



Westminster Presbyterian Church



September 11, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

— WE GATHER TOGETHER —

Prelude (8:30)
(11:00)

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Fugue in E Flat Major (St. Anne)

arr. Mark Hayes
J.S. Bach

Introit

I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The God who is greater than we can ever understand
is humbled to become one of us.

People: **The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine
gives us more grace than we ever realize.**

Leader: The God who is wiser than we will ever know
teaches us all we need to become God's children.

People: **God pursues us and welcomes us back,
rejoicing in this community of faith.**

***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**

Dear God,

We confess the error of our ways and our unwillingness to follow in your paths of right relationships – with you and with others. We stray from your presence; we feel lost.

We chase after our own interests first, to the harm of others and ourselves. We miss the joy of your community. Have mercy on us. Bring us home. Hear our silent prayers.

(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 No. 555**

Lamb of God

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

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.

Congregational Response

Threefold Amen

— WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Made for Joy

Jo Forrest

— WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE —

Offertory Anthem

How Majestic Is Our God

arr. Dennis Allen

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name,
Prince of Peace, Mighty God! O Lord God, Almighty!
All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! Alleluia!

***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. 649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

God Be in My Head

Robert A. Hobby

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking. Amen.

Postlude (11:00)

Fanfare

John Cook

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

Leading in worship: Jim Burns, Jo Forrest, Christine Hestwood, Louise Rogers, and the Chancel Choir

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of McKenzie Lynn Gambridge to parents Sarah and DJ Gambridge, grandparents Patti and Dave Gambridge.

The congregation extends condolences to: George and Hedy Pitcairn on the death of Kathy Pitcairn, George's mother; Ruth Colletti and family on the passing of her son, Brian Pederson.

Memorial Services: for John Stephen II on Saturday, September 17, at 1:00 p.m. in Galbreath Chapel; for Jack and Helen Watson on Sunday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

SUPER SUNDAY!

Join us for a time of fellowship and fun immediately following 11:00 worship today. There's something for everyone: food, music, activities, raffle, and more.



Westminster Seminars

Sunday, September 11
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Westminster Seminars returns for the four-part series *What Inheritance Awaits You: Studying the Book of Hebrews* with Professor Jennifer Kaalund from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>

This Week



Bible Read Along

Wednesday, Sept. 14
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Room 231

Join Jo Forrest in exploring the Gospel of Luke. As we read these stories, we encounter Jesus, afresh, and the truth of our own lives. Join us as the Holy Spirit swirls through our readings. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/bible-read-along>

Veritalk: A Podcast from the Youth Department - It's time for Season 2! Review the scripture lesson and discussion questions from *Veritas*, Westminster's youth group, the prior week. Visit [veritalk.podbean.com](https://www.westminster-church.org/veritalk)



Make Music in Choir!

Join us this week!

It's not too late to join one of Westminster's music ensembles for the fall! Let's make music together. For details and children's registrations, visit <https://www.westminster-church.org/visit-&-join/music-choirs>

WANTED: Cherub Choir accompanist! For details, contact Beth Ketterman at kettermanb@comcast.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

This Week



Back to School Parent Workshop

Wednesday, Sept. 14
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Galbreath Chapel

Join Samaritan Counseling's Life Coach and former public school teacher, Rachel Fagan, for guidance in handling the daily struggles of getting the kids off to school. Learn how to smooth out morning and evening routines, gain tips for dealing with homework struggles, and more. For details and to register: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/back-to-school-parent-workshop>



Deacons Blood Drive

Sunday, September 18
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Westminster Deacons are hosting their third blood drive of the year! Please preregister for your appointment, using sponsor code G0010171, by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or online at www.vitalant.org. Details on our website here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/blood-drive>

Coming Soon



Westminster Food Drive for SHIM

Sunday, September 25
8:15 a.m. – noon
Parking Lots

Plan to bring food for the SHIM food pantries to Westminster on Sunday, September 25. Vehicles will be stationed in our parking lots for you to drop off items. If you'd like to help, contact Rob Wagner at rowagner127@gmail.com. Details and a list of preferred items here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/food-drive-for-shim>



