



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
Holly Jones and Megan Jones-Gatta, duet

Ken Medema

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: **If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.**

Leader: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

People: **If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.**

Leader: You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

People: **If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.**

*Opening Hymn No. 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

(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.

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.**

Congregational Response

THREEFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Old Testament, page 630

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Little Christian Lies: Thus Says the Lord

Faith Kemmler

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Make His Praise Glorious
Megan Jones-Gatta, soloist

Bill Wolaver

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. 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

*Benediction

Postlude

Finale in F

Dom Andrew Moore

Leading in worship: Faith Kemmler, Jo Forrest, Holly Jones, Megan Jones-Gatta, and Jim Burns.

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Sunday, August 10, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominating Committee - Call for Nominations

There are exciting things happening every day in the life of the church and new leaders are needed to continue our good work. You are invited to share in the leadership as a:

- Ruling Elder for a three-year term who is responsible for leadership, governance, and worship
- Deacon for a three-year term who embody acts of care, compassion, and service
- Member of the Nominating Committee who find others to serve as leaders
- Member of the Endowment Committee for a four-year term to help guide new ministries and invest in the future of our church

Our congregation is blessed with an abundance of potential leaders so keep your nomination confidential to everyone to allow the committee to do its work with care and compassion for others.

If you would like to serve, or if you know of members who have the gifts for these important roles, please email:

Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org by Monday, September 1.

For more information, go to <https://westminster-church.org/event/nominating-committee-call-for-nominations/>.

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.

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.



Music Schedule for 2025-2026

August 28, 2025 and September 3, 2025

Westminster is pleased to announce the return of our music ensembles for fall 2025.

Thursday, August 28: Chancel Choir, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 268.

Wednesday, September 3: Junior Choir (3rd-6th grades), 4:45-5:30 p.m., Room 268;
Cherub Choir (K-2nd grade), 4:45-5:30 p.m., Room 176;
Westminster Ringers, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 268.

STAY CONNECTED!

Join us for many exciting events and opportunities. Visit our website at westminster-church.org and complete the Join Our Email List or contact Melinda Harkiewicz. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Westminster.Pittsburgh/>.



Wednesdays beginning August 27

Everyone is invited!

From children’s choirs to Children’s & Family Ministry programs, Food & Fellowship, Veritas youth group, adult discussion groups, and more, there is something for everyone!

All ages and stages of faith formation are invited to attend this wonderful evening of connection and fun.

- 4:45 p.m. - Children’s Choirs
- 5:15 p.m. - Food & Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. - Faith formation for all ages



WEEKLY CALENDAR | AUGUST 10-16, 2025

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

12:00	AA/Door #20	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Troop 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 176

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

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 13

1:30	Movers & Shakers	Fellowship Hall
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

4:00	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

*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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