



Westminster Presbyterian Church



January 22, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Variations on *O Day of Radiant Gladness* Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

\*Share the Peace of Christ

\*Introit I Love You, Lord Laurie Klein

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus invites every person: "Come to me. Follow me."

People: **We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: In the name of Christ, we become his presence on earth.

People: **In the midst of despair this church offers hope, peace, and love.**

\*Opening Hymn No. 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Dear God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil.  
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation.  
You call us to seek the good of all, but we shrink in the face of earthly powers.  
Forgive us. Grant us the courage and strength to follow your son wherever he may lead,  
to do whatever he teaches, and to become more than we imagined.

*(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

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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

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 4:12-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Right Here. Right Now.

Jo Forrest

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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**Offertory**

Come, Follow Me

Joel Raney

Come, follow me, the Savior cries. Gather to my side; leave the world behind.  
Put your trust in God, and follow my footsteps. I will shepherd you and be your guide.  
Come, follow me. Pick up your cross and follow where I lead.  
I'll be your shepherd, you, my lamb.  
My guiding light will shine like the day. I will never leave you lost and alone.  
My peace will comfort you as you travel on, and my grace will abide and bring you home.

**\*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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**Ordination and Installation of Officers**

**\*Closing Hymn No. 733**

We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

- 1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

**\*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**

Tuba Tune

C.S. Lang

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

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Becky Boyer, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the marriage of Carolyn Boucek and Michael Certo on January 14.

## Ordination and Installation of Officers

Today at all worship services, we ordain and install new officers into the life of the congregation.

8:30 a.m.

Sandi McCarthy

9:45 a.m.

Kristy Berrott  
Dave Davis  
Daryl Kerr  
Jon Killmeyer

Frank McCabe  
Tyler McClintock-Comeaux  
Hannah Molli  
Megan Widmar

11:00 a.m.

Jodi DeLong  
Lynn Dempsey  
Laurie McMaster  
Morgan Null  
Tom Page

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



### Westminster Seminars

*Finding New Life on the Other Side of Loss*  
Sunday, January 22 & 29  
9:45 a.m.  
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Everyone has been affected by the pandemic, and each person has a unique story to tell. Please come to the seminars in January to explore the many kinds of loss we have experienced during the pandemic and its aftermath. This series will help us all to find encouragement and blessings as we move into the new year with hope. Learn more at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>



### Westminster Book Club

Wednesday, January 25  
Noon-1:15 p.m.  
Church Library

At the next meeting of the Westminster Book Group we will discuss *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us!

### 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



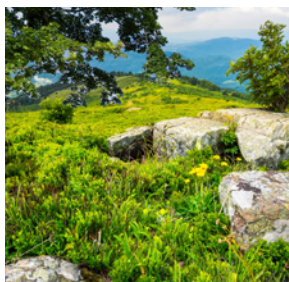
## Jud Newborn: The White Rose Anti-Nazi Resistance and Heroes Today in the Fight for Democracy

Jud Newborn, PhD, a New York-based author, curator, and dramatic multimedia lecturer is an expert on anti-Semitism, extremism, and the fight for democracy and human rights worldwide. Dr. Newborn served as a Founding Historian, curator, and co-creator of New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage. In person and virtual options; RSVP by Monday, January 23.

**Monday, January 30**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Beth El Congregation of the South Hills**



## BLESSED Bible Study

Wednesdays through  
February 15  
4:30 p.m.  
Room 238

Jesus blesses his followers in both the Sermon on the Mount and the Sermon on the Plain in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke respectively. Each week, we will step through these statements to explore their similarities and differences, and consider what they imply today. No homework and drop in as your schedule permits.

Questions, email Jo Forrest at [forrest@westminster-church.org](mailto:forrest@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.

## Financial Report (as of December 2022)

### General Fund Contributions

Dec-22	Actual	Budget	Variance	Dec 2021 Actual
Income	\$286,798	\$264,811	\$21,987	\$246,657
Expense	\$188,695	\$173,662	15,033	\$231,720
Net Total	\$98,103	\$91,149	\$6,954	\$14,937

### Year-to-Date Income Statement

YTD-22	Actual	Budget	Variance	YTD 2021 Actual
Income	\$2,028,693	\$2,016,900	\$11,793	\$2,215,522
Expense	\$1,727,996	\$2,014,668	\$(286,672)	\$1,976,862
Net Total	\$300,697	\$2,232	\$298,465	\$238,660

**Endowment Loan Balance – \$899,120**

The 2022 actuals reflect a \$290,294 refundable tax credit (ERTC) which the church applied for in 2022, but has not yet received.

# 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



### QuickKits Mission Project

We need you today after church in Room 274 for just 30 minutes to fill QuickKit bags

Have you ever come across a homeless individual in need and not been sure how to help? QuickKits are bags filled with essential items like deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, a toothbrush, and more put together in a reusable bag that can be given out when any of us encounter an individual experiencing homelessness.



### Rise Against Hunger

Save the date ... Saturday, February 25 ... here at Westminster.

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. Look on the website for more details.



### Volunteer Opportunity to Help a Child in Need

It's hard to believe that there are homeless children in Upper St. Clair and in Bethel Park, but there are.

Many times, children need things not provided for by state funding such as tennis shoes, jeans, a backpack, etc. With your help, from time to time, Westminster will receive a specific request from the school liaison that I will pass along to those of you who would like to be a part of this ministry.



### 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.

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JAN 22 - 28, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:15	Quickits Mission Project	Rm. 274
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, JANUARY 23

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Deacon Meeting The Grace - Westminster Book Club	Rm. 238 Zoom

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	Town Hall South Board Mtg.	Rm. 273
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Al Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

12:00	Westminster Book Club	Library
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.
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, JANUARY 26

6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir Nar Anon	Rm. 268 Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

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

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 28



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship menu



Music & Choirs

## STAFF PROGRAM/MINISTRY CONTACTS

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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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*Watch worship videos, listen to the Veritas podcast, share Westminster events, find prayers, scripture, and more to like and share!*

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