

April 6, 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

Variations on *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland*

Samuel Scheidt

Jesus, Christ, our blessed Savior, turned away God's wrath forever.... He, to pledge his love undying, spreads this table, grace supplying, gives his body with the bread, and with the wine the blood he shed.

Jan Hus, c. 1372-1415

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship because we long for mercy.
We long for community. We long for God.

People: **We come to worship because we need a good word.
We need connection. We need Jesus.**

Leader: We come to worship because we are in between:
hope and grief, faith and doubt,
curiosity and conviction.

*Opening Hymn No. 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
When we fail to be honest,
show us mercy.
When we fail to be merciful,
show us what is right.
Again and again,
bring us closer to you.
Again and again,
show us the way.

(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.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 19:1-10

New Testament, page 82

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

Sermon

Go Out On a Limb

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Amazing Grace

Marianne Forman

Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.

Institution of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Sending

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 829 My Faith Looks Up to Thee OLIVET

*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 Christ, Who Saves Us by His Cross J.S. Bach

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Richard Norris III, Sara Kyle, Lorraine Milovac, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We offer our prayers for those with recent illnesses, surgeries, or hospitalizations: Veronica Elizabeth Copeland.

We celebrate with joy the birth of Veronica Elizabeth Copeland, daughter of David and Francesca Copeland, granddaughter of Bobbie Copeland.

The congregation extends condolences to Jennifer Laffin Galbraith and family on the death of her husband, Thomas Galbraith, on December 1, 2024.

Westminster Seminars Puritan and Presbyterian: A British and American History

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



TODAY; April 13 and 27 (No seminar on April 20) | Galbreath Chapel

Speaker: John Wilson - How do we understand our Colonial American ancestors in faith? How did their beliefs develop? This series considers the religious situation in England in the 17th century as the context of the migrations to New England and as the source of New England church and theology.

Easter Flower Orders

The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial or honoree contributions for Easter flowers. Use the form on the back of this sheet and make your check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Mail your check and form to the church office or place it in the collection plate. **Contributions must be received no later than TODAY** so that your gift can be listed in the Easter bulletin.

TODAY IS LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS!

Youth Mission Fundraiser Dinner

Wednesday, April 9 | 5:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join the youth for a special edition of Food & Fellowship! There will be a delicious spread of pizza, and the youth will be your waiters and waitresses. Any tips collected will go toward the Veritas Summer Mission Trip. Bring friends and fellow congregants! Can't be there in person but still want to donate? You can do so using the provided QR code.



ONE HIT WONDERS: No One Left to Speak

Wednesday, April 9 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall



Most of us have heard the saying "they came for the communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist and when they came for me there was no one left to speak for me." We can try to imagine what that is like, but our Jewish brothers and sisters don't have to imagine. They have lived it throughout their lives. And it's getting worse. Imagine someone coming and rounding up everyone at a Wednesday dinner just because we're Christians. As Christians, we can speak for our brothers and sisters of the Old Testament. In these days of increased anti-Semitism, let's spend one evening learning more about the situation today and how we can speak up for those sometimes too afraid to speak up for themselves.

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 13 | After Each Service | North Courtyard (Memorial Parlor if inclement weather)

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

Easter Egg Decorating and Pizza Party

Wednesday, April 16 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Please join us for a fun evening of pizza, fellowship, and egg decorating. We will send the eggs to Meals on Wheels @ The Crossroads. This event is a great opportunity to meet others in the church community while also serving others. All materials will be provided. We hope to see you there!

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



Volunteer to Deliver Easter Flowers

Pick up after Easter worship on April 20 or Monday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. | Reception Area

Warm someone's heart this Easter season and let them know we care by delivering one or two Easter flowers to church members who are in care.

Please contact Emily Shubilla to volunteer by April 14 at shubilla@westminster-church.org.

Westminster Softball

Westminster Softball Sixteen-Game Season | April through August

Spring is here, and it is time for another season for Westminster in the competitive Chartiers Valley Church Softball League. While Westminster has a good core group returning, the team could use some new players. Please contact Jim Roberts at 412-983-8899 or at jimroberts2@hotmail.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 or 412-370-3302 or Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org or 724-984-8202.



**everything
[in] between**

Meeting God **in** the midst of extremes

Join us this Lent and Easter as
we explore Jesus' word and
familiar stories from
the Gospel of Luke.

Sunday Worship at 8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13
8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17
7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20
8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

APRIL 6-APR 12

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

8:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
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
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 233
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
	Holy Dialogues: Lent	Rm. 231

MONDAY, APRIL 7

12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

9:00a	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
1:30	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
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	Youth Mission Fundraiser Dinner	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, APRIL 10

7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Memorial Parlor
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

*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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information



Children's &
Family
Ministry



Food &
Fellowship
Menu



Music &
Choirs

Easter Flowers

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Contributions must be received no later than Sunday, April 6, so that your gift can be listed in the Easter bulletin. Please indicate if you plan to pick up your flower or whether you would like it delivered to a member in care. Flowers will be available on Easter Sunday, after the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services, or Monday, April 21, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

A suggested minimum donation of \$25 will cover the cost of the flowers. Additional donations beyond that will be used to support the work of the Chancel Guild throughout the year.

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

My name _____

☐ In memory of ☐ In honor of

Name of memorial/honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

☐ Please deliver flower to a member in care

☐ I will pick up the flower.

Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, April 6.

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