



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Prelude on *Kedron*

Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Worship is a place to rest.
We breathe deeply here.
We still our aching bones.
We sit in the quiet.
We surround ourselves with music.
Worship is a place to rest.

People: **Worship is a place to grow.**
We listen for God's word.
We invite it to challenge us.
We lean in with curiosity.
We ask questions.
Worship is a place to grow.

***Opening Hymn No. 182**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, there are days when we fail to rest.
We stretch ourselves too thin. We say "yes" to every invitation.
We run a million miles a minute. We ignore your command to rest.
There are also days when we fail to act.
We wait for someone else. We take the easy road.
We find excuses and justify our inaction.
God, forgive our imbalance.
Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly.
Show us how to do the same.

(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.

Welcome New Members (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 13:6-9

New Testament, page 76

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

Sermon

A Gardener's Grace

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. 442**

Just as I Am

WOODWORTH

***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

Postlude on *Bourbon*

Robert Powell

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

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March 23, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Members Today we welcome the following new active members:

Tony Bellora

Joseph Brennen and Lauren Simmons

Jeff and Beth Greenwald

Faith Kemmler

Phil Kondrot and Laura West

Ed Nusser

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We offer our prayers for Peg Kinsey, who is recovering from surgery.

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

TODAY | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

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



Coming Up Next Month: Puritan and Presbyterian: A British and American History

March 30; April 6, 13, and 27 (No seminar on April 20) | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Speaker: John Wilson - How do we understand our Colonial American ancestors in faith? How did their beliefs develop? This series considers the religious situation in England in the 17th century as the context of the migrations to New England and as the source of New England church and theology.

Holy Dialogues: Lent Sundays through | 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 through 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.

Tuesday Reading Group

Tuesday, 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!

T'ai Chi with Dr. David Clippinger!

Thursdays, March 27-May 15 | 10:15-11:15 a.m. | Fellowship Hall | \$64

T'ai Chi is an ancient form of exercise that blends physical movement with deep meditative breathing in order to boost energy, cultivate physical and emotional balance, and instill a sense of spiritual and physical well-being. To register, go to wroc.westminster-church.org.



Pitt Men's Glee Club Concert

Friday, April 4 | 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Founded in 1890, the Pitt Men's Glee Club, the oldest musical organization at the University of Pittsburgh, will present a free concert as a kick-off to their upcoming Spring Concert Tour to Italy, Austria, and Slovenia. The concert will feature both sacred and secular works. Musical styles range from classical to barbershop, to Doo Wop. The program will conclude with a set of songs by Pittsburgh's musical legends Erroll Garner, Billy Strayhorn, Henry Mancini, and Fred Rogers! Concert is FREE with a suggested freewill offering.

Easter Flower Orders

The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial or honoree contributions for Easter flowers. Use the form on the back of this sheet and make your check payable to Westminister Presbyterian Church and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Mail your check and form to the church office or place it in the collection plate. **Contributions must be received no later than Sunday, April 6**, so that your gift can be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Youth Mission Fundraiser Dinner

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

Join the youth for a special edition of Food & Fellowship! There will be a delicious spread of food, and the youth will be your waiters and waitresses. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the Veritas Summer Mission Trip. Bring friends and fellow congregants! Can't be there in person but still want to donate? You can do so using the provided QR code.



Times Change, Our Welcome Doesn't

Refugee Resettlement Team is welcoming a new family

Westminister'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/>.

Receptionists Needed

Come be a welcoming face in the office as a receptionist! Greet people, answer the phone, and support our wonderful staff. We are looking for three-hour shifts; choice of 9:00 a.m.-noon or noon-3:00 p.m. weekdays. Volunteer regularly according to your schedule or fill in, as needed. Both regular and substitute positions are available. Complete training is provided. Contact Sue Boreman at sueandbrent@comcast.net or 412- 370- 3302 or Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org or 724-984-8202.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MAR 23-MAR 29

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

8:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
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
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 233
	Confirmation Class	Rm. 283
	Holy Dialogues: Lent	Rm. 231

MONDAY, MARCH 24

12:00	AA (enter door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Children's & Family Ministry	Zoom
	Commission Meeting	

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

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 26

9:00a	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
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 27

6:00	WECEP Spring Open House	Fellowship Hall
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 28

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
5:00	JAM Retreat	Camp Crestfield
5:30	Splash Lagoon - Veritas	Splash Lagoon (Erie, PA)
7:00	AA (enter door #14)	Rm. 107
	AI Anon (enter door #14)	Rm. 131

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

All Day	JAM Retreat	Camp Crestfield
All Day	Splash Lagoon - Veritas	Splash Lagoon (Erie, PA)

*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.



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Children's &
Family
Ministry



Food &
Fellowship
Menu



Music &
Choirs

Easter Flowers

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Contributions must be received no later than Sunday, April 6, so that your gift can be listed in the Easter bulletin. Please indicate if you plan to pick up your flower or whether you would like it delivered to a member in care. Flowers will be available on Easter Sunday, after the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services, or Monday, April 21, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

A suggested minimum donation of \$25 will cover the cost of the flowers. Additional donations beyond that will be used to support the work of the Chancel Guild throughout the year.

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

My name _____

In memory of In honor of

Name of memorial/honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

Please deliver flower to a member in care

I will pick up the flower.

Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, April 6.

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