

Sunday, November 16, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



THE **JOY** OF
GIVING
STEWARDSHIP 2024

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Preludes on *Celtic Hymns*
Bryn Calfaria
Brother James' Air

Larry Shackley

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: We've known what it feels like to walk in darkness—
to feel lost and far from home.

People: **But God's light breaks through.**
The shadows don't last forever.

Leader: God does not forget us.
Even in the darkest places, God's promise still shines.

People: **We come for that light,**
to imagine our future with hope.

*Opening Hymn No. 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

*Prayer of Confession

God of life and light, we hear your call to accept people with love and to seek justice. Yet sometimes we reduce your call to small measures and retreat into the crowd so no one will notice. In our hiding, we carry the burden of dreams denied and grace withheld. We see your world crumble. Forgive us. Shine your light into our lives. Give us hope for the future. Inspire us to take up the work of your son for ourselves and future generations.

(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. 695**

Change My Heart, O God

Refrain:

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Verse:

You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
(Refrain)

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Sung Response - Hymn No. 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise - *verse 1*

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

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.

Congregational Response

THREEFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-7

Old Testament, page 638

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

Sermon

The Poetry in Us

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come

Joyce Eilers Bacak

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people.
But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

***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. 377**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

***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.

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Pat McClintock-Comeaux, Morgan Null, Chris Hestwood, Jim Burns, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We rejoice with Danielle Valicenti and Steven Leppo as they present Sloane Vinea (9:30); Laura and Mark Rhoa as they present Penelope Suzanne (11:00) for the Sacrament of Baptism.

We offer our prayers for those with recent illnesses, surgeries, or hospitalizations: Carol Galbreath.



THE **JOY OF GIVING**
STEWARDSHIP 2026

PLEDGE TODAY!



Thank you to those who submitted **136** pledges for **\$671,170** toward the 2026 operating budget. Next Sunday concludes our campaign with Commitment Sunday and a celebration. Please submit your pledge online, or through MyWPC, the QR code or a pledge card. Every gift, no matter the size, reflects the joy of being a part of this church.

THANK YOU! Thanks to you and our neighbors, the **Veritas Food Drive** collected **3,309 food items** and **\$5,793** for SHIM! The neighbors of the SHIM food pantry are doubling financial contributions until Thanksgiving, including ours. With that match, the financial contributions alone will feed 120 families for 6 months.

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

Living Against the Grain: Thinking Against the Grain presented by Stephen Crocco

Next Week at 8:45 a.m.: Conclusion of Living Against the Grain

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

Donuts with the Deacons TODAY following all worship services in the Welcome Center

Stop by for a donut and learn more about what the deacons do at Westminster!

WROC Talk: A Free Speaker Series

**John Moon – The Legacy of Freedom House Ambulance Service:
A Lesson in Resiliency, Perseverance and Determination**

Tuesday, November 18, 7:00–8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Registration appreciated:
wroc.westminster-church.org
or call Kathy Long at
412-835-6630.



John Moon will tell the extraordinary story of an unjustly forgotten group of Black men in Pittsburgh who became the first paramedics in America, saving lives and changing the course of emergency medicine around the world.

One Hit Wonders: One Story at a Time

Wednesday, November 19 | 6:15–7:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

What story will your life tell? Join Laura Bentley for an engaging conversation about crafting your own obituary—an exercise in reflection, gratitude, and storytelling. We'll explore how facing the topic of mortality can help us live with greater purpose and peace, and experience how the conversation can be approached with a sense of humor and hope.



One Service Sunday Potluck Sunday, November 23 | After worship | Fellowship Hall

Join us for a potluck meal after our One Service Sunday. Bring a side dish or dessert in a disposable container that serves 8-10 people. Drop it off in the kitchen before worship, and we will take care of the rest. Please let us know what you are bringing at shubilla@westminster-church.org or by scanning the QR code.



Volunteer Bake and Make Event

Wednesday, November 19 | 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Join us to make sandwiches and meals to benefit StreetMOMs. Scan the QR code to register.



Serving for Living Stones

Sunday, November 30 | 3:30-6:00 p.m. | Fairhaven United Methodist Church

Join us in making a difference by assisting at a local neighborhood church in Overbrook. We are looking for volunteers to help serve food at the buffet line. Transportation will be provided from the north parking lot of the church. Your support in feeding those in need will be greatly appreciated! Space is limited, please register here: <https://bit.ly/47QjIM6>, or scan the QR code.



Family Gingerbread House Night

Wednesday, December 3 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a casual evening as a family as you build a gingerbread house together. There will be no JAM or Kids' Connection this evening. RSVP not required, but greatly appreciated as it aids us in planning for a night of family fun! RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/wpcgingerbread25> or scan the QR code.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 16-22, 2025

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00	Nursery (Birth–Preschool)*	Rm. 222
8:30a	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:30a	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestream
	Bridge Sunday School (4yrs–1st Grade)**	Rm. 176
	Bridge Sunday School (2nd–4th Grade)**	Rm. 284
	Wiggle Room – The Bridge***	WROC Fitness
9:45a	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Sunday School (4yrs–4th Grade)**	Rm. 233
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00	Chancel Guild (Chrismon Workshop)	Rm. 238
12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00a	Men's Bible Study	Rm. 231
9:30a	Volunteer Bake and Make Event	FH Kitchen
12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
4:45	Little Ones and Loved Ones	Rm. 222 Nursery
	Cherub Choir	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir	Rm. 268
5:15	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (5yrs–2nd Grade)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (3rd–4th Grade)	Rm. 176

6:00	JAM - Youth Group (5th–6th Grades)	Rm. 257 JAM
	Veritas Youth Group (7th–12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
6:15	One Hit Wonder	Fellowship Hall
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Al Non (Door #14)	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Please see an usher if you need help finding the following:

*Nursery - Staffed care for infants through preschool.

**Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message; 11:00 a.m., report directly to Room 233.

***Wiggle Room - Available to families with children who would prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service.



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information