



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Sonata in c minor, Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Introit (11:00)

Jesus to the Wilderness
Cherub Choir

Michael Bedford

*Call to Worship

Leader: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.
Who is my neighbor? How can I help?
What do I have to learn? Where is God in it all?

People: **Here in this place, we can ask big questions.
So may we listen. May we learn.
May we stay curious, and may we look for God.
This is our invitation to lean in.**

Leader: Let us worship our holy God.

*Opening Hymn No. 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST.FLAVIAN

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass.

(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.

Anthem (11:00)

I'm Gonna Sing
Junior Choir

arr. Aubrey Snyder

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 10:25-37

New Testament, page 71

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

Sermon

Stranger & Neighbor

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

The Prayer of Saint Francis

arr. René Clausen

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith.
Where there's despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light.
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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. 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

***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

Prelude in c minor

Felix Mendelssohn

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Richard Norris, III, Cherub, Junior, and Chancel Choirs, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Beth Ketterman, and Lana Kipp.

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A PC(USA) Congregation

March 9, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We offer our prayers for those with recent illnesses, surgeries, or hospitalizations: Dan Paul, Peg Kinsey.

The congregation extends condolences to Don Huffman on the death of his wife, Paula, on March 3.

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

TODAY & March 16 and 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

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' 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 at shubilla@westminster-church.org or by phone at 412-835-6630x205.



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. Together, we'll explore Jonah's unexpected journey, uncover what it means for our lives today, and learn practical tools for deeper Bible study. Bring your curiosity and an open mind! Bibles will be available. 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](https://www.westminster-church.org), or call Kathy Long at 412-835-6630.



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
Sue Davis
Dave Heilman
Tom Page

Mark Rhoa
Sarah Roode
Roberta Sarraf
Dee Waters

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

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

MAR 9-MAR 15

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

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
	Confirmation Class	Rm. 283
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 233
	Holy Dialogues: Lent	Rm. 231

MONDAY, MARCH 10

12:00	AA/enter door #20	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Troop 366 Adult Committee Meeting	FH Kitchen Area

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

9:00a	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
1:30	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
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
	Inquirers' Gathering	Rm. 283
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

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 14

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
9:00a	Priority2Work	Rm. 176
7:00	AA (enter door #14)	Rm. 107
	AI Anon (enter door #14)	Rm. 131

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

*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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