



\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude	Liturgical Improvisation on Verbu, supernum prodiens George Oldroyd "Pour light upon us from above, and fire our hearts with thy strong love."		
Welcome and	Announcem	ients	
*Share the Pe	ace of Christ		
*Call to Worsl	nip		
	Leader:	May we see your glory. Let your light tangle with our lives so that we see what you see.	5
	People:	May we see a love born in eternity that seeks a home in and abides within us.	our souls
	Leader:	Reveal to us wisdom born of generations where time nur and believers reflect your light.	tures the promise
	People:	May we give way to glory and dare its splendor to reking and transfigure our lives.	dle our faith
*Opening Hyn	nn No. 189	O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair	DEO GRACIAS
A Word for Al	I Ages (11:00	))	
Sending Song	Hymn No. 74	<b>48</b> (11:00) Go with Us, Lord	

Go with us Lord and guide the way, through this and every coming day, that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be a gift to you.

Children 4yrs through 4th grade are dismissed to Sunday School.

#### \*Prayer of Confession

God of the mountaintop, the din of the world can harden our hearts to your voice. We watch news, reality TV, silly shows - yet have trouble listening to you. And yet we know that you see us as we are. You know our inmost thoughts. You know the ways we have fallen short, the work we have left undone, the mercy we have left ungiven, the love we have left unshared, the peace we have left unmade. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become.

Leader:	Friends, believe the good news.
People:	In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

#### \*Sung Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace.

#### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination			
Scripture Lesson	Exodus 34:2	29-35	Old Testament, page 81
Leader: <b>People:</b>	This is the V <b>Thanks be t</b>	Vord of the Lord. <b>o God.</b>	
Sermon	Bright Shining	g Faces	Jo Forrest
Offertory Anthem	E OFFER OUR ( O Nata Li		Michael John Trotta
O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis.		O light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, find our offerings worthy and accept our praises. You, who once came to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost.	
Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.			be made members of your

\*Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life, who inspired the prophets and apostles, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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 Sup	oper	
Communion Anthem	At This Table Holly Jones, soloist	Menzel and Myrin
Prayer of Sending		
	WE GO OUT TO SERVE	
*Closing Hymn No. 377	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	HOUSTON
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	Go Ye Now in Peace	Joyce Eilers
Feel his p Know tha	w in peace and know that the love of God will guide you presence here beside you, showing you the way. at the God who sent his son to die that we might live r leave you lost and alone in his beloved world.	ι.
Postlude	Postlude on All Glory Be to God on High	J.G. Walther

**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Richard Norris III, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Holly Jones, the Quartet and the Chancel Choir.

# THANK YOU!

The Rise Against Hunger event was a success! Our 228 volunteers packaged over 40,000 meals that will be shipped to the Philippines. Thank you for giving your time! If you could not join us or would like to continue to support Hunger Action Month, please consider giving to this campaign. We would like to thank you for your generous donations totaling \$4,405 of our \$15,000 goal. You can still donate by scanning the QR code below.







Consider donating to Hunger Action Month using this QR code to fund this ministry and others similar.

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March 2, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Gavin Steven on February 10 to parents Emily and John Miller and grandparents Mary and Steve Schmitt.

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

For more info and the Zoom link, go to <u>https://www.westminster-church.org/</u>events/event-list/westminster-seminars.



TODAY, & March 9, 16, and 23 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

### Tuesday Reading Group Tuesday, March 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

No reservations necessary; drop in for one or all of the discussions. Contact Jo Forrest for more information.

Please join the Tuesday Reading Group to discuss a wide range of genres with curious readers. *James* by Percival Everett is one of 2024's highly acclaimed novels. Some critics recommend listening to this.

### ASH WEDNESDAY | March 5 | Prayer Stations and Worship

5:30 p.m. Prayer Stations in the WROC - Walk through special intergenerational prayer stations. 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary. *Includes imposition of ashes*.

### LIFT Lenten Devotional Series Thursday, March 6-April 17 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

Devotional copies will be available at the church front office and at each LIFT session.

During Lent we will be gathering to discuss our weekly reflections through the Sanctified Art devotional. The devotional follows the sermon schedule, so you will hear mirrored content on Sunday mornings through your reading and in our discussions. Contact Kristy Berrott at <u>kristy@berrott.com</u>.

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

Holy Dialogues: Lent is a five-week study group where 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.

### Inquirers' Gathering Wednesday, March 12 | 6:15-7:30 p.m. | Room 283

Come and hear about membership at Westminster at our Inquirers' Class Gathering. We will learn what it means to be a member and how to join, as well as answer any of your questions about Westminster and the Presbyterian Church. All are welcome! Please email Emily Shubilla with any questions or register by March 2 at https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/inquirers-gathering.



### **Pastor Nominating Committee**

The Session has called a special congregational meeting for March 16 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. To ensure everyone may attend, this meeting will be convened after each of the three worship services that day.

Laurence Christian	Mark Rhoa
Sue Davis	Sarah Roode
Dave Heilman	Roberta Sarraf
Tom Page	Dee Waters

For more information about the Pastoral Transition Process, go to <u>https://www.westmin-</u> <u>ster-church.org/about/pastoral-transition</u>

### **JAM Retreat**

### March 28-29 | Crestfield Camp & Conference Center

All 5th & 6th graders are invited to join us for a fun-filled 24 hours at Crestfield that will include games, food, rock climbing, large group times, small group times, exploring, and even sleeping. We'll have a blast while connecting with God and each other as we ponder what it means to be a good neighbor. Cost is \$85. Register by Friday, March 14.

### Splash Lagoon - Veritas

### March 28-30 | Depart at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, return Sunday at noon | Splash Lagoon Water Park, Erie, PA

Do you like Veritas and water slides? Come with us this spring for an opportunity to share in fellowship and explore your faith while sitting in a lazy river. This retreat is for students in 7th-12th grade. Contact Laura Ecklin with questions. Register by March 21.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR MAR2-MAR8

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45a	<b>Bridge Contemporary Worship</b>	WROC/Livestream
	Bridge Sunday School (4yrs-4th	Grade)*Rm. 176 & 273
	Wiggle Room**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Confirmation Class	Rm. 283
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade	)* Rm. 233

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 3**

12:00	AA/enter Door #20	Fellov	vship Hall
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Mee	eting	Rm. 107

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 4**

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

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00a	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
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	Ash Wednesday Prayer Stations	WROC
	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.
6:30	Ash Wednesday Worship Service	Sanctuary
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 6**

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
10:30a	Prayer Team	Memorial Parlor
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 7

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

\*Sunday School - Dismissed from worship after the children's message. Pickup after worship at 9:45, 4yrs-1st grade in Room 176, 2nd-4th grade in Yahweh Café; 11:00 in 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.

