



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

The Lion and the Lamb
Lucas Daniele, soloist

Leeland Mooring

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship the God who sees us—

People: **not for what we can do, but for who we are.**

Leader: God's healing is not earned. God's welcome is not conditional.

People: **In Christ, every bent-over soul is lifted. Every hungry heart is fed.**

*Opening Hymn No. 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we often measure worth by strength, success, or self-reliance.
We turn away from those the world sees as "less,"
forgetting that your kingdom belongs to the least and the lost.
Forgive us when we choose rules over compassion,
comfort over justice,
or judgment over mercy.
Lift us again by your grace, so that we may walk in your ways of love.

(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.

Anthem

Bless This House
Marianne Cornetti, soloist

Taylor and Brahe

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

Luke 13:10-17

New Testament, page 76

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

Sermon

Little Christian Lies: Averting Our Eyes

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

He Looked Beyond My Fault
Marianne Cornetti, soloist

Dottie Rambo

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**

*Closing Hymn No. 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessings

SICILIAN MARINERS

*Benediction

Postlude

A Trumpet Minuet

Alfred Hollins

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Chip Staub, Jim Burns, Marianne Cornetti, and Lucas Daniele.

Today's soloists:

Lucas Daniele and **Marianne Cornetti** are at very different stages of their singing lives. Lucas, who is 12 years old, grew to love singing right here at Westminster.

Marianne first sang at her church near Butler, PA at the age of 12. Her career as an opera singer has taken her to stages across the world to critical acclaim. When she is in Pittsburgh, she loves to attend worship at 11:00 here at Westminster because she loves the music and the people. She is grateful to her first church community for giving her musical opportunities years ago, and continues to sing in churches to express her gratitude to God for the gift of music in her life.

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Sunday, August 24, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We offer our prayers for those with recent illnesses, surgeries, or hospitalizations: Lois Singleton.

Nominating Committee - Call for Nominations

You are invited to share in the leadership as a:

Ruling Elder, Deacon, Member of the Nominating Committee, and Member of the Endowment Committee

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/>.

TIME CHANGE - The Bridge

Beginning on September 7, The Bridge worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Questions may be directed to Tom Drake at tom.mdrake@yahoo.com.



Wednesdays beginning
August 27
Everyone is invited!

4:45 p.m. - Little Ones and Loved Ones (Aug. 27)
Children's Choirs (Sept. 3)

5:15 p.m. - Food & Fellowship

6:00 p.m. - Faith formation for all ages

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.

Dinner Prices: Ages 10 to adult - \$10; Ages 4 to 9 - \$6; Ages 3 and under - Free; Family - \$35



Serving for Living Stones Sunday, August 31 | 3:00-6:30 p.m. | Offsite

We are looking for volunteers to help serve food at the buffet line. Transportation will be provided. Your support in feeding those in need will be greatly appreciated! For questions, contact Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org.

REGISTER TODAY!



Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays, starting September 3 | 9:00 a.m. | Room 231

This group studies one book of the Bible at a time, a few verses at a time. The goal is to get a better understanding of scripture and what it means to each of us. Questions, contact Chuck Wolfe at wolfe.chuck@gmail.com.

SAVE the DATE: Taizé Worship Service

Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m. in Galbreath Chapel

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

A Celebration of Faith and Fellowship

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 7 | After all 3 services | Fellowship Hall

Join us to celebrate the beginning of a new season at the church! We will join together in Fellowship Hall after each worship service to walk through a beautiful photo gallery and listen to leaders of our church share about their ministries. There will be plenty of light bites and kid-friendly snacks to enjoy. Any questions, contact shubilla@westminster-church.org.

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Fall Session

Thursdays, September 11-November 13 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

LIFT is a place where we gather for fellowship first. We hope to grow, laugh, and get to know you better this fall at LIFT. We will discuss *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans. Questions, contact Kristy Berrott at kristy@berrott.com.

SAVE the DATE: WROC Talk Speaker Series

Extend the Season: Planting for Fall & Winter presented by Bedner's Farm and Greenhouse

Tuesday, September 9, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



Westminster Seminars

Living Faith: Everyday Ethics for Ordinary Christians

September 7, 14, 21, and 28 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

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

Presented by Derek Woodard-Lehman, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

AUGUST 24-30, 2025

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

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 25

12:00	AA/Door #20	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Deacons' Meeting	Memorial Parlor

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

4:45	Little Ones and Loved Ones	Rm. 222 Nursery
5:15	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (5yrs-1st Grade)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (2nd-3rd Grade)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (4th-5th Grades)	Rm. 257, JAM
	Veritas Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)	Youth Dept.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

4:00	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

*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.



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs