



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude (8:30)

Two Preludes on American Folk Hymns

Dale Wood

Resignation
Holy Manna

Prelude (11:00)

Rock of Ages
South Hills Brass

arr. Drew Fennell

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God spoke the cosmos into order, lighting the heavens.

People: **We belong under the sun, moon, and stars.**

Leader: God separated the waters from the lands,
populating both with tiniest caterpillars to leviathans.

People: **We belong within this vast creation.**

Leader: God created humankind in their own image,
breathing life into our flesh.

People: **We belong to God and to one another.**

***Opening Hymn No. 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy Source of Life,
You who knit us together with care and intention,
we come to you weary from stories that diminish and divide.
We have believed that we were not enough—
not holy enough, not good enough, not worthy enough to belong.
Forgive us for the times we trampled on creation
and broke the sacred bonds that tie us to you.
Teach us to remember that you made us for belonging.
Teach us to remember that you made us for life.

(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**

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*)

Congregational Response

THREEFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:1-31 (selected verses)

Old Testament, page 1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

You Belong

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

God Is Here!

The congregation is invited to join the Chancel Choir for verses 1 and 4:

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

***Affirmation of Faith** (excerpts *A Brief Statement of Faith* PC (USA))

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God ...

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

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

Prayer of Sending

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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| *Closing Hymn No. 611 | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | HYMN TO JOY |
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| *Benediction | | |
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| *Benediction Response | Go Ye Now in Peace | Joyce Eilers |
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| Postlude | Prelude in G Major | J.S. Bach |

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, the Quartet, Chancel Choir, and South Hills Brass.

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A PC(USA) Congregation



Celebration Sunday, September 7, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Stan Over and family on the death of his wife, Judy Over. We offer our prayers for Betsy Amick, daughter of Val and Matt Amick, for healing following surgery.

TIME CHANGE - The Bridge

Beginning today, The Bridge Contemporary worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

SAVE the DATE: Worship Service in the Style of Taizé

Wednesday, September 10, 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.

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Fall Session

Thursdays, September 11–November 13 | 7:00–8:30 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

LIFT is a place where we gather for fellowship first. We hope to grow, laugh, and get to know you better this fall at LIFT. We will discuss *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans. Questions, contact Kristy Berrott at kristy@berrott.com.

Westminster Seminars

Living Faith: Everyday Ethics for Ordinary Christians

Relationship & Requirement Before God & Neighbor

TODAY, September 14, 21, and 28 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Next Week's Topic: *Order, Justice, Peace in a World at War*

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

Presented by Derek Woodard-Lehman,
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.



WROC Talk: Free Speaker Series

Planting for Fall & Winter | Tuesday, September 9, 7:00–8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

presented by Bedner's Farm and Greenhouse



Bible Study with the Preacher

Wednesdays, September 10–November 19 | 12:00-1:00 p.m. | via ZOOM

Join the preacher on Wednesdays at noon this fall as we explore the stories of faith from the Old Testament. Drop in as you are able via zoom for this online discussion. The link is available on our website. Contact Jo Forrest for information.

Women 2 Women Study Group

Thursdays, beginning September 11 (every other Thursday) | 10:00 a.m. | Room