

March 30, 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

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig (*O Lamb of God, innocent*)

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our God is a shepherding God.

People: **Our God knows us by name.**

Leader: Our God will never stop searching for us. So, if you feel lost,

People: **then know that God is seeking you.**

Leader: If you feel found,

People: **then know that God will never leave you.**

This is the promise of God's love.

*Opening Hymn No. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found.
We grumble. We push back. We doubt you.
We doubt ourselves. We leave the flock and lose our way.
But God, if you are a shepherd who never stops seeking,
let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we feel.
Remind us that no matter how far we wander,
we can never wander from the bounds of your grace.

(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.

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 15: 1-7

New Testament, page 78

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

Sermon

Lost & Found

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray

G.F. Handel

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way.
And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

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

*Closing Hymn No. 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

*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 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

J.S. Bach

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Richard Norris III, Jim Burns, Lorraine Milovac, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

ABOUT TODAY'S PRELUDE

Today's chorale prelude is based on the Lutheran hymn O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, a German adaption of the Latin Agnus Dei; "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. Grant us peace." In Bach's setting, verses 1 and 2 reflect on Christ's suffering and sacrifice, while verse 3 expresses the joy of peace and redemption.



everything
[in] between

Meeting God in the midst of extremes

Join us this Lent and Easter
as we explore Jesus' word
and familiar stories from
the Gospel of Luke.

Sunday Worship at 8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13
8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17
7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20
8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Dru Hossli on the death of her husband, Bob Hossli, on March 19, and to Jack and Michele Kelly on the death of Jack's mother, Josephine Kelly, on March 21.

We offer our prayers for those with recent illnesses, surgeries, or hospitalizations: Frank Heineman

Westminster Seminars Puritan and Presbyterian: A British and American History

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



TODAY; April 6, 13, and 27 (No seminar on April 20)

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.

Endowment Fund Applications Due March 31

To learn more about the Endowment & Special Gifts Fund, go to <https://westminster-church.org/endowment-special-gifts-fund/>. An application can be filled out by scanning the QR code to the right.



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 Westminster 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.



ONE HIT WONDERS: No One Left to Speak

Wednesday, April 9 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall



Most of us have heard the saying “they came for the communists, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a communist and when they came for me there was no one left to speak for me.” We can try to imagine what that is like, but our Jewish brothers and sisters don’t have to imagine. They have lived it throughout their lives. And it’s getting worse. Imagine someone coming and rounding up everyone at a Wednesday dinner just because we’re Christians. As Christians, we can speak for our brothers and sisters of the Old Testament. In these days of increased anti-Semitism, let’s spend one evening learning more about the situation today and how we can speak up for those sometimes too afraid to speak up for themselves.

Westminster Walkabout Tour of Saint Anthony Chapel

Thursday, April 10 | 2:00 p.m. | Saint Anthony Chapel, 1704 Harpster St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Please join us for a tour of Saint Anthony Chapel, located on Troy Hill - home to the largest collection of Christian relics in the world outside of the Vatican. This Shrine has been designated a Historical Landmark by the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation. We will also view a set of life-size Stations of the Cross - these priceless Stations were carved of wood by artists from Germany. Cost is \$5 per person - **RSVP due by April 1 to Deborah Waller, 412-760-7523** (attendance numbers are limited). Early dinner afterwards at Scratch & Co.

Easter Egg Decorating and Pizza Party

Wednesday, April 16 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Please join us for a fun evening of pizza, fellowship, and egg decorating. We will send the eggs to Meals on Wheels @ The Crossroads. This event is a great opportunity to meet others in the church community while also serving others. All materials will be provided. We hope to see you there!

REGISTER
TODAY!



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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

All Day	JAM Retreat	Camp Crestfield
All Day	Splash Lagoon - Veritas	Splash Lagoon (Erie, PA)
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
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
	Confirmation Class	Rm. 283
	Holy Dialogues: Lent	Rm. 231

MONDAY, MARCH 31

12:00	AA (enter door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 107

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00a	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:00	Community Engagement Commission	Rm. 238
7:30	Boy Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

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
5:15	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, APRIL 3

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
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, APRIL 4

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
5:30	Confirmation Retreat	Off Site
7:00	AA (enter door #14)	Rm. 107
	AI Anon (enter door #14)	Rm. 131
7:30	University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club	Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

All Day	Confirmation Retreat	Off Site
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*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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