

2023 LENT



# Seeking:

How do we  
begin again?

Westminster Presbyterian Church



March 5, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

#### Prelude

Prelude on a Hymn for Lent

Dale Wood

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

#### \*Introit

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Traditional Spiritual

I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: What is it like to begin again?

People: It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.  
It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.  
It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.  
It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.

Leader: May we find God in our seeking.

People: May we learn as we go.

Leader: May we be brave enough to begin again.

People: Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

**\*Opening Hymn No. 618**

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
- 3 For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.
- 5 All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of new life, you call us into unknown places, and we bury our heads in the sand.  
You promise all the stars in the sky, and we doubt it can be true.  
You speak of new life in the Spirit, and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.  
Over and over again, you invite us closer to you. Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes.  
Give us the courage to begin again with you...

*(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!

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**

John 3:1-17

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

**Sermon**

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Jo Forrest

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**WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE**

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**Offertory Anthem**

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

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 Sending**


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**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**


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**\*Closing Hymn No. 829**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
 Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
 as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;  
 bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

**\*Benediction****\*Benediction Response**

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Dubois

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,  
 For on the holy cross thou hast the world from sin redeemed.

**Postlude**Postlude on *Sons of Sorrow*

Dale Wood

**\*Please rise in body or in spirit.**


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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Jenny Marsh, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Jennifer Galbraith and family on the death of her father, John 'Jack' Laffin, on February 26;

The congregation extends condolences to Alyson, Bayley, and Ethan Pattison on the death of their grandmother, Linda Pattison.

## Special Communion

Today we recognize the children who will be joining the congregation for communion following their attendance in the sacrament class. They will be sitting with their families and wearing a white carnation. Please recognize them in worship on this special day.

Madison Claire Abel  
Garrett Matthew Abel

Evangelia Kladakis  
Katerina Kladakis  
Leo Pascarella

Amelia Wilkinson  
Eleanor Wilkinson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today



### Westminster Seminars

*On the Way to Easter with John's Gospel*  
James E. Davison

Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, and 26  
9:45 a.m.  
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

The Gospel of John is markedly different from the other three Gospels. One major difference is the amount of space that John gives to conversations between Jesus Christ and individual people. In this series, we will look at major persons and groups toward the end of the Gospel, and how they participate in the events leading to Good Friday and Easter. What do they think of Jesus, and what does their response to him say about faith and life for them and for us? Learn more at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.

## Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



### JAM Retreat

March 25-26  
Crestfield Camp and Conference Center

Register here by March 10:  
[bit.ly/JAMretreat](http://bit.ly/JAMretreat)

Join us for a fun-filled 24 hours at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center that will include games, food, large group times, small group times, exploring, and even sleeping. We'll have a blast while connecting with God and each other. Participants will meet on Saturday morning at Westminster and return Sunday morning. For more information, contact Faith Kemmler.



## Seeking: A Lenten Devotional Group Conversation

Now through Lent  
Mondays - 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m.

This weekly group will follow the Lenten Devotional materials "Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith." These casual discussion groups enrich our reflection on God's love for us and our response to God's call. There are several options for groups and times to join and no need to register. For more information, go to: <https://westminster-church.org/lent-2023-westminster>.



## Grief Care

Wednesdays  
March 22 – April 19  
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>



## Veritas Summer Mission Trip

July 9-14, 2023  
Charlotte, NC  
Deadline is March 31  
*Space is limited!  
Sign up today!*

Westminster's youth are headed to Charlotte, North Carolina, for a week of service to join other groups from all over the country and work on different types of home repair projects. Beyond the physical transformation that happens in communities, teenagers bring the hope and light of Jesus to the residents they serve. Cost is \$150 per student. Registration is available online. Contact Becky Boyer at [boyer@westminster-church.org](mailto:boyer@westminster-church.org) with any questions.

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**Henry Winkler**  
October 3, 2023



**Lynsey Addario**  
November 7, 2023



**Ruth Reichl**  
December 5, 2023



**Kobie Boykins**  
February 6, 2024



**Douglas Brinkley**  
April 9, 2024

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

## Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for the following opportunities, contact Jan Baumann at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org) 412-559-1034

### Invitation to Join the Team: Communion Servers Needed

Many Westminster members have served as elders and deacons over the years here and at other churches. When someone is ordained, it is for life, and they are granted the privilege of serving communion to members and visitors. Because we often hear from non-serving officers how meaningful it was to serve communion, we invite ordained members of the congregation to let me know if you are interested in once again sharing the privilege of communion. Refresher instructions will be provided. Please contact Jan Baumann at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).



Save the Date  
(and your stuff)  
for our next  
Rummage Sale  
Saturday, November 4

People who can't afford to pay retail can purchase quality items with dignity and the proceeds of the sale go to local mission.

If you know that you are interested in being on the rummage sale leadership team, please contact Jan Baumann at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org) or 412-559-1034.



## a blessing for the seekers

Poem by  
Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed

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*Blessed are you who turn your face up to the sky,  
who open your arms to feel the wind,  
who notice all the things that we should notice.  
Blessed are you who are fluent in wonder  
and familiar with awe.  
Blessed are you who, even now, dream dreams,  
who have not lost hope,  
who swear the glass is still half-full.  
Blessed are you who plant trees  
and sing the harmony,  
who tell the children how this world can be magic.  
Blessed are you who  
walk and seek  
and turn over every stone,  
pointing out all the corners and colors  
that God lives in.  
Blessed are you.  
Amen.*

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAR 5 - MAR 12, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:30	Traditional Worship Special Communion Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Special Communion Bridge Sunday School PreK-4th Grade Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminar	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Special Communion Wiggle Room** Sunday School* (PreK-4th Grds)	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233
11:45	Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
7:00	Youth Choir	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, MARCH 6

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

## TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	Town Hall South Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Seeking: Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	RM. 231
7:00	Al Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

1:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
4:30	Youth Bible Study Seeking: Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	Rm. 283 RM. 238
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2) Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 176 Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	North Main Entry Rm. 176 Rm. 233 Youth Dept.
7:30	Westminster Ringers	R. 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, MARCH 9

10:00	W2W - Emerald Group	Rm. 238
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir Nar Anon	Rm. 268 Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107

## FRIDAY, MARCH 10

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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:00a	Scout Pack 366 Blue and Gold Celebration	Fellowship Hall
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Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

# Easter Flowers

Spring is just around the corner. The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial/honoree contributions for Easter flowers. If you'd like to participate in this Westminster tradition, use the form below and make your check payable to **Westminster Presbyterian Church** and write "**Easter Flowers**" on the memo line. Mail your check and form to the church office or place it in the collection plate.

## EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

My name \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of       In honor of

Name of memorial/honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_

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Please deliver flower to a shut-in       I will pick up the flower on Easter Sunday after the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service, or Monday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

***Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, March 26.***



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