

August 3, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



# THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude (8:30)**

Suite in F Major

Dieterich Buxehude

**Prelude (11:00)**

Variations: O God, What You Ordain Is Right

Johann Pachelbel

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Share the Peace of Christ

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Our hearts are hard, O God –

People: **Soften them with your love.**

Leader: Our hands are clenched, O God –

People: **Open them with your grace.**

Leader: Our lives are not our own –

People: **Invite us to dance with you.**

### \*Opening Hymn No. 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

### \*Prayer of Confession

Dear God, we live our days in a society that focuses on gathering things.

We measure life by our standards and claim victory.

We neglect the needs of others,  
of those who have little or nothing,

of those for whom life has been a constant struggle.

We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you. Forgive us.

Open our eyes and our lives to be closer to you  
and to care for this world.

*(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. 627**

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;  
O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;  
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

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**Scripture Lesson**

Luke 12:13-21

New Testament, page 56

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

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**Sermon**

Little Christian Lies: Buzzer Beaters

Jo Forrest

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**WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE**

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**Offertory Anthem**

The Lord Is My Strength and My Song  
*Cece Conley, soloist*

Becki Slagle Mayo

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**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal (page 35)

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.

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**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.

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## Institution of the Lord's Supper

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## Prayer of Sending

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**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

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\*Closing Hymn No. 697

Take My Life  
Verses 1-4

HENDON

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\*Benediction

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Postlude

Toccata in C Major

Pachelbel

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Jerry Malarkey, Sara Kyle, Paul and Cece Conley.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHARLIE!** Two weeks ago, the **Veritas** youth group completed their mission trip to Crestfield. Next week, they will spend a week of fun and fellowship together during the 'Charlie' event. We appreciate your prayers as these young people continue to develop their faith and relationships with each other.

### NOW HIRING: Church Nursery Attendant

Westminster is looking for church nursery attendants to care for our little ones on Sunday mornings. The Church Nursery Attendant helps to maintain a dependable, safe, secure, and nurturing nursery environment for children from birth through preschool. Interested? Send your resume to Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org).

### Food 2 Go Packing Days

**TODAY | After each worship service | Room 274 - Youth Wing**

We will be packing the last of the summer meals for our surrounding communities in need. With your generous food, monetary, and time donations, we have made and distributed around 2,000 bags of food to six local sites. Our church is blessed to be able to provide for others struggling with food insecurity – **thank you to all**. Any questions, contact Emily Shubilla at [shubilla@westminster-church.org](mailto:shubilla@westminster-church.org).

### LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Summer Session

**Thursday, August 7 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Chimera Brewing, 3759 Library Road**

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) has been on the road for the summer! We chose three different locations to gather in fellowship during the summer months. The only requirement is for you to show up and be you! We hope to see you at the final of these casual summer gatherings. Questions, contact Kristy Berrott at [kristy@berrott.com](mailto:kristy@berrott.com).

### Tuesday Evening Book Group

**Tuesday, August 26 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor**

The Tuesday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey. The book is an eloquent meditation on space and life on our planet through the eyes of six astronauts circling the earth in 24 hours. All are welcome.

Coming up on September 23, *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. Questions may be directed to Tom Drake at [tom.mdrake@yahoo.com](mailto:tom.mdrake@yahoo.com).

### Receptionists Needed

Come be a welcoming face in the office as a receptionist! Greet people, answer the phone, and support our wonderful staff. We are looking for three-hour shifts: choice of 9:00 a.m.-noon or noon-3:00 p.m. weekdays. Volunteer regularly according to your schedule or fill in as needed. Both regular and substitute positions are available. Complete training is provided. Contact Sue Boreman at [sueandbrent@comcast.net](mailto:sueandbrent@comcast.net) or 412-370-3302 or Emily Shubilla at [shubilla@westminster-church.org](mailto:shubilla@westminster-church.org) or 724-984-8202.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

AUGUST 3-9

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30a	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:30a	Food 2 Go Packing	Rm. 274
9:45a	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestream
	Bridge Sunday School (4yrs-1st Grade)	Rm. 176
	Bridge Sunday School (2nd-4th Grade)	Rm. 284
	Wiggle Room**	WROC Fitness
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Wiggle Room	

## MONDAY, AUGUST 4

12:00	AA/Door #20	Fellowship Hall
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## TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:15	Pastor Nominating Committee	Rm. 238
7:30	Boy Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

4:00	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Off Site
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	AI Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

\*Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message. A time for children 4 years 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 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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