



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

How Glory Goes
Megan Jones-Gatta, soloist

Adam Guettel

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship to receive God's truth,
that we might see clearly and that we might understand.

People: **We come to worship for comfort,
that we might be sustained and healed.**

Leader: We come to worship for challenge,
that we might be reminded that
our ways are not Jesus' ways.

People: **We come to worship to be closer
to what God desires for us.**

*Opening Hymn No. 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT,
WIR LOBEN DICH

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess our anxiety and misplaced desires.
We seek positions of security.
We hoard love like a possession rather than freely give it away.
We listen to the lie that life is about being consumers
rather than neighbors.
Help us, God.
Free us from anxious grasping.
Satisfy us with your abundant life.
Let love abound within us and through 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. 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

Luke 14:1, 7-14

New Testament, page 77

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Little Christian Lies: Seat Selection

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Megan Jones-Gatta and Sean Gatta

Traditional/arr. Lloyd Larson

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. 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

*Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on *McKee*
"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Dale Wood

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Candy Kottyan, Jim Burns, Megan Jones-Gatta, and Sean Gatta.

Today's soloists

Megan Jones-Gatta and **Sean Gatta** are delighted to be leading worship today at Westminster! Megan is a familiar face; her parents, Holly and David Jones, are members of Westminster. Holly is the alto section leader of the Chancel Choir, and David is a deacon. Sean and Megan moved to Pittsburgh a year ago when Sean was hired as the Chorus/Theater Teacher at Central Catholic High School. We're delighted to announce that Sean will be joining the Chancel Choir this fall as the baritone section leader!

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Celebration Sunday, September 7, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

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TIME CHANGE - The Bridge

Beginning today, The Bridge Contemporary worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

**CELEBRATION
SUNDAY**

A Celebration of Faith
and Fellowship

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

TODAY | 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.

SAVE the DATE: Taizé Worship Service

Wednesday, September 10, 6:30-7:00 p.m. in Galbreath Chapel

Join us for a time of contemplative worship featuring candlelight, singing, scripture, prayers and silent meditation for personal reflection.

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.

Next Week: Westminster Seminars

Living Faith: Everyday Ethics for Ordinary Christians

Relationship & Requirement Before God & Neighbor

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

Next Week's Topic: *Order, Justice, Peace in a World at War*

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

Presented by Derek Woodard-Lehman,
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.



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



Women 2 Women Study Group

Thursdays, beginning September 11 (every other Thursday) | 10:00 a.m. | Room 238

All women are invited to join us for fellowship and coffee, prayer, and study. There is always room at the table. Contact Sue Davis for more information at planetsue66@gmail.com.

One Hit Wonders: One Story at a Time



Wednesdays, September 17 & October 22 | 6:15-7:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Stories abound about how our lives connect with people from the distant past, those around us today, and can help us shape a more fulfilling story for our own lives. No preparation or commitment required. Each speaker will lead a discussion and facilitate interaction with you. How does this story inspire you and your faith?

September 17: **Father Paul Abernathy**, pastor of Saint Moses the Black Antiochian Orthodox Church and CEO of Neighborhood Resilience Project, will share how the stories of Scripture have shaped his call to build up hope and resilience in people and communities impacted by trauma.

October 22: **Rabbi Aaron Meyers** of Temple Emanuel will lead us in an exploration of a lesser-known story from Judges 5 of Deborah and God's intervention.

Golf, Fun & Fellowship

REGISTER!



Friday, October 3 | Tee times start at 3:00 p.m. | 1781 Golf Club, 681 Church Hill Road

Play a "fun nine" holes of golf followed by dinner ordered from the menu. All level of golfers welcome! You can choose who you play with or we will put you in a foursome. Golf \$35.00. Full Golf Members of 1781 only pay for dinner. **Deadline to register - Thursday, September 25.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 7-13, 2025

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:00	Mission & Fellowship Commission	Rm. 231
7:15	Pastor Nominating Committee	Rm. 238
7:30	Boy Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00	Men's Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:45	Little Ones and Loved Ones Cherub Choir Junior Choir	Rm. 222 Nursery Rm. 176 Rm. 268
5:15	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (5yrs-2nd Grade) Kids' Connection (3rd-4th Grade) JAM - Youth Group (5th-6th Grades) Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 Rm. 257 JAM Youth Dept.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 -cont.

7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

*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