



THE **JOY OF
GIVING**
STEWARDSHIP 2026

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Mans' Desiring

J.S.Bach/arr. Myra Hess

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come—not as people adrift in silence,
but as hearts bound one to another.

People: **No life stands alone.
No soul sings only for itself.**

Leader: When the bell tolls, it does not toll for one—but for all.
It calls us to remember:
we are part of one body, of one hope, of one grace.

People: **In death and in life, in joy and in sorrow,
we belong to God—and to each other.**

*Opening Hymn No. 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God,
You are not found in the noise of power or pride,
but in the stillness—
a whisper after the storm,
a quiet voice that calls us home.
We confess:
we have closed our hearts to the suffering of others.
We have lived as though others' losses were not our own.
We have ignored your call to compassion, to community, to care.
Forgive us.
Draw us out of isolation, into grace, into communion, into peace.

(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.**

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*)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 19:3-4, 9-15a

Old Testament, page 326

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

For Whom the Bell Tolls

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

There Is a Higher Throne

arr. Lloyd Larson

There is a higher throne than all this world has known, where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come. Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb. Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes. Hear heaven's voices sing! Their thundrous anthem rings through emerald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks and honor be to God, our King, who reigns on high forevermore. And there we'll find our home; our life before the throne. We'll honor him in perfect song, where we belong. He'll wipe each tearstained eye as thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him.

***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

Great 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

Communion Anthem

*Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:
Cum Sanctis tuis in aeternum: quia pius es.*

*Requiem aeternam dona eis,
Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Cum Sanctis tuis in aeternum: quia pius es.*

Lux Aeterna

May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord,
with Thy Saints for evermore: for Thou art gracious.

Eternal rest give to them,
O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.
With Thy Saints for evermore; for Thou art gracious.

Michael John Trotta

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

*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, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, and Chancel Choir.

Vivaldi Gloria Sunday, November 9 | 11:00 a.m. service | Sanctuary

Join us next week for 11:00 worship when the sermon will be delivered in song! Our Chancel Choir and the Academy Chamber Orchestra, and Jim Burns, harpsicord, will present Vivaldi's Gloria.

11:00 a.m. Ushers Needed

We are in need of ushers at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Ushers are the welcoming face to our church and help people find programs/ rooms in the building, seat people if needed, and collect the offering. Please contact Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org.

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All Saints' Sunday, November 2, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Memoriam Today, in observance of All Saints' Sunday, we honor the memory of Westminster's members who have died over the past year. We remember God's faithful people through the ages in the unity of believers past and present. During worship, each name will be read, followed by a bell toll.

Art Ellis
Richard Cummins
Jim Douglass
Bill Thomas
Joe Thoresen
Kay Fazio

Josh Willy
Bob Smith
Paula Huffman
Bob Hossli
Pat Melton
John McAdoo

Jeff Carper
Marjorie Bjerklie
Chuck Buterbaugh
Phil Bollman
Judy Over
John Null

Janis Davis
Nancy Speer
Tish Goodman
John Shortridge
Jean Scott



THE **JOY OF GIVING**

STEWARDSHIP 2026

At Westminster there is Joy in Giving! Our giving reflects gratitude to God for the blessings of the past, faith in the present, and hope for the future. Our 2026 revenue goal of \$2,300,000 will fund ministry and operations. Your pledge will enable us to set a budget for 2026 with confidence; our goal is to have 100% participation - no gift is too large or too small! Together, we can maintain current offerings and grow so that we can continue to further God's plans and spread the gospel. Please plan on submitting your pledge, either online or via your Pledge Card, by November 23.

You may also submit your pledge online at www.westminster-church.org/give.

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

Living Against the Grain: Exposing the Half Truths presented by Stephen Crocco

Next Week's NEW Topic: The Story of Our Lives presented by Stephen Crocco

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

Veritas Thanksgiving Food Drive

Drop off donations before November 12 | Church Office

Veritas is going out into the community to collect food donations for SHIM's food pantry. If you would like to support SHIM, please drop off donations to the church office before November 12 or donate using the QR code.



Register Now for WROC Cardio Drumming

Fridays, November 7-December 19 | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Most fun workout you'll ever do! Can be done sitting or standing. For a complete list of WROC fitness classes, visit wroc.westminster-church.org.



Volunteer Training: Emergency Response

Saturday, November 8 | 9:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Yahweh Café

Safety and security are of the utmost importance at Westminster and to help prepare us for a variety of situations, we will be hosting a volunteer training. **Please RSVP via the QR code to the right or to Emily Shubilla by Wednesday, November 5.**



Worship Service in the Style of Taizé

Wednesday, November 12,
6:30-7:00 p.m. in Galbreath Chapel

Join us for a time of contemplative worship featuring candlelight, singing, scripture, prayers, and silent meditation for personal reflection.

Veritas - Granny Bingo Friday, November 14 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Grab your best granny outfit and head down to the hall at your local church to play bingo with your friends! Pizza will be served and prizes will be won. Please register online so we can do accurate pizza math by November 10.



SAVE the DATE: WROC Talk Speaker Series

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

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



Communion Servers Needed First Sunday of every month, all worship services

Attention all ordained elders and deacons: We are in need of communion servers for the first Sunday of each month. Sharing the bread and cup is a joyful way to participate in Christ's welcome and grace. And if you're new, we'll show you how! Contact Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org.

Veritas Winter Retreat Friday, December 5-Sunday, December 7 | Crestfield Camp & CC

Veritas will join other youth groups from the Pittsburgh area at Crestfield Camp & Conference Center for a weekend retreat. This retreat is open to students in 7th-12th grade. Registration closes on Monday, November 10th. Contact Harrison Burgess with questions. Registration on the website.

WEEKLY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2-7, 2025

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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
3:00	Volunteer Bake & Make Event	FH Kitchen

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00a	Men's Bible Study	Rm. 231
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
	JAM - Youth Group (5th-6th Grades)	Rm. 257 JAM
	Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
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, NOVEMBER 7

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00a	Volunteer Training - Emergency Response	Sanctuary
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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



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs