

May 11, 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

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name
Blessed Assurance

Robert Hebble

Welcome and Announcements

*Introit (11:00)

I Will Show You the Way
Cherub Choir

Toni Sullivan

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, to the One who meets our grief with grace,
who weeps with us and brings new life.

People: **We come to worship Christ, who sees, who heals, who restores.**

Leader: In the face of sorrow, love still rises.
In the shadow of death, hope breaks through.

People: **Let us worship the God of life, who makes all things new! Alleluia!**

*Opening Hymn No. 645

Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
You call us to follow the way of Christ, to walk as he walked, to serve as he served,
to notice the least and the lost. But we confess:
We are often narrowly focused on our own lives.
We turn away from suffering because it is easier not to see.
We silence the cries of others because they disturb our schedules,
our comfort, and our sense of security.
Forgive us, O God. Give us the grace to stop, to care, to act—
as Christ did, with tenderness and courage.

(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 - Hymn No. 240** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Anthem (11:00)

The Butterfly Song

Junior Choir

Brian M. Howard

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

Acts 9:36-43

New Testament, page 128

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

(Extra)ordinary Life

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem Great Things He Has Done (To God Be the Glory) arr. Mark Hayes

***Presentation and Blessing of Pocket Change Gifts**

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Every color, every race, all are covered by his grace.
Jesus loves the little children of the world

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn No. 14** For the Beauty of the Earth DIX
Verses 1,2,4, and 5

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** He Is Lord arr. D.M.

He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Postlude This Joyful Eastertide arr. Dale Wood

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to family and friends of Patricia Melton who died on April 28; to Judy McAdoo on the death of her husband, John McAdoo, on May 4; and to Karen Maley on the death of her son, Ernest Maley.

Westminster Seminars What Is the Christian Hope?

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



TODAY, May 18 and 25 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel



Let's Say *Thank You* to Richard Norris III

Richard Norris III will complete his seminary internship on Sunday, May 18. Let's send him off with our thanks and prayers as he continues in ministry. Please send your card/thanks to Anna Hiner's attention by May 15 to be included.

Westminster Music & Arts Presents Chatham Baroque

TODAY | 2:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Suggested donation: General \$25, Senior (65+) \$20, and Student (with valid ID) \$10

The Art of the Trio - Songs without words from the Italian Baroque. For more information and tickets, go to
<https://westminster-church.org/event/westminster-music-arts-presents-chatham-baroque/>.

Pocket Change Project

TODAY | All worship services

The Cherub Choir, along with Children's & Family Ministry, invites all children and families to join us this year in collecting pocket change to help sponsor school children in Haiti!

GIVE TODAY!

Or text WPCUSC POCKETCHANGE to 73256.



LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Spring Session

Thursdays, May 15-June 19 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

We'll explore how God speaks to us in preaching through community discussion and reflection in order to better understand and apply sermons to our faith and daily life. We will utilize the weekly sermons and other sermons of interest too. This spring session will be led by Faith Kemmler.

Nothing Sacred Concert Friday, May 16 | 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Nothing Sacred features the Bell, Chancel, and Junior Choirs and fun songs you won't hear in worship! You will hear some Broadway, swing numbers, and even some Taylor Swift! Come and bring your families. Freewill donations welcome!

Deacons' Blood Drive

Sunday, May 18 | 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

There will be snacks and goodies
available for all donors!

Please preregister for your appointment by using sponsor code **UG0010171**, to secure a time slot. Registration is easily done by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or online at www.vitalant.org.



Extended Communion Sunday, June 1 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Deacons will be taking communion to anyone unable to attend Sunday worship. If you would like to receive communion or know of anyone to add to the list, please email Laura Bentley at bentley@westminster-church.org or call the church office at 412-835-6630.



Barefoot School VBS Registration

June 16-20 | 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Registration for Barefoot School participants and volunteers is open! Cokesbury's Road Trip VBS invites children of all ages to discover God's presence everywhere they go! Questions: contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.

REGISTER TODAY!



WEEKLY CALENDAR MAY 11-17

SUNDAY, MAY 11

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
2:30	Westminster Music & Arts:	Sanctuary
	Chatham Baroque	

MONDAY, MAY 12

12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Troop 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 176

TUESDAY, MAY 13

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00a	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:15	Pastor Nominating Committee	Rm. 238
7:30	Boy Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

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
5:15	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (5yrs-1st Grade)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (2nd-3rd Grade)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (4th - 5th Grades)	N. Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268
7:30	Pastor Nominating Committee	Rm. 238

THURSDAY, MAY 15

10:00 a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Memorial Parlor
4:00	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
6:00	Girl Scout Troop 26635	Yahweh Café
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Memorial Parlor
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, MAY 16

7:00	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	AI Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131
7:30	Nothing Sacred Concert	Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MAY 17

*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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