

May 18, 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

Beach Spring      B. White/G. Matheny, arr. John Matheny  
Battle Hymn of the Republic      arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

### Welcome and Announcements

### Gratitude to Richard Norris III

### \*Share the Peace of Christ

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather here with joy and courage,  
to be strengthened by the stories of the faithful.  
People: God's story of love and faithfulness comes alive in each generation.  
All: As God's people, we are called to bring this story to the world,  
to tell and retell it by our words and our actions  
so that others may hear and join the story, too.

### \*Opening Hymn No. 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

### \*Prayer of Confession

Dear God, we too easily think we can contain your story.  
We think we know who fits in and what rules need to be followed.  
Then we begin to wonder if we are enough and shy away from being witnesses in our lives.  
Forgive us. Renew us.

*(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.  
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**Baptism and Rite of Confirmation (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**

The Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18  
*(selected verses)*

New Testament, page 130

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

**Sermon**

Storytellers

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

**Offertory Anthem**                      The Gift of Love                      arr. Hal Hopson

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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. 462 I Love to Tell the Story HANKEY

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## \*Benediction

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

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Richard Norris III, Harrison Burgess, Jerry Malarkey, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Jim Marshall, the Quartet, Chancel Choir, and Westminster Ringers.

**Welcome New Members** Today we welcome our newest confirmands to membership:

Adriana Daniele		Alexa Galbraith		Caroline Jones
Lilly Kushner		Ashlee Wagner		Nathaniel Zimmer
Lyla Doak		Riley Green		
Madeleine Thomas		Colby Zimmer		

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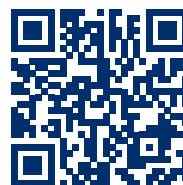
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

**Baptism:** We rejoice with Jennifer and Joshua Doak at the baptism of their daughter, Lyla Madeline.

## Westminster Seminars

### What Is the Christian Hope?

For more info and the Zoom link, go to  
[westminster-church.org/event/westminster-seminars/](https://westminster-church.org/event/westminster-seminars/).



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

## Pocket Change Project **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your generosity - over \$2,000 was collected this year! Your donations will enable us to provide school tuition for eight students, and their families will receive rice and beans. You can still give a donation by scanning the QR code.

**GIVE TODAY!**

Or text WPCUSC POCKETCHANGE to 73256.



## Deacons' Blood Drive

**TODAY | 8:00 a.m.-1:30 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](https://www.vitalant.org).



## Living Stones Sunday, May 25 | 3:00-6:30 p.m. | Offsite

**REGISTER TODAY!**

Join us in making a difference by assisting at a local neighborhood church in Overbrook. Transportation will be provided from the south parking lot of the church. Your support in feeding those in need will be greatly appreciated! For questions, contact Emily Shubilla at [shubilla@westminster-church.org](mailto:shubilla@westminster-church.org).



## Tuesday Reading Group

**Tuesday, May 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor**

We will discuss Andy Weir's *Project Hail Mary*, a story of redemption and sci-fi.

## Westminster Book Group Wednesday, May 28 | 12:00 p.m. | Church Library

Our book for May is *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck. Since we could not meet in April, we will also spend some time discussing *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. All are welcome!

## Cupcake Baking for Meals on Wheels

**Friday, May 30 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall kitchen**

In celebration of our new oven, we will be baking and decorating cupcakes to give to our friends at Meals on Wheels. Bring your whole family and have fun with us!

**REGISTER  
TODAY!**



## 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](mailto:bentley@westminster-church.org) or call the church office at 412-835-6630.

# Single Women's Group

Pirates vs. Marlins | Wednesday, June 11 | Meet Time 11:15 a.m. | Game Time 12:45 | PNC Park

Cost: \$40 - Transportation provided – Register by May 21 at [wroc.westminster-church.org](http://wroc.westminster-church.org).



## Barefoot School VBS Registration

June 16-20

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](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org).

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## Charlie - Youth Ministry Summer Week of Fun

August 4-7 | Various times | Transportation provided

Charlie (randomly named by the youth) is a few days of straight FUN! Each day looks a little different. You can come to one day or come to all - whatever works! This trip is available to kids who have completed sixth through 12th grade (graduated). For more info, go to <https://westminster-church.org/event/charlie-registration-youth-ministry-summer-week-of-fun/>.

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

MAY 18-24

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:00	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
8:30a	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45a	<b>Bridge Contemporary Worship</b>	<b>WROC/Livestream</b>
	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	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary/Livestream</b>
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 233
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
12:00	Confirmation Reception	Memorial Parlor

### MONDAY, MAY 19

12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Session Meeting	Galbreath Chapel

### TUESDAY, MAY 20

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 21

9:00a	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:45	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.

### THURSDAY, MAY 22

4:00	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Memorial Parlor
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

### FRIDAY, MAY 23

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 24

\*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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