

Sunday, September 21, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



# THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

### Prelude (8:30)

Be Thou with Me  
*Katy Williams, soprano*

J.S. Bach

### Prelude (11:00)

Christe eleison from Mass in B minor  
*Chris Thompson, mezzo-soprano, and Katy Williams, soprano*

J.S. Bach

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Share the Peace of Christ

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Pause here and pay attention: this is holy ground.

**People: How can we know if God is present here?**

Leader: Pause here and listen: God is giving a blessing.

**People: How can we know if the blessing is true?**

Leader: Pause here...let down your guard and open your heart.

**People: The God of all creation is here!**

### \*Opening Hymn No. 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

### \*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,  
You promised that through your people all the families of the earth would be blessed.  
Yet we confess we have not seen ourselves as bearers of that blessing.  
We love to receive your grace, and we like to decide who else deserves it.  
Too often we withhold more than we share,  
and our lives reflect values far from yours.  
Forgive us for trying to keep your love within our boundaries.  
Awaken us to the truth:  
You are pouring out blessing for the whole world,  
and choosing to do so through imperfect people like us.

*(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.**

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**\*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*)

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**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.

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**Congregational Response**

THREEFOLD AMEN

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

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**Scripture Lesson**

Genesis 28:10-17

Old Testament, page 25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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**Sermon**

Jacob's Dream

Laura Bentley

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**WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE**

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**Offertory Anthem**

Awake, My Soul

Elaine Hagenberg

Awake, my soul, awake! I will awaken the dawn!  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be over all the earth.  
For Thy steadfast mercy is great, Thy faithfulness reaches to the skies.

## 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.

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## \*Prayer of Dedication

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**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

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## \*Closing Hymn No. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

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## \*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.

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## Postlude

Postlude on a Theme by Orlando Gibbons

Christopher Tambling

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**Leading in worship:** Laura Bentley, Laura Ecklin, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

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A PC(USA) Congregation



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Ann O'Brien and her family on the death of her mother, Janis Davis, on September 13, 2025.

The congregation extends condolences to the family of Nancy Speer on her death on September 18, 2025.

## Westminster Seminars

**Living Faith: Everyday Ethics for Ordinary Christians**

*Agency & Agony at the Beginning & End of Life*

TODAY and September 28 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Next Week's Topic: *Common Grace & Common Cause in a Pluralistic Public*

For more info and the Zoom link, go to [westminster-church.org/event/westminster-seminars/](https://westminster-church.org/event/westminster-seminars/).

Presented by Derek Woodard-Lehman,  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.



## Organ Recital: Christopher Keenan

Recital celebrating the 10th anniversary of Westminster's beautiful Taylor and Boody organ. The program includes music of Bach, Vivaldi, Buxtehude, and Lübeck.

TODAY | 2:30 p.m.  
Galbreath Chapel

## Tuesday Evening Book Group Tuesday, September 23 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

The Tuesday Evening Book Group will review *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. Questions may be directed to Tom Drake at [tom.mdrake@yahoo.com](mailto:tom.mdrake@yahoo.com).

## Westminster Book Group Wednesday, September 24 | 12:00 p.m. | Church Library

The next meeting of the WPC Book Group will be on September 24 at noon in the church library. We will be discussing *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. All are welcome.

## Haiti Gathering Saturday, September 27 | 11:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

All are invited to the Haiti Gathering. Lunch at noon; freewill offering and program describing the schools and churches of La Croix, Haiti. RSVP to [conley1973@verizon.net](mailto:conley1973@verizon.net) so we know how much food to order.

## Inquirers' Gathering Wednesday, October 1 | 6:15 p.m. | Room 284

Come and hear about membership at Westminster at our Inquirers' Class. We will learn what it means to be a member and how to join. Please email Emily Shubilla at [shubilla@westminster-church.org](mailto:shubilla@westminster-church.org) with any questions and to RSVP by 9/24/25.



## Golf, Fun & Fellowship

Friday, October 3 | Tee times start at 3:00 p.m. | 1781 Golf Club, 681 Church Hill Road

Play a "fun nine" holes of golf followed by dinner ordered from the menu. All level of golfers welcome! You can choose who you play with or we will put you in a foursome. Golf \$35.00. Full Golf Members of 1781 only pay for dinner. **Deadline to register - Thursday, September 25.**

REGISTER!



## Extended Communion Sunday, October 5 | 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Deacons will be taking communion to anyone unable to attend Sunday worship. Contact Laura Bentley at [bentley@westminster-church.org](mailto:bentley@westminster-church.org) or call the church office if you would like to receive communion or if you are an ordained officer and would like to serve extended communion.

## Blessing of the Pets Sunday, October 5 | 2:00 p.m. | North Courtyard

All people-friendly pets and their owners are invited to a designated celebration that both acknowledges and pays tribute to the loyal animal companions that love us unconditionally. Join us as we give thanks for these special family members, and as they bless the people who love and care for them deeply.

Please be sure your pets are on non-retractable leashes or in carriers, and have proof of up-to-date vaccinations.

## 3rd Grade Bible Presentation Sunday, October 5 | Check website for details.

## Centering Prayer Book Group Monday, October 6 | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Zoom

We begin with a period of silent centering before discussing the book *Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times* by Gregory Boyle. All are welcome to join us. Contact Karen Rossi for zoom link: [karenrossi1540@gmail.com](mailto:karenrossi1540@gmail.com).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 21-27, 2025

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)*	Rm. 222
8:30a	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>North Courtyard</b>
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:30a	<b>Bridge Contemporary Worship</b>	<b>WROC/Livestream</b>
	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	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary/Livestream</b>
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)**	Rm. 233
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
2:30	Organ Recital: Christopher Keenan	Galbreath Chapel

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

12:00	AA/Door #20	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Deacons' Meeting	Memorial Parlor

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00a	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:00	Tuesday Book Group	Memorial Parlor
7:15	Pastor Nominating Committee	Rm. 238
7:30	Boy Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00	Men's Bible Study	Rm. 231
12:00	Bible Study with the Preacher	Zoom
	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.
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
4:00	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
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, SEPTEMBER 26

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

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

11:00a	Haiti Gathering	Fellowship Hall
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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.



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs