

**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 5, 2023 | 9:45 a.m.

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude**

Andante Sostenuto  
from *Symphonie Gothique*

C.M. Widor

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

**\*Introit**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Conrad Kocher

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** When we seek justice for the other,  
when we love kindness more than ever,  
we live as God asks us to live.

**People:** **When we walk humbly through life,  
when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,  
we are the blessing God hopes we will be.**

**Leader:** When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus,  
when we choose weakness rather than power,

**People:** **we reflect the One who is in our midst.**

**\*Opening Hymn No. 327**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1 From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!!

- 2 In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done.  
We have sinned in ignorance, and in weakness.  
We have sinned through our own indifference.  
Have mercy.  
Give us strength to forgive others, as we ask this of 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, 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.

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**

**Matthew 5:7**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

BLESSED: Outstretched Hands

Jo Forrest

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**WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE**

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**Offertory**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Allen Pote

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not from thy presence, O Lord. Take not thy holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation; uphold me with thy loving spirit in me.

~Psalm 51

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. 516**

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

- 1 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

**\*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**

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

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

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Megan Exley, Dave Heilman,  
the Quartet, the Chancel Choir.

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

**The congregation extends condolences to**  
Karen McKenney and family on the death of husband, Samuel McKenney III.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

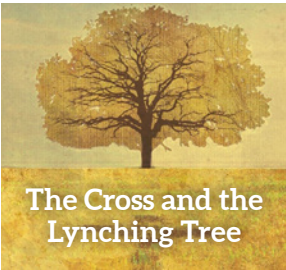
### Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



#### Westminster Seminars

*Being Police/Being Policed: The History of Crime and Control in Pittsburgh*  
Sundays, February 5, 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>.



#### GRACE Westminster Book Club

Monday, February 6  
7:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom

"The cross and the lynching tree are the two most emotionally charged symbols in the history of the African American community. In this powerful work, theologian James H. Cone explores these symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk."

Email Bobbie Hartman for Zoom access information at [hartman1967@verizon.net](mailto:hartman1967@verizon.net).



#### Town Hall South

Tuesday, February 7  
10:00 a.m.  
USC HS Theater

To purchase tickets, visit [www.townhallsouth.org](http://www.townhallsouth.org)

As longtime editor of *TIME* magazine and former Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Richard Stengel has seen and led the transformation of mainstream media. He was also the president and CEO of the National Constitution Center. As a *New York Times* best-selling author and journalist, Stengel speaks widely on fake news and disinformation, the case for national service, diplomacy, and leadership lessons derived from reporting on the world's greatest leaders.



## Teen & Parent Mental Health Screening of Ken Burns' *Hiding in Plain Sight*

Join us for a screening and discussion of the documentary *Hiding in Plain Sight* by award winning film maker Ken Burns. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/teen-and-family-mental-health>. Questions? Contact Ed Sutter at [sutter@westminster-church.org](mailto:sutter@westminster-church.org).

**Wednesday, February 8**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**



## Sunday School Unplugged

Sunday, February 12  
9:45 a.m.  
Room 283

Remember MTV Unplugged? If so, this gathering might be for you—both your generation and desire to listen to the melody of faith in a fresh way. Over a cuppa we will talk about faith, scripture, and life, and let the spirit move within us. No homework or lecture! Contact Jo Forrest for more information.



## 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](mailto:catherinekrmr1@gmail.com).



## 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](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org).

Visit the church's website at [www.westminster-church.org](http://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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

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## 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.

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## Veritas Spring Retreat to Splash Lagoon

Veritas Youth  
March 24-26  
Transportation  
leaves at 6:00 p.m.

Do you like Veritas and water slides? Come with us this spring for an opportunity to share in fellowship and explore your faith while sitting in a lazy river. **Registration deadline is March 1.** Cost is \$75 per student. Contact Laura Ecklin with questions, 412-835-6630 x211 or [ecklin@westminster-church.org](mailto:ecklin@westminster-church.org).

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## Volunteer Opportunities

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

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## 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.

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## Town Hall South is Looking for New Board Members

Tuesday a.m. meetings,  
September through April

The Town Hall South Speaker Series is a great asset to Westminster and to the community. Come be part of the organization that puts on these lectures by becoming a board member. If you are interested in engaging our community in discussion on important issues, this might be for you. If you have questions, email us at [townhallsouth@gmail.com](mailto:townhallsouth@gmail.com).

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

FEB 5 - FEB 11, 2023



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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:30	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	<b>Bridge Contemporary Worship</b> Bridge Sunday School PreK-4th Grade Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminar	<b>WROC/Lvstrm.</b> Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room** Sunday School* (PreK-4th Grds)	<b>Sanctuary/Lvstrm.</b> Rm. 239 Rm. 233
2:00	PSO Hamlich-Page Student Choir	Rm. 268
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 6

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club Children & Family Ministry Commission	Zoom Zoom

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Town Hall South Speaker Series Staff Meeting	Rm. 231 Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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.
6:30	Teen & Parent Mental Health Screening of <i>Hiding in Plain Sight</i>	Fellowship Hall
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 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, FEBRUARY 9

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 10

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
5:00	Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Setup	Fellowship Hall
7:00	AA AI Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 231

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00	Cub Scout Pinewood Derby	Fellowship Hall
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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.



### Westminster Staff Contact Information

*We would love to hear from you. Give us a call, drop us an email, or stop by the church office.*



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