

2023 LENT



Seeking:

Where are you
headed?

Westminster Presbyterian Church



April 2, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP | PALM SUNDAY

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Westminster Ringers
Jesus Loves Me

William Bradbury
arr. Arnold Sherman

Lift High the Cross

Sydney Nicholson
arr. Lloyd Larson

Jim Burns, piano

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Introit

Hosanna!

Christian Gregor

Opening Litany

*Opening Hymn No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. *(Refrain)*

2 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *(Refrain)*

3 To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*

*Prayer of Confession

God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead.
Forgive us when we play it safe.

Forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. Help us find you in our midst.

Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith.

(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

O How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

O how he loves you and me! *(two times)*
He gave his life. What more could he give?
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 12:12-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

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Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Fanfare for Palm Sunday

Katherine K. Davis

Hosanna unto the Son of David!
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

*Presentation and Blessing of Pocket Change Gifts

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Every color, every race
All are covered by his grace
Jesus loves the little children of the world

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

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

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
- 2 From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
- 3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Ride On, King Jesus

Spiritual/arr. Donald Moore

Ride on, King Jesus. No one can hinder him.

Postlude

Postlude on *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

J.S. Bach

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Lorraine Milovac, Becky Boyer, Jim Burns, the Quartet, Chancel Choir, Jim Marshall, the Westminster Ringers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today



Pocket Change Project

Sunday, April 2

The Cherub Choir has been in mission *on* a mission for the Pocket Change Project this Lenten season to support school children in Haiti. Please add your pocket change to their collection today!



Children's Easter Egg Hunt

April 2
9:45 a.m. and
11:45 a.m.



Children and families, join us today for an Easter Egg Hunt! There are two opportunities for egg hunting fun: at 9:45 during the normal Sunday School hour or after 11:00 worship in the courtyard (weather permitting).



Haiti Child Sponsorship CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 2
9:00 a.m.
North Entry

Today in the north entry and at the Bridge, join current Haiti Child Sponsors in celebrating La Croix New Testament Mission school in Haiti! Learn about how you too can sponsor a child's education, uniform, and daily meals in a country that is experiencing profound difficulties.



Westminster Seminars

Sundays, April 2, 16, 23 & 30
9:45 a.m.
8:45 a.m. (April 16 only)
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Join Rev. Liddy Barlow and Rabbi Ron Symons as we learn about the principles that inform interfaith connection and share interviews with Jewish, Buddhist, and Muslim leaders. We'll connect about our own experiences, our fascinating differences, and our shared humanity. Read more on the church website.

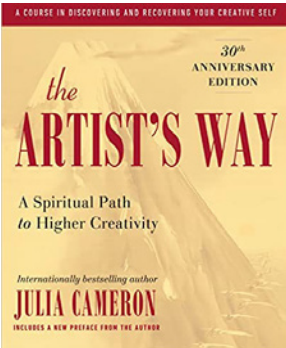


New Wineskins for a Changing Life

Sundays, April 2, April 16, April 23, April 30, May 7
11:00 a.m.
Youth Lounge

Let me guess: a few things have changed since you first stepped foot in a church. Have you spent any time fostering a faith that develops along with your life? If you've ever wondered what "Parent Confirmation" looks like, or if you're interested in a chance to continue the experience, we'd love for you to join us. Open to all adults. Contact Ed Sutter for more information.

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Join The Artist's Way Circles

Wednesday
April 12
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Artist's Way is a practical approach to exploring one's personal creativity and spiritual connection with God. Begin your own discovery through journaling and exploration. No writing or artistic experience needed – in fact those without experience may experience the greatest gains. Please contact Chris Hestwood to register or for questions: hestwood@westminster-church.org / 412-977-2047. Please purchase *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron before our first session.



One Worship Service with Food and Fellowship

Please join us on Sunday, April 16, for a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Plan to stay after worship for food and fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar for this special Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Inquirers' Gathering

Saturday, April 15
9:00 a.m.
Youth Lounge

Are you or someone you know interested in joining Westminster as a member? Hosted by Jo Forrest, the upcoming Inquirer's Gathering is the ideal time to explore and consider next steps, in an informal small-group gathering. More details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/inquirers-gathering>



Westminster Softball

Sixteen-game season that stretches from April to August

Spring is here, and it is time for another season for Westminster in the competitive Chartiers Valley Church Softball League. While Westminster has a good core group returning, the team could use some new players. Please contact Jim Roberts at 412-983-8899 or at jimroberts2@hotmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for the following opportunities, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org 412-559-1034.



Easter Egg Dyeing/Pizza Party

Meals on Wheels @ The Crossroads needs our help!

Please join us Wednesday evening, April 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for pizza, fellowship, and egg decorating. Get to know others in the church while serving a good cause. Email Jan Baumann if you are participating at baumann@westminster-church.org.



Street Moms Lunch Preparation

Good Friday, April 7
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall Kitchen

We are going to be supporting Street Moms, a community outreach non-profit, designed to meet the needs of women experiencing homelessness in Wheeling, West Virginia.

On April 7, join us in cooking warm meals for these women. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/serving/opportunities-to-serve#community>

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

APR 2 - APR 8, 2023



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SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center/ Haiti Child Sponsorship Celebration	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Bridge Sunday School/ Easter Egg Hunt(PreK-4 grade) Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminar	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School* (PreK-4th Grds) New Wineskins for a Changing Life	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233 Rm. 283
11:45	Children's Easter Egg Hunt	North Courtyard

***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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

4:30	Seeking:Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	RM. 238
5:30	Meals on Wheels - Easter Egg Decorating	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
6:45	Grief Care	Rm. 290

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, APRIL 6

7:30	Maunder Thursday Tenebrae Service	Sanctuary
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131
	NA	Rm. 107

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

WECEP Closed Good Friday

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

MONDAY, APRIL 3

10:00	Seeking: Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	Rm. 231
12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Children & Family Ministry Comm.	Zoom
	The Grace - Westminster Book Club	Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Seeking: Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	RM. 231
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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Giving to Westminster

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

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