Monday Meditations

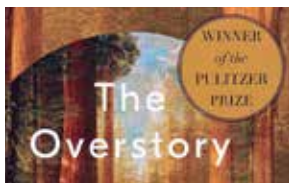
Monday, September 26
10:30 a.m.
Room 231
(Zoom by request)

Monday Meditations allow us to read and wrestle with scripture as we discover the good news in difficult teachings of Jesus. Videos from Dr. Amy-Jill Levine will guide our class, led by Louise Rogers. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/monday-meditations>

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Coming Soon



Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, Sept. 28
Noon – 1:15 p.m.
Library

The September meeting of the Westminster Book Group will discuss *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us! Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-book-group>



Extended Communion

Sunday, October 2
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Deacons will once again be taking communion to anyone unable to attend Sunday worship. If you would like to receive communion or know of anyone to add to the list, please contact Louise Rogers at rogers@westminster-church.org or call the church office.



THS Speaker Series

Tuesday, October 11
10:00 a.m.
USC HS Theater

The 2022-2023 season of the Town Hall South Speaker Series will begin on Tuesday, October 11, with veteran reporter Dan Rather.

Please visit www.townhallsouth.org for details about this season's speakers and to purchase tickets.

Volunteer Opportunities

Ushers for October *or as a sub for other months*

Help make those who come through the doors of Westminster feel at home and welcome on Sunday morning as an ushers for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Greet people, hand out the bulletins, and seat worshippers. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/serving/opportunities-to-serve#church>

Usher Safety Training

Wednesday, September 21, Room 194
Usher Training: 6:00–6:45 p.m.
Usher Safety Training: 6:45–8:30 p.m.

All ushers and those considering becoming ushers are encouraged to attend. Usher safety training will include CPR certification, AEDs, tourniquets, epi-pens, and more, conducted by Tri-Community South Emergency Medical Services. Register here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/usher-safety-training>

Food to Go – Thank You!

You did it! Together Westminster packaged and delivered 840 bags this summer to children in need. You bought food, packaged bags, gave money, and delivered bags. It took a lot of people, pitching in, to make this outreach work. Thank you to everyone who made it possible!

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

SEPTEMBER 12 -18, 2022



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:30	PACC Movie Matinee	Yahweh Café
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	CFM Commission	Zoom
	WECEP Board Meeting	Zoom

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:30	Centering Prayer	Zoom
7:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 176
7:30	Boy Scouts	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:30	Movers and Shakers Celebration	Fellowship Hall
4:30	Bible Read Along	Rm. 231
4:45	Cherub Choir (Gds. K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Gds. 3-6)	Rm. 268
	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Back to School Parent Workshop	Galbreath Chapel
	JAM Youth Group (Gds.5-6)	North Entry
	Kids' Connection (Gds. 3-4)	Rm. 176
	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Gd.)	Rm. 233
	Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 7-12)	Youth Dept.
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

Wednesdays @ Westminster

Wednesday evenings at 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 on Wednesday. Visit our website or scan the QR codes below for details.



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship fall menu



Music & Choirs

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

4:00	Farmers Market	S. Parking Lot
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
9:30	Day Away Spiritual Retreat	Spiritual Center
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	Al Anon	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00	Chancel Guild	Rm. 238
1:00	Stephen Memorial Service	Galbreath Chapel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard <i>(weather permitting)</i>
		North Entry
9:00	Welcome Center	WROC/Lvstrm.
9:45	Contemporary Worship	WROC Fitness
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 176
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Galbreath Chapel
	Westminster Seminars	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
11:00	Traditional Worship	Rm. 239
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 233
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Yahweh Café
	Confirmation Class	Sanctuary
2:00	Watson Memorial Service	Memorial Parlor
3:00	Watson Memorial Reception	Rm. 268
7:00	Youth Choir	

***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; 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.

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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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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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