

May 4, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

WESTMINSTER  
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# THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

### Prelude

Prelude on *Rhosymedre*

R. Vaughan Williams

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Share the Peace of Christ

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: You break in on the road exactly in a way  
we don't believe and change everything.

People: **You break in on the road with a call,  
with an invitation, and with the truth.**

Leader: You break in with a clear message  
to reveal your purpose and guide our lives.

People: **God, break in again. Call us to be yours.  
Use us to build your realm and change our world once more.**

### \*Opening Hymn No. 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

### \*Prayer of Confession

God of new possibilities, you have a vision for our world  
that far exceeds our present realities.

Forgive us for the times we remain trapped in cynicism, apathy, or fear,  
and refuse to budge from a path that leads us away from you.

We pray for the courage to begin again,  
to open our hearts and lives to your spirit,  
and be surprised by 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 - 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.

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson** The Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20 (selected verses) New Testament, page 127

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

**Sermon** The Director of Your Life Jo Forrest

**WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE**

**Offertory Anthem** All Things New Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss. Strength after weakness, crown after cross.  
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears. Home after wandering, praise after tears.  
Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, He is making all things new.  
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. Sight after mystery, sun after rain.  
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain. Near after distant, gleam after gloom.  
Love after loneliness, life after tomb.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Hymnal (page 35)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Sending

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*Closing Hymn - Hymn No. 20      All Things Bright and Beautiful      ROYAL OAK

\*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      Postlude on *Bryn Calfaría*      R. Vaughan Williams

**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Richard Norris III, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Kathy Peelor on the death of her son-in-law, Raleigh Peters, on April 27.

## 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, May 11, 18, and 25 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel**

**Speaker: John Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**

This series will explore the distinctive Christian hope that God is at work to bring all things to good, even when we cannot see clearly how – whether because of personal crisis or social change.

## Listening Sessions with Members of PNC

**TODAY | Following each worship service**

**Childcare will be provided.**

The PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) wants to hear from you! Please join us after each worship service.

A Zoom link can be found on our website for the session that follows the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Read more about the transition or contact a member of the PNC here: <https://westminster-church.org/pastoral-transition/>



## 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.

## One Hit Wonders: Chapel Hour & Sermon Feedback

**Wednesday, May 7 | 6:15 p.m. | Galbreath Chapel**

Seminary Intern Richard Norris III is preparing a sermon for his preaching class, and he needs your help! Join him in the chapel as he delivers his final sermon at Westminster and listens for your feedback.

## Westminster Music & Arts Presents Chatham Baroque

**Sunday, May 11 | 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/>.

## 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](http://www.vitalant.org).



## NEW! Westminster Podcasts

In the **Bite Size Bible** podcast, friends from Westminster (and some special guests) join Rev. Laura Bentley for candid, unedited conversations to try to make sense of the Bible.

The **Westminster Presbyterian Church Pittsburgh Sermons** podcast allows you to listen to just the sermon audio in an easy to use format on your phone.

Find these on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, and more. Contact Laura Ecklin at [ecklin@westminster-church.org](mailto:ecklin@westminster-church.org) with any questions or help getting started.



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QR code to  
listen!



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

REGISTER  
TODAY!



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

MAY 4-10

### SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:30a	PNC Listening Session	Sanctuary
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
10:45a	PNC Listening Session	WROC
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 233
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
	Confirmation Class	Rm. 283
12:00	PNC Listening Session	Sanctuary

### MONDAY, MAY 5

12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 107
6:30	Stewardship Commission Meeting	Rm. 231

### TUESDAY, MAY 6

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00a	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:00	Community Engagement/ Outreach Commission Meeting	Rm. 231
7:15	Pastor Nominating Committee	Rm. 238
7:30	Boy Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

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	One Hit Wonders	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

### THURSDAY, MAY 8

4:00	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

### FRIDAY, MAY 9

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

\*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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