

MARCH 24, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



PALM SUNDAY 2024 LENTEN SERIES

Painting by Barbara Bach

THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me
Joyful, Joyful

Bradbury/arr. Sherman
arr. Lorie Line

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Opening Litany

*Opening Hymn No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God, we see you tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey.
Your power doesn't look like the power we want.
Your wisdom makes no sense to us.
Give us clear vision to see you and the content of our lives.
We look for the easy way out. We ignore the fault in our lives.
We want someone else to do the hard work for justice.
We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches,
but not so sure we want to follow you to the foot of the cross.
Forgive our fickle ways.

(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

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Sing Glad Hosannas

Mark Patterson

Prayers of the People

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.

Choral Response

SEVENFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Mark 11:1-11

New Testament, page 47

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

Sermon

Izzy's Story

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Jerusalem, Behold Your King

Angerman and Barrett

Jerusalem, behold your King, your long-awaited Son!
Arise, rejoice, give thanks and sing. Declare what God has done.
Jerusalem, your ancient walls have waited for the day,
and now your gate reflects the calls as streets ring out with praise!

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your voice and sing:
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to your King.

A thousand bitter tears were shed. Now hope has been restored.
For many empty years you pled to see the promised Lord.

And now the palms are waving high. The little children sing!
The city gates are open wide, and glad hosannas ring!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Presentation and Blessing of Pocket Change Gifts

Jesus loves the little children.
All the children of the world.
Every color, every race.
All are covered by his grace.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way.
Know that the God who sent his son to die that we might live
will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

David German

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Holly Jones, Jim Marshall, Westminster Ringers, the Quartet, Junior, Youth, and Chancel Choirs.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Rowan Deborah Slater, great-granddaughter of Eileen Slater.

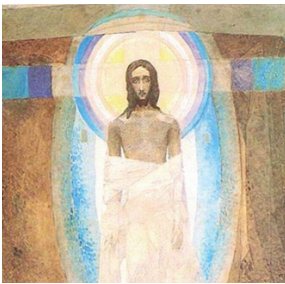
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events

Westminster Seminars

Entry into Jerusalem

TODAY | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel



Coming Up Next

Author of Life: The Resurrection of the Dead and the Origins of Christianity

Sundays, April 7-21 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

In modern American Christianity, "resurrection" language risks becoming an abstract way of speaking that does not carry much theological content. The series explores what "resurrection" actually meant to the original Jesus movement to better understand how Paul could write to Corinth: "If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is futile and you are still in your sins."

For more information and the Zoom link, go to <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.



Children's Easter Egg Hunt

TODAY | After each service | North Courtyard

Children and families, join us today, Palm Sunday, for an Easter Egg Hunt! Egg hunting fun will take place after each worship service in the courtyard. Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.



Know the Hallelujah Chorus?

Worship with your family and join us for the Offertory Anthem

Join the Chancel Choir on Easter Sunday. We will be singing the Hallelujah Chorus for the Offertory Anthem during the the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Come to the choir room on Easter Sunday (8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.). Music will be provided, and no robes are necessary!

Westminster Single Women's Group Upcoming Events

Dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market

Tuesday, March 26 | 4:30 p.m. | Galleria

Mark your calendars for the last Tuesday of every month!
Registration is recommended. Space is limited to 15.



For more information and to register for any event, go to <https://wroc.westminster-church.org>.



Meals on Wheels Easter Egg Decorating/Pizza Party

Wednesday, March 27 | 5:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Please join us Wednesday evening, March 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for pizza, fellowship, and egg decorating. Get to know others in the church while serving a good cause. Email Jan Baumann if you are participating at baumann@westminster-church.org.



TO REGISTER



Veritas Spring Retreat - Splash Lagoon

April 12-14 | Register before April 1

Come with us this spring for an opportunity to share in fellowship and explore your faith while sitting in a lazy river. This retreat is for students in 7th-12th grade. Registration deadline is April 1 (and that's no foolin'). Cost is \$75 per student. Contact Laura Ecklin with questions at ecklin@westminster-church.org.



Scan QR to Register!



Seeking: Certified Gentle Yoga Instructor

Join the WROC (Westminster Recreation and Outreach Center) Team of Fitness Instructors

This is a non-contract employee position teaching one class per week with the opportunity to grow.

Position involves a commitment to welcome students into the WROC community, cultivate relationships, and create an environment of Christian fellowship.

The ideal candidate will have a strong understanding of the principles of yoga, the ability to demonstrate and explain yoga practices, and the skills to create a calming environment for students of all levels and backgrounds.

Contact Kathy Long at 412-835-6630 or long@westminster-church.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



2023-2024 Season of the Town Hall South Speaker Series

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Tuesday, April 9 | 10:00 a.m. | USC High School Theater

Join us as Douglas Brinkley, Rice University History Professor and CNN Presidential Historian, will discuss Silent Spring Revolution, which chronicles the rise of environmental activism under the leadership of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Pittsburgh environmental champion Rachel Carson. Dubbed "America's New Past Master" by the Chicago Tribune, Brinkley's award-winning books include American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the Great Space Race, Cronkite, and The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. For more info and tickets, go to www.townhallsouth.org.



Seder Dinner at Temple Emanuel

Sunday, April 14 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Temple Emanuel of South Hills at 1250 Bower Hill Road

This Seder dinner is the first of many activities planned by Westminster's newly established Dismantling Antisemitism Team to join with the Jewish community to build enduring relationships in the South Hills. The dinner will be held at Temple Emanuel of South Hills. Over time we'll add more activities with other Jewish communities in our area.

To RSVP for the dinner, please email Dan Paul at dan.paul.42@gmail.com.



FILL the VAN! The SHIM Food Drive

Sunday, April 21 | 9:00-11:30 a.m. | Front parking lot

Bring your donations to church on Sunday, April 21. Let's work together to Fill the Van and stock the area's food pantries. Email Jan Baumann for questions at baumann@westminster-church.org.

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Wish List



Veritas Mission Trip

July 7-13 | Youth mission trip to West Virginia

Registration is open to all youth in grades 7-12 for our summer mission trip with the Appalachian Service Project. Register now to save your spot! Registration deadline is May 12. Please contact Becky Boyer with any questions at boyer@westminster-church.org.



Scan QR to Register!

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAR 24-30, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
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 Grd.) Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminars	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade)	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233
7:00	Youth Choir (Grades 7 - 12)	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 25

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club	Zoom

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
4:30	Single Women's Group Dinner	Galleria
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:30	Bible Read Along - Covenant Study	Rm. 238
5:30	Meals on Wheels - Easter Egg Decorating	FH Kitchen
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor

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 28

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Chancel Choir Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) Lenten Study	Rm. 268 Rm. 283
7:30	Maundy Thursday Worship Service NA Nar Anon	Sanctuary Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
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SATURDAY, MARCH 30



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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Giving to Westminster

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TEXT-TO-GIVE: Text WPCUSC to 73256. Standard text messaging rates may apply.



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