

May 25, 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

Symphony #5, Adagio

C.M. Widor

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: There is a story to tell in this place.

People: **It is a story of hope, a story of wonder, a story of abundant life.**

Leader: It is a story of the people who came before us and passed along their faith.

People: **It is a story for those who come after us, to whom God promises a bright and hopeful future.**

Leader: This is our story of the living God and of God's love for the world.

*Opening Hymn No. 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

*Prayer of Confession

You gather us as a family of faith, O God, believing that together our work and witness is stronger than if we were on our own. Help us to look for the gifts in one another instead of looking at their flaws. Stretch our hearts to be genuine, generous, and gentle with one another in order that, together, we might bear your joy into this weary world.

(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. 469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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 16:9-15

New Testament, page 136

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

Sermon

The Acts of *(Insert your name)*

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Come, Follow Me

Joel Raney

Come, follow me, the Savior cries, gather to my side, leave the world behind.
Put your trust in God, and follow my footsteps.
I will shepherd you and be your guide.
Come follow me, come and follow me. Pick up your cross and follow where I lead.
I'll be your shepherd, you, my lamb.
My guiding light will shine like the day. I will never leave you lost and alone.
My peace will comfort you as you travel on, and my grace will abide and bring you home.

***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. 340**

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

***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

Toccata

C.M. Widor

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, Lorraine Milovac, the Quartet, and
Chancel Choir.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Eileen Slater on the death of her daughter, Sherwyn Repp, on May 10.

Westminster Seminars

What Is the Christian Hope?

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

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



Coming Up Next Month: Deadly Serious Fun: *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis

June 1, 8 (8:45 a.m.), and 15 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel | Dr. Suzanne Free

In C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce*, souls living in hell are offered a field trip to heaven – with the option of staying. Why do most choose not to? This book is deadly serious fun. Please join us!



One Service Sunday Sunday, June 8 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

Join us for an intergenerational worship service celebrating Pentecost. The service will blend both traditional and contemporary styles. After worship, join our church family for lunch in Fellowship Hall at 11:00. There will be no Sunday school. Westminster Seminars will be at 8:45 a.m.

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 | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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.

Conversation with 8:30 Worshipers

Sunday, June 1 | Immediately following 8:30 a.m. Service

Members of the Worship Commission will be available to have a conversation about possible changes to the worship schedule.

One Hit Wonders: Refugee Resettlement Team

Wednesday, June 4 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Members of the Refugee Resettlement Team will share the joy of welcoming families to their new lives in America.



WPC Christmas Ornament - Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Deadline to order: June 30 | \$35 each

Support the youth in their last mission trip fundraiser of the year and display a piece of Westminster in your home during the Christmas season. Ornaments are able to be ordered and paid for online. To order and view a photo of the ornament, scan the QR code.

ORDER ONLINE TODAY!



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.

REGISTER TODAY!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

MAY 25-31

SUNDAY, MAY 25

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
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
3:00	Living Stones	Off Site

MONDAY, MAY 26

All Day Church Office/WECEP Closed - Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

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 29

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
10:30a	Prayer Team	Memorial Parlor
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 30

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
6:00	Cupcake Baking/Meals on Wheels	FH Kitchen
7:00	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Al Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

SATURDAY, MAY 31

*Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message. 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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