



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Two Preludes on *A Mighty Fortress*

Nicolas Hanff
Johann Gottfried Walther

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: A word of encouragement came from Jeremiah:

People: **Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply—**

Leader: Pray for your communities.

People: **Keep God in the center of all that is.**

Leader: We enter worship today with joy in our hearts,

People: **for we worship God who
promises faithfulness to us.**

*Opening Hymn No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*Prayer of Confession

God of life and light,
you call us to live as light in the darkness,
born from the love of your own heart.
Yet we sometimes reduce your call to small measures,
comforting ourselves through lowered expectations.
But then we are burdened by the weight of dreams denied,
grace withheld, and lives withered by fear.
We ask your forgiveness.
Turn us to live with joy and gratitude.

(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)

Welcome New Members (8:30)

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

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-11

Old Testament, page 731

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Kingdom Building

(8:30) Dave Heilman
(11:00) Christine Waller

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Cry Out, Zion

Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

Today's anthem text is a paraphrase of Isaiah 40:9, which is printed above.

*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. 848

Trust in God

SONG 13

*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

Postlude on *Kommst du nun, Jesus, vom Himmel herunter*

J.S. Bach

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Dave Heilman, Kristy Berrott, Christine Waller, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

Preacher Bios

Kristy Berrott



Kristy and her husband, Ray, became members in 2016 and have become integral to the life of the church with their daughter Kayla. She is a 4th grade teacher at Baker Elementary School. She is the current chair of the stewardship commission at Westminster. Additionally, she volunteers with JAM (Jesus and Me), VBS, and facilitates LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together).

Dave Heilman



Dave grew up in Westminster, first joining in the sixties. He has served on the board of WECEP, as an elder and currently serves as the Treasurer of the church. Dave finds joy in serving and in participating in local mission opportunities and wants to ensure that Westminster continues to be a large part of the faith community in the South Hills.

Christine Waller



Christine is a second-generation member of Westminster who grounds her life in faith, service, and family. Deeply rooted in her love for Pittsburgh, Christine serves on Duquesne Light Company's executive team, leading communications and corporate responsibility, and as vice chair of the board for the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh. Wife to Pedro Maiz and mother to Peter (6) and Louise (4), she finds joy in discovering God's image in those around her.

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A PC(USA) Congregation



Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 26, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting The meeting will be immediately following each of the three worship services,* when the Nominating Committee will present the nominations for Session, Board of Deacons, Nominating Committee, and Endowment and Special Gifts Committees. Nominations currently include:

Endowment Class of 2026

Randy Langlois

Endowment Class of 2029

Katie Chipps

David D. Davis

Nominating Committee 2026**At-large Members**

Jennifer Bollman

Katie Heitman

Marge McCabe

Amy Walker

Elders Class of 2028

Kristy Berrott

Colleen Eddy

Tom Page

Laura West

Deacons Class of 2028

Lisa Carper

Cara Daniele

Greg Krock

Sara Locke

Frank McCabe

Jodi Seftchick

Kerry Swaney

Eric Tallon

Mary Zora

Deacons Class of 2028 (Youth)

Will Chipps

Melice Rubino

Madeleine Thomas

*The congregational meeting will be convened at the end of each of the three worship services so that everyone can participate.

Welcome New Members Today we welcome the following new members:

Jeff Stambaugh

Allen Aben

Edwinge Aben

Shirley Aben

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

Biblical Responses to Current Questions: *The Bible and the Poor* Presented by Steven Tuell

Next Week's NEW Topic: Living Against the Grain: Exposing the Half Truths presented by Stephen Crocco

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

Tuesday Evening Book Group Tuesday, October 28 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

Please join the Tuesday Evening Book Group to discuss a wide range of genres in lively and candid discussion of *The End of the Alphabet* by C.S. Richardson. All are welcome. Questions may be directed to Tom Drake at tom.mdrake@yahoo.com.

Grief Care

Wednesdays, October 29-December 3 (no meeting on November 26) | 6:45–8:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

Grief Care is a faith-based grief support group, facilitated by caring members and Deacons of Westminster. Grief Care is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Open to members and non-members of Westminster. Call the church office to register at 412-835-6630.

WPC Book Group Wednesday, October 29 | 12:00 p.m. | Church Library

The next meeting we will be discussing *Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton. All are welcome. Questions or comments, contact Nana Wilson at callingnana@gmail.com.

Volunteer Bake and Make Event

Sunday, November 2 | 3:00-5:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall and Kitchen

Join us for an afternoon of baking and making cards and blessing bags for Meals on Wheels at the Crossroads and The Life Hub. All ages are welcome! Please RSVP at the QR code to the right or to Emily Shubilla at shubilla@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.



Vivaldi Gloria Sunday, November 9 | 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OCTOBER 26–NOVEMBER 1, 2025

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

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, OCTOBER 27

12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Deacons' Meeting	Memorial Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00a	Men's Bible Study	Rm. 231
11:00a	Westminster Walkabout:	Off site
	Pittsburgh Theological Seminary	
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.

6:30	Haiti Outreach Team	Rm. 238
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

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, OCTOBER 31

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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.



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Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs