

April 27, 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

Prelude on a Theme by Handel
"Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son"

Alexandre Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: We know that God's grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

People: **Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.**

Leader: We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the rulers of the world do not have the final word.

People: **The gospel of grace is the Lord's doing.**

Leader: Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness and cruelty,

People: **this is the day that the Lord has made.**

Leader: Grace is the ground upon which we walk.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad.**

*Opening Hymn No. 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

*Prayer of Confession

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, breaking down the walls of death. Forgive us, restore us and renew 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. 240** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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

John 20:24-25

New Testament, page 115

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

Sermon

Man, You Should've Been There!

Richard Norris III

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

We Walk by Faith

Joseph M. Martin

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words have we to hear
from him who spoke as non e'er spoke, but we believe him near.
We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where his feet have trod,
but in his promise, we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and my God!"
Help, then, Lord, our unbelief! And may now my faith abound.
Let us call on Thee when Thou art near and seek where Thou art found.
That when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer, glorious light
we may behold you as Thou art with full and endless sight.
I need no other argument. I need no other plea; it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.

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 - Hymn No. 236 The Strife Is O'er VICTORY

*Benediction

*Benediction Response He Is Lord arr. D.M.

He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Postlude Lift High the Cross arr. Charles Ore

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Richard Norris III, the Quartet and Chancel Choir, Jim Burns,
Christine Hestwood.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of Lori and Philip Swaney, granddaughter of Kerry and Mark Swaney; and the birth of Cooper James-Aiken Secrest, son of Kira Brown and Rich Secrest, grandson of Lynn and Knox Brown.

The congregation extends condolences to Jackie Wilson on the death of her son, Craig Wilson, on April 14.

Westminster Seminars Puritan and Presbyterian: A British and American History

TODAY | Galbreath Chapel

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



Coming Up Next Month: What Is the Christian Hope?

May 4, 11, 18, and 25 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel | John Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

This series will explore the distinctive Christian hope that God is at work to bring all things to good, even when we cannot see clearly how – whether because of personal crisis or social change.

Help Assemble QuickKit Bags

TODAY | After each worship service | Room 274

Come and make QuickKits with us! QuickKits are bags of essential items like deodorant, shampoo, a toothbrush, and more put together in a reusable bag that can be shared with needy people.

Listening Sessions with Members of PNC

TODAY or May 4 | Following each worship service

Childcare will be provided.

The PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) wants to hear from you! Please join us after each worship service.

A Zoom link will be provided for the May 4 session that follows the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Read more about the transition or contact a member of the PNC here: <https://westminster-church.org/pastoral-transition/>

Pocket Change Project

NOW through Mother's Day

GIVE TODAY!

Or text WPCUSC POCKETCHANGE to 73256.

The Cherub Choir, along with Children's & Family Ministry, invites all children and families to join us this year in collecting pocket change to help sponsor school children in Haiti! Our designated collection at all services is Mother's Day, May 11. Special collection boxes are available for everyone in the narthex or at the reception desk.



Single Women's Group Dinner

Tuesday, April 29 | 4:30 p.m. | Mitchell's Fish Market, Galleria

Join us for fun and fellowship! Registration is recommended. Space is limited to 15.

One Hit Wonders: Chapel Hour & Sermon Feedback

Wednesday, May 7 | 6:15 p.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Seminary Intern Richard Norris III is preparing a sermon for his preaching class, and he needs your help! Join him in the chapel as he delivers his final sermon at Westminster and listens for your feedback.

Westminster Music & Arts Presents Chatham Baroque

Sunday, May 11 | 2:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Suggested donation: General \$25, Senior (65+) \$20, and Student (with valid ID) \$10

The Art of the Trio - Songs without words from the Italian Baroque. For more information and tickets, go to <https://westminster-church.org/event/westminster-music-arts-presents-chatham-baroque/>.

SAVE the DATE: Nothing Sacred Sunday, May 16 | 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

An evening of music featuring the Chancel, Junior Choirs and Bells.

Bite Size Bible Podcast

In the Bite Size Bible podcast, friends from Westminster (and some special guests) join me for candid, unedited conversations to try to make sense of the Bible. We dive into questions like, "What is the Bible? How should I read it? What does it mean that scripture is inspired?" and many more. These are big questions, but with nuance, thoughtfulness, and some humor, we'll explore them bit by bit. If you have questions, contact Laura Bentley at bentley@westminster-church.org.



Scan the QR code to listen!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

APRIL 27-MAY 3

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
	QuickKits Bag Assembly	Rm. 274
9:30a	PNC Listening Session	Sanctuary
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
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
10:45a	PNC Listening Session	WROC
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 233
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
	Confirmation Class	Rm. 283
12:00	PNC Listening Session	Sanctuary

MONDAY, APRIL 28

12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Deacons' Meeting	Galbreath Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

9:00a	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
4:45	Cherub Choir (K-2nd Grade)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (3rd-6th Grade)	Rm. 268
	Little Ones and Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:15	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall

6:00	Kids' Connection (5yrs-2nd Grade)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (3rd-4th Grade)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (5th - 6th Grades)	N. Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
6:15	One Hit Wonders	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, MAY 1

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
4:00	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
6:00	WECEP Spring Open House	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, MAY 2

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

SATURDAY, MAY 3

*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 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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