

March 16, 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

Psalm Nine
Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Westminster Ringers

Carl Wiltze
arr. Jason W. Krug

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come as you are.

If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry,
if you know every scripture or none at all,

People: **if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works, or if you
kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions, come as you are.**

Leader: This is God's house.
None are turned away.
All are welcome here.

*Opening Hymn No. 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHERN

*Prayer of Confession

God of Grace,
we long to do the "right" thing. We long to make the "right" choice.
We long to stand on the "right" side of the dividing line.
In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us;
we sometimes miss opportunities to show love.
Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection loosely.
Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else.
For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you.
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.

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

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.

Choral Response

SEVENFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 10:38-42

New Testament, page 72

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Faith & Works

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

I Am the Vine

Allen Pote

I am the vine and you are the branches. Abide in me and I will abide in you.
Then you will bear much fruit, for without me you can do nothing.
As the Father has loved me, so I love you. Go then and love one another.
Keep this commandment, for no greater love hath you, than to lay down your life for your friends.
Go then and bear much fruit. Go abide in my love.

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. 440**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

***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

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Allison McGee, Richard Norris III, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Jim Marshall, the Quartet, Chancel Choir and Westminster Ringers.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Baptisms - We rejoice with Emily and Christian Moore as they present George Andrew and Harvey Clair for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Congregational Meeting Today: Pastor Nominating Committee

The Session has called a brief, special congregational meeting to receive a report from the Nominating Committee. At this meeting the congregation will be asked to vote to call the following members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee: **Laurence Christian, Sue Davis, Dave Heilman, Tom Page, Mark Rhoa, Sarah Roode, Roberta Sarraf, and Dee Waters.** *To ensure everyone may attend, this meeting will be convened after the benediction at each of today's three worship services.*

Westminster Seminars U.S. Civil War: How Americans Made Meaning of the Conflict

TODAY & March 23 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

For more info and the Zoom link, go to
[https://www.westminster-church.org/
events/event-list/westminster-seminars.](https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars)



Holy Dialogues: Lent Sundays During Lent | 11:00 a.m. | Room 231

We'll dive into the key events of Holy Week and explore big themes like grace, salvation, the Gospels, and the cross. Through open conversation and reflection, we'll make space for questions, insights, and new perspectives on Jesus' journey and what it means for our faith today.

Bible Study for Everyone: Jonah

Wednesdays, March 12-April 2 | 6:15-7:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Dive into the story of Jonah with a Bible study that welcomes everyone whether you're brand new to studying scripture or have been doing it for years. For questions, contact Laura Bentley at bentley@westminster-church.org.

WROC Talk: SCAMS All Around Us: Don't Take The Bait

Tuesday, March 18 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join Mary Bach, a nationally recognized consumer advocate, as she educates us on the tactics of scammers and how to avoid the trap. Registration appreciated at wroc.westminster-church.org, or call Kathy Long at 412-835-6630.



Tuesday Reading Group

Tuesdays, March 25 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

We will discuss Thomas Cahill's *How the Irish Saved Civilization: The Untold Story of Ireland's Heroic Role*.

Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, March 26 | Noon - 1:15 p.m. | Church Library

At the next meeting of the Westminster Book Group, we will discuss *James* by Percival Everett. All are welcome!

Wednesday Night Potluck

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

Join us for a potluck-style edition of Food & Fellowship! An array of food will be provided by the youth attending this summer's mission trip, and all proceeds will go toward the Veritas Summer Mission Trip fundraising campaign. Can't be there in person but still want to donate? You can do so using the provided QR code. We hope to see you there!



Times Change, Our Welcome Doesn't

Refugee Resettlement Team is welcoming a new family

Westminster's Refugee Resettlement Team has accepted a request from JFCS to assist another family! They are a family of three who arrived in the US in mid-January. We are currently working to provide needed furnishings and housewares. As with the two earlier families, we are hoping that you might consider viewing the Amazon wish list for this lovely family. The link is <http://westminstergiftingtree.com/>.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MAR 16-MAR 22

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8:30a	Traditional Worship/Congregational Mtg. Sanctuary Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45a	Bridge Contemporary Worship/ WROC/Livestream Congregational Mtg.	
	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/ Congregational Mtg.	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 233
	Holy Dialogues: Lent	Rm. 231

MONDAY, MARCH 17

12:00	AA/enter door #20	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Session Meeting	Galbreath Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00a	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:30	WROC Talk: Scams All Around Us: Don't Take the Bait	Fellowship Hall
7:30	Boy Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

4:45	Cherub Choir (K-2nd Grade)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (3rd-6th Grade)	Rm. 268
	Little Ones and Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	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	Bible Study for Everyone: Jonah	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Memorial Parlor
6:00	Girl Scout Troop 26635	Yahweh Caf�e
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Memorial Parlor
7:30	NA (enter door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (enter door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

*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.



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs