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**Westminster Presbyterian Church**



**January 29, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

### **WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Prelude**

Beach Spring

Beach Spring Hymn Tune  
arr. John Matheny  
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Celebrate with Joy  
*Westminster Ringers*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

**\*Introit**

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come to Jesus.

People: **He gathers the poor of the earth and wipes the tears of sorrow.**

Leader: Know that Jesus blesses our lives.

People: **We open our hearts to receive him.**

**\*Opening Hymn No. 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**NETTLETON**

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Dear God, Jesus taught us that in your kingdom,  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit," but we have been rich in pride.  
"Blessed are those who mourn," but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.  
"Blessed are the meek," but we are rebellious by nature.  
"Blessed are the pure in heart," but our hearts desire other things.  
"Blessed are the peacemakers," but we have not sought reconciliation.  
Have mercy on us.

*(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.

**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.

Sung Response

Sevenfold Amen

Lutkin

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Sermon

BLESSED: First Words

Jo Forrest

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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### Offertory

All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord!

René Clausen

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord. Shout to the Lord, Alleluia!  
Praise the Lord with joyful song. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving. Praise him!  
Unto thee, O Lord, have I made supplication, and cried unto the rock of my salvation;  
but thou hast heard my voice and renewed my weary spirit.  
Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation.  
O my soul praise him for he is thy health and salvation.

### \*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

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## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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### \*Closing Hymn No. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

#### *Refrain:*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
(*Refrain*)

### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins.

### Postlude

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

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

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Denise Rost, Jerry Malarkey, the Quartet, the Chancel Choir, Jim Marshall and the Westminster Ringers.

**Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving**  
**Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness**  
Lynn Dempsey  
Julie Krock

**The congregation extends condolences to**  
George Clendaniel and family on the death of Martha 'Marty' Clendaniel.  
Catherine and Gary Giallonardo on the death of Catherine's mother, Dorothy Jacobs.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



#### The Lord's Supper

Beginning February 5, we are delighted for officers to join our minister as we serve communion via intinction at 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. services and pass the elements at the 11:00 a.m. service. For those who prefer, we will continue to make available individually wrapped elements to insure all feel welcome at Christ's table.



#### 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>.



#### Social Justice League for Teens

Sponsored by Veritas  
January 29  
6:00 p.m.  
Youth Wing

A new group for teens ready to do social justice work in our community and the world. We will meet on the last Sunday of each month to discuss future projects. For more information, contact Becky Boyer at 724-344-7642 or [boyer@westminster-church.org](mailto:boyer@westminster-church.org).



#### Westminster Single Womens Group

Dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market  
Tuesday, January 31  
4:30 at the Galleria

Mark your calendars for the last Tuesday of every month! Registration is recommended. Space is limited to 15. For more info, contact Cathy Kramer @ 214-908-9845 or [catherinekrmr1@gmail.com](mailto:catherinekrmr1@gmail.com).

Our event for February will be a Movie Matinee, featuring *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris*.

## Spring Confirmation

February 12-May 7, 2023  
11:00 a.m. - Noon  
Yahweh Cafe



Students in 9th grade, or any other high school students that have not yet participated, and their families are invited to join us in our confirmation class. In order to support the family's faith development, parents will be active participants throughout the process. **Please register online by January 29.** If you have further questions, please contact Becky Boyer.



## Westminster Nursery School 2023-2024 Registration

WECEP's 2023-2024 School Year registration is February 1 for current WECEP families and WPC members and February 3 for the community. For more information, visit the Westminster website at <https://westminster-church.org>.



## 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

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

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## 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).

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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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## Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

Wednesdays evenings  
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Spend one Wednesday evening a month with the amazing kids of Westminster. Volunteers are needed to assist leaders in classes for all ages from birth through 6th grade. Curriculum is provided, and you can choose your schedule. To learn more about the various programs, visit our website. Contact Faith Kemmler for more information.

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## QuicKits Mission Project Thank You!

Thank you to the volunteers who stayed after worship on Sunday, January 22, to put together 100 QuicKits to replenish our supply.

To date, 400 QuicKits have already been distributed in our community.

We'd like you to share your experience. If you have given a QuicKit to someone in need, please share your experience. Send your one or two sentence story to Jan at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JAN 29 - FEB 4, 2023



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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

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
6:00	Social Justice League (Teens)	Youth Dept.
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, JANUARY 30

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

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
9:30	Town Hall South	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
4:30	Single Women's Group Dinner	Galleria
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Al Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

4:30	BLESSED Bible Study	Rm. 238
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Grds 3-6)	Rm. 268
	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6)	North Main Entry
	Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds)	Rm. 176
	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd)	Rm. 233
	Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Youth Dept.
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 2

4:00	Veritas - Hot Metal Bridge	Off Site
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4



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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