

June 1, 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

Appalachian Pastorate
based on "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Franklin Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our God transforms shepherds into kings, the smallest seeds into magnificent trees, and hardened hearts into loving ones.

People: We gather to receive this life-giving spirit, to be recreated in God's image, and shaped for God's purposes.

*Opening Hymn No. 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God, you call us to new life in Christ, but we turn away.

We choose power and profit over the acts of love.

We are content to work within systems that oppress instead of working to change things.

Forgive us. Inspire us to believe your son's grace saves 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. 469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

The Acts of the Apostles 16:25-39

New Testament, page 136

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Get Me Out of This Mess

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Come to Me

Dan Forrest

Come. Come to me, all you who labor, and I will give you rest.
Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls.
Come, my child, learn my heart, for I am gentle and lowly.
See how great my love for you that I have called you my child.

Vinay Thomas, baritone

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal (page 35)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

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. 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*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

Grand Choeur

Theodore Dubois

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

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ONLINE: <https://westminster-church.org/give>

TEXT-TO-GIVE: Text WPCUSC to 73256.

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A PC(USA) Congregation

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Lisa Carper on the death of her husband, Jeff Carper, on May 22.

Westminster Seminars

Deadly Serious Fun: *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis

June 1, 8 (8:45 a.m.), and 15 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel | Dr. Suzanne Free

In C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce*, souls living in hell are offered a field trip to heaven – with the option of staying. Why do most choose not to? This book is deadly serious fun. Please join us!

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



One Service Sunday Sunday, June 8 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

Join us for an intergenerational worship service celebrating Pentecost. The service will blend both traditional and contemporary styles. After worship, join our church family for lunch in Fellowship Hall at 11:00. There will be no Sunday school. Westminster Seminars will meet at 8:45 a.m.

Conversation about Sunday Worship Schedule

TODAY | Immediately following 8:30 a.m. service

Members of the Worship Commission will be available to talk about possible changes to the worship schedule.

One Hit Wonders: Refugee Resettlement Team

Wednesday, June 4 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Members of the Refugee Resettlement Team will share the joy of welcoming families to their new lives in America.



Churchwide Bike Ride

Saturday, June 7 | 9:30 a.m. | Meet in the Panhandle parking lot in McDonald

Join with us to enjoy a relaxing bike ride on the Panhandle Bike Trail. All ages are welcome; bring your snacks and water bottles. This is a great way to get acquainted with others in our community of faith. Contact Sue Davis at planetsue66@gmail.com.

Golf, Fun, and Fellowship

June 20 | Tee times beginning at 3:00 p.m. | 1781 Golf Club (formerly Scenic Valley)

Play a "fun nine" holes of golf followed by a barbecue buffet dinner.

Cost: **golf & dinner - \$85 / dinner only - \$50** (Full golf members of 1781 Golf Club only pay for dinner). Use the QR code to reserve your spot by **Thursday, June 12**.



Zumba - Dance Fitness

Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 3 - July 20 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. | WROC

Tired of the boring cardio routines? Zumba is a cardio workout where you dance to various genres of music. Never boring with the choreography of instructor Debbie Colditz who has studied dance and fitness for over 20 years. To register, go to wroc.westminster-church.org.



Communion Servers Needed

In our Presbyterian tradition, anyone who has served as either a deacon or elder is authorized to serve Communion. It is a great blessing and a privilege of your ordination. If you are a current or former ordained officer, and would like to be included on the Communion Server mailing list, please contact Emily Shubilla at 412-835-6630 or shubilla@westminster-church.org.



Barefoot School VBS Registration

June 16-20

Registration for Barefoot School participants and volunteers is open! Cokesbury's Road Trip VBS invites children of all ages to discover God's presence everywhere they go! Questions: contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.

REGISTER TODAY!



WPC Christmas Ornament - Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Deadline to order: June 30 | \$35 each

Support the youth in their last mission trip fundraiser of the year and display a piece of Westminster in your home during the Christmas season. Ornaments may be ordered and paid for online. To order and view a photo of the ornament, scan the QR code.

ORDER ONLINE TODAY!



WEEKLY CALENDAR | JUNE 1-7

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

8:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:15a	Conversation with 8:30 Worshippers	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
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239

MONDAY, JUNE 2

12:00	AA/Door #20	Fellowship Hall
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TUESDAY, JUNE 3

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

4:45	Little Ones and Loved Ones	Rm. 194
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)	N. Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
6:15	One Hit Wonders:	Fellowship Hall
	Refugee Resettlement Team	

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

4:00	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Memorial Parlor
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

7:00	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Al Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

9:30a	Churchwide Bike Ride	Off Site
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*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.

This week is the last week of Wednesdays @ Westminster before we break for summer.



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information