

BLESSED are the peacemakers

BLESSED are those who mourn

BLESSED are the poor in spirit

BLESSED 

BLESSED are the meek

BLESSED are the pure in heart

Westminster Presbyterian Church



February 12, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Psalm-Prelude

Herbert Howells

But the meek shall inherit the earth;
and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Psalm 37, vs. 11

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Introit (8:30 a.m.)**

For the Beauty of the Earth
The Quartet

Conrad Kocher

***Introit (11:00 a.m.)**

Bless You!
Cherub Choir

Anthony Kouri Williams

***Call to Worship from Psalm 66**

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

People: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.

- 1 O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we're sorry that we've counted only our happiest moments as "blessings."
You are bigger than our sorrows and more satisfying than our joys.
Help us to seek you earnestly in sunshine and in shadow.
Draw us to you in all times and places.

(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. 423** Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

SARADAY

Create in me a clean heart, O God; *(3 times)*
And renew a right spirit within me.

Anthem

Praise the Savior's Holy Name
Junior Choir

Jan Sanborn

Prayers of the People 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.

Response

Sevenfold Amen

Lutkin

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:1-6

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

Sermon

BLESSED: Life Underwater

Ed Sutter

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory

The Beatitudes
~ text is *Matthew 5:3-12*

Philip W.J. Stopford

*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. 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
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2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (*Refrain*)

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (*Refrain*)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

A Prayer of Saint Patrick

John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me. Amen.

Postlude

Finale Jubilante

Healey Willan

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Leading in worship: Ed Sutter, Jo Forrest, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Holly Jones, Beth Ketterman, Cherub, Junior and Chancel Choirs.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving
Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness
Jean Scott

The congregation extends condolences to
Walt Geroda and wife, Becky, on the death of Becky's mother, Veronica Pollack.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today



Westminster Seminars

Being Police/Being Policed: The History of Crime and Control in Pittsburgh
Sundays, February 12, 19, and 26
9:45 a.m.
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

As Pittsburgh grew from its 18th-century origins to the thriving industrial city of 1945, so did efforts to keep law and order among the people. Historian Elaine Frantz will guide us through the fascinating history of crime and control in our city. Learn more at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Single Women's Group Movie Matinee

Wednesday, February 15
2:00 p.m.
Room 238

Join us for a delightful afternoon in the newly refurbished youth classroom. We'll sit back in comfortable seating and watch the feature film *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris*. Snack bar includes various treats and of course popcorn! Please bring your own drink. Registration recommended. For more info, contact Cathy Kramer @ 214-908-9845 or catherinekrmr1@gmail.com.



Deacons' Blood Drive

Sunday, February 19
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Westminster Deacons are hosting our first blood drive of the year. Please pre-register for your appointment by using sponsor code G0010171 to secure a time slot. Registration is easily done by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or online at <http://www.vitalant.org>. The Westminster Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this worthy mission.



Sacrament Class

Sundays, February 19 & 26
9:45 a.m.
Room 238
Special Communion
Sunday, March 5

Sacrament class is for children in 2nd grade and older who have not yet participated in this series of classes that includes Baptism and Communion. Children and a parent are invited to attend together. The children will join the congregation for communion on Sunday, March 5. For more information or to register before February 15, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.



Ash Wednesday Prayer Stations and Worship

February 22

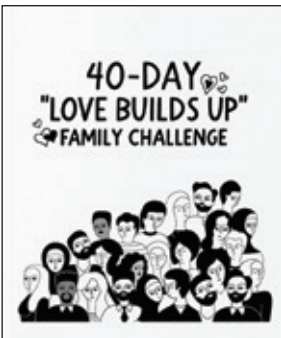
Join us on Ash Wednesday for intergenerational prayer stations followed by worship with the imposition of ashes. Prayer stations will be set up in the WROC beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by worship in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. There will be no PreK-2nd Grade Kids' Connection. Instead, families are encouraged to journey through the prayer stations together.



Seeking: A Lenten Devotional Group Conversation

Options during Lent:
Mondays - 10:00 a.m.
Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m.

This is a weekly group study running through Lent that will follow the Lenten Devotional materials "Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith." These will be casual discussion groups to further enrich our reflection on God's sacrificial 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>.



"Love Builds Up" Lenten Family Devotional

Anytime during Lent!

Here's the challenge: For each of the six weeks of Lent, spend some time at the beginning of the week (Sunday night, maybe?) reading that week's Bible passage together. Talk as a family about the suggested topic, using the devotional's optional conversation prompts if you like. You can pick up Devotional booklets on Sunday mornings after each worship service and at Wednesday Food and Fellowship. Or download a copy at the following link: <https://bit.ly/lovebuildsup>

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Congregational Annual Meeting

Session has called the annual congregational meeting to present the 2022 Annual Report as well as the 2023 financial budget for approval. Please join us Sunday, February 26, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary.



Extended Communion

Sunday, March 5
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Deacons will be taking communion to anyone unable to attend Sunday worship. Extended Communion is available on Sunday, March 5, 2023. If you would like to receive communion or know of anyone to add to the list, please contact Jo Forrest, forrest@westminster-church.org, or call the church office 412-835-6630. Our next date for extended communion will be in the fall.



Pocket Change Project

February 22 through
April 2

Once again, the Cherub Choir is on a mission for the Pocket Change Project this Lenten season. Through Palm Sunday, the Cherubs are leading the campaign to collect as much pocket change as possible to support school children in Haiti. Please consider joining them by collecting your own pocket change and combining it with theirs during a special collection on Sunday, April 2, during all three services.

Visit the church's website at www.westminster-church.org for additional details on any event or activity listing and to view a complete church calendar, located under the "Events" menu item.

Volunteer Opportunities

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



Rise Against Hunger

Saturday, February 25

Shifts:
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Six million children under the age of 5 die every year because of hunger.

We need 300 volunteers to package meal pouches in assembly line fashion. There is a job for everyone ages 4 to 104.

This is your chance for fun and fellowship for everyone. See the website for more details.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

FEB 12 - FEB 18, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Bridge Sunday School PreK-4th Grade Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminar Sunday School Unplugged	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel Rm. 283
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School* (PreK-4th Grds)	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233
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, FEBRUARY 13

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 107 Rm. 190
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club Zoom	

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

2:00	Westminster Single Women's Group Matinee	Rm. 283
4:30	BLESSED Bible Study	Rm. 238
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2) Junior Choir (Grds 3-6) Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 176 Rm. 268 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.

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, FEBRUARY 16

12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Memorial Parlor
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir Nar Anon	Rm. 268 Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18



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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