Old

arr. Rachel T. Porter

Prelude (11:00)

Prelude on *There Is a Fountain*

Eric Thiman

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome to this space where the ordinary is holy,
People: **where the unexpected is to be expected,
where diversity is celebrated and where life is sacred.**

Leader: Come into this space where perfect has no place -
where pain is not ignored and potential is recognized -

People: **where laughing and running are not hushed and
stilled, but celebrated with delight.**

Leader: Come and worship God.

***Opening Hymn No. 403**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious, loving, and merciful God, we confess that often we buy into who others tell us we are, rather than remembering that we are your children, wonderfully and fearfully made. We let ourselves forget that we are included in your family through Jesus Christ and decide that we are alienated and alone. Remind us that we are always called to sit around your welcome table, and help us to extend that welcome to everyone we meet. Grant us mercy.

(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

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 2:4b-14

Old Testament, pages 1-2

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Wade in the Water

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

There Is a Green Hill Far Away
Vinay Thomas, baritone

Charles Gounod

There is a green hill far away, without a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell what pains he had to bear,
but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven. He died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin;
he only could unlock the gate of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal (page 35)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation

At the River

Aaron Copland

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Benediction

Postlude

Cantique

Edward Elgar

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Shannon Radinick, Jim Burns, and Vinay Thomas.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Mila Avery and Casey John, children of John and Tammy Slater, great-grandchildren of Eileen Slater.

The congregation extends condolences to Ruth Colletti on the death of her husband, Jack.

The Arowal

By Denise Levertov
(1923-1997)

As swimmers dare
to lie face to the sky
and water bears them,
as hawks rest upon air
and air sustains them,
so would I learn to attain
free fall, and float
into Creator Spirit's deep embrace,
knowing no effort earns
that all-surrounding grace. ■

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Parent & Caregiver Survey

Parents: we want to support you! Westminster's Children's, Family, and Youth Departments are working together to provide adults and parents with opportunities for growth, connection, and education. But we need to know what's best for you. We'd love to hear what sorts of conversations and groups you'd like to join. Please take a few moments to complete this short survey as we develop our plans for the coming year.

Go to bit.ly/wpcparents.



JAM & Veritas Pool Party

Thursday, August 10 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Montclair Pool (1220 Sherbrook Dr.)

As we get ready to say goodbye to summer and hello to school, let's get together for a fun night of swimming, pizza, and friends! All rising 5th through 12th graders are invited to attend. Friends are welcome too! No need to be a previous JAM, Veritas, or WPC attendee. Questions? Contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.

Please RSVP: bit.ly/JAMveritaspool



Bair Foundation Needs Your Help

August 13 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!



Sundaes, Sundaes, Sundaes on Wednesday

Wednesday, August 16 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall Courtyard

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

THANK YOU!

The glass has been shattered!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to get our cute baby seal a new coat. In less than six weeks, 140 of you donated \$35,000 by giving via a QR code, online, text, check, and old-fashioned cash. Donations ranged from \$5 to several thousand dollars. Twenty-four people in the community, who are not church members, sent checks and notes of appreciation. Several outside groups who meet at Westminster raised money by passing a hat. Some members who have not pledged in the past also gave. Wow!

Because of your generosity, this church will continue to be a vital presence in our community, literally from the ground up. **Thank you.**

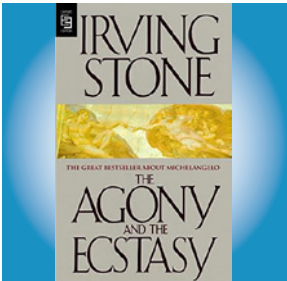




Children and Youth Volunteer Training

Monday, August 21 | 6-8 p.m. | Yahweh Cafe

Weekly ministry opportunities for all ages are just around the corner and we need your help! Whether you're a longtime volunteer, or are curious for the very first time, you're invited to join and learn more about the upcoming year and the variety of ways that you can support the young people of Westminster. Contact Faith Kemmler or Ed Sutter for more information.



Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, September 27 | Noon | Library

We will discuss Irving Stone's *The Agony and the Ecstasy*. This is Irving Stone's powerful and passionate biographical novel of Michelangelo. His genius: a God-driven fury from which he wrested the greatest art the world has ever known. Come join us, all are welcome!

For more information, contact Nana Wilson at callingnana@gmail.com.

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.



Food to Go

Today | Immediately following 8:30 worship | Room 274

You can be part of the solution. Many kids rely on school for breakfast and lunch and in the summer, they miss these meals. Devote just a little bit of your time to pack bags for delivery. Your help can go a long way!



Ushers for August

Sundays through August | 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

Help make those who come through the doorways of Westminster feel at home and welcome. Greet people, hand out the bulletins, and seat worshippers. *Just come a little early to the service!*

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

AUGUST 6 - 12, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard <i>(weather permitting)</i>
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:30	Food to Go Bag Assembly	Rm. 274
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.)	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239

*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.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club Zoom	
	Children's & Family Ministry Commission Zoom	

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 176
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

1:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
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Wednesdays @ Westminster are on summer break. Programs resume August 30.

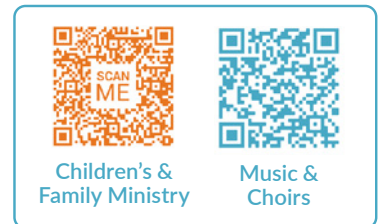
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
6:00	JAM & Veritas Pool Party	Montclair Pool
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12



Children's & Family Ministry

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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