

Sunday, November 9, 2025 | 8:30 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Preludes on American Folk Hymns

George Shearing

Consolation
I Love Thee
Happy Land

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Each day we must choose:

People: **to intentionally seek the good or just go along the way things are.**

Leader: Each day we have opportunities:

People: **to do justice and to build on love.**

Leader: Each day we can live the truth:

People: **our gracious God is with us.**

*Opening Hymn No. 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
we come to glorify you in our worship and praise,
and you call us to glorify you with our everyday lives.
We confess that we don't know where to begin.
We may not break the big commandments,
but we do not know how to remove ourselves
from unjust systems that benefit us.
Forgive us for choosing what is easy over what is right.
Forgive us for worshipping you with our words but not our actions.
Set us free to follow you more faithfully,
and guide us in building lives that honor you, every hour of every day.

(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*)

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

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24

Old Testament, page 853

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

Sermon

Seek Good

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Glory to God in the highest.

Antonio Vivaldi

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDDTH

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. 641**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified
verses 1 and 5

ENGELBERG

***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: Laura Bentley, Jo Forrest, Jim Burns, and the Quartet.

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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THE **JOY** OF
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Prelude

Sonata in G Minor
Renate Sakins, oboe

Georg Phillip Telemann

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Introit

I Give Thanks
Cherub Choir

Toni Sullivan

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to tell of God's goodness, to speak of wonders without end.

People: **God's love is steadfast and sure, from generation to generation.**

Leader: God lifts those who fall and raises those who are bowed down.

People: **We are God's people, our lives a song of God's justice and grace.**

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Anthem

Sing a Song of Thanksgiving
Junior Choir

Mark Hayes

Prayers of the People

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Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
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And lead us not into temptation,
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and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD & WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Gloria

Antonio Vivaldi

Chancel Choir and the Academy Chamber Orchestra

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| I. Gloria in excelsis Deo. | <i>Glory to God in the highest.</i> |
| II. Et in terra pax hominibus. | <i>And on earth peace to men.</i> |
| III. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. | <i>We praise you. We bless you.</i> |
| Glorificamus te. Adoramus te. | <i>We glorify you. We adore you.</i> |

Megan Jones-Gatta and Katy Williams, sopranos

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| IV. Gratias agimus tibi | <i>We thank you</i> |
| V. Propter magnam gloriam tuam. | <i>for your great glory.</i> |
| VI. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens. | <i>Lord God, King of heaven,
 God the Father almighty.</i> |

Katy Williams, soprano

VII. Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe. *God, the only begotten son, Jesus Christ.*

The ushers will receive the offering.

VIII. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, *Lord God, Lamb of God,*
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata *Son of the Father, you who take away the sins of the*
mundi, miserere nobis. *world, have mercy on us.*

Thespina Christulides, mezzo-soprano

IX. Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe, *You who take away the sins of the world,*
deprecationem nostram. *have mercy on us.*

X. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, *You who sit on the right hand of the Father,*
miserere nobis. *have mercy on us.*

Thespina Christulides, mezzo-soprano

XI. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. *For you alone are holy.*
Tu solus Dominus. *You alone are Lord.*
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe. *You alone are most high, Jesus Christ.*

XII. Cum Sancto Spiritu, *With the Holy Spirit,*
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. *In the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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Academy Chamber Orchestra: Warren Davidson, concertmaster; Violin: Leah Givelber, Andrew Giordano, Sarah Gudbaur, Ashley Freeburn, Aaron Blackham; Viola: David Sinclair; Cello: Paige Riggs; Bass: J. Tracy Mortimore; Oboe: Renate Sakins; Trumpet: David Anderson; Harpsicord: Jim Burns.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the marriage of Britney Merola and Jared Massack on October 25, 2025.

We offer our prayers for those with recent illnesses, surgeries, or hospitalizations: Judy McAdoo.



THE JOY OF GIVING

STEWARDSHIP 2026

PLEDGE TODAY!



The JOY of GIVING stewardship campaign has received 92 pledges totaling \$429,584.

Thank you to those who have submitted their pledge or set up a recurring gift through MyWPC or ACH. And special thanks to those who have pledged for the first time!

Read more or submit your pledge online at westminster-church.org/stewardship-pledge-form/.

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

Living Against the Grain: *The Story of Our Lives* presented by Stephen Crocco

Next Week's NEW Topic: Thinking Against the Grain 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.



Donuts with the Deacons TODAY, and November 16 following all worship services

Stop by for a donut and learn more about what the deacons do at Westminster! Deacons will be available in the Welcome Center after every worship time to share about what it means to be a deacon and the various ministries of our deacons.

Vivaldi Gloria TODAY | 11:00 a.m. service | Sanctuary

The Westminster Chancel Choir and soloists, directed by Christine Hestwood, will present Vivaldi's Gloria in concert with the Academy Chamber Orchestra and Jim Burns, harpsichord.

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.

Westminster Walkabout "VOICES FOR CHANGE"

Thursday, November 13, 6:00 p.m. at the August Wilson African American Center

Please join us for a presentation of VOICES FOR CHANGE: a theatrical presentation of "Letters from Anne and Martin," featuring Anne Frank and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in their own words. Followed by panel discussion with the actors and community leaders. The tickets are free, but reservations are required by November 12. Please call Deborah Waller 412.760.7523 to reserve.

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 by November 10 so we can do accurate pizza math.



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

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.

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



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

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 10. Contact Harrison Burgess with questions. Register on the website.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 9-15, 2025

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

6:00	Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
	Thanksgiving Food Drive	
6:30	Taizé Worship Service	Galbreath Chapel
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:00	Westminster Walkabout - "Voices for Change" Off Site	
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 14

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
6:00	Veritas - Granny Bingo	Fellowship Hall
7:00	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Al Non (Door #14)	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00	Chancel Guild (Chrismon Workshop)	Rm. 238
12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Mission & Fellowship Commission	Rm. 231

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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, NOVEMBER 12

9:00a	Men's Bible Study	Rm. 231
1:30	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
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



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