



# THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

### Prelude

Psalm Prelude

Craig Phillips

"I waited patiently upon the Lord; He stooped to me and heard my cry. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many shall see and put their trust in the Lord." -*Psalm 40:1-3*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: This place is holy ground  
where we sing songs of praise,  
and share stories of faith.

People: **God calls us here,  
in whispering winds and in burning flames,  
with a holy presence to free us from our burdens.**

Leader: God meets us in our vulnerability, our humanity.  
Let us worship the Lord.

#### \*Opening Hymn No. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

#### \*Prayer of Confession

God of our ancestors,  
God of creation,  
God who was and is and will be...  
out of the flames of your creation,  
your voice calls. Yet there are times  
when we choose to ignore your voice,  
and listen instead to our own needs and desires.  
Forgive us for those times;  
when we have ignored the needs of others;  
when we have failed to place our feet upon your path;  
when we allow the earthly voice to distract us from your call.

*(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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## Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

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### Sung Response (11:00)      Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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

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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

Exodus 3:1-15

Old Testament, page 50

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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## Sermon

Hello, my name is *I Am ...*

Jo Forrest

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**WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE**

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**Offertory Anthem**

Go Down, Moses

arr. Mark Hayes

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**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. 485**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

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**\*Benediction**

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**\*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**

At the Name of Jesus

arr. Robert Powell

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Jerry Malarkey, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

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Sunday, September 28, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. &amp; 11:00 a.m.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

**We rejoice** with Samantha and Arthur Goldberg as they present Chloe Lynn for the Sacrament of Baptism.

**We rejoice** with Barbara and Richard Allwes at the marriage of their son, Mark Allwes, to Erica Heide on September 6.

**We rejoice** with Knox and Lynn brown at the marriage of their daughter, Addie Brown, to Colton Curry on September 20.

**The congregation extends condolences** to wife Margo Shortridge and family on the death of John Shortridge on September 23. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

## Westminster Seminars

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

**Common Grace & Common Cause in a Pluralistic Public**

**TODAY | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel**

**Next Week's Topic: Biblical Responses to Current Questions: The Bible and Diversity**

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.



## 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.

## 3rd & 7th Grade Bible Presentation Sunday, October 5, during all 3 services.

Children and youth in 3rd and 7th grade will be presented with Bibles during worship. In addition, children in 3rd grade and 4th grade are invited to attend Kids' Connection to learn all about their new Bibles. If you wish for your child to receive a Bible, register online. Any questions, contact Faith Kemmler or Laura Ecklin.

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

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. Cherished stuffed animals and pictures of pets are also welcome. Join us as we give thanks for these special family members, who bless our lives. Please be sure your pets are on non-retractable leashes or in carriers, and have proof of up-to-date vaccinations.

## 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).

## SAVE the DATE: Worship Service in the Style of Taizé

**Wednesday, October 8, 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.

# Volunteer Training: Emergency Response

Saturday, October 11 | 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 on Realm or to Emily Shubilla by Wednesday, October 8. <https://bit.ly/4nCmSDU>



## Catacombs - Veritas Youth Friday, October 24 | 7:00 pm-Midnight | Youth Wing

Students in 7th-12th grade are invited to a giant game of hide and seek with a biblical twist.

There will be no late registrations accepted. Cost is \$5. Annual Veritas registration is required to attend.

Registration deadline is October 17. Contact Harrison Burgess at [burgess@westminster-church.org](mailto:burgess@westminster-church.org) with questions.

## Westminster Walkabout Tour of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Wednesday, October 29 | 11:00 a.m. | Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Please join us for a tour of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The seminary is hosting our group for lunch.

RSVP due by Monday, October 27, to Deborah Waller 412-760-7523.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 28–OCTOBER 4, 2025

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

6:15	Inquirers' Gathering	Rm. 284
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:30	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Memorial Parlor
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

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, SEPTEMBER 29

12:00	AA/Door #20	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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, OCTOBER 1

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.



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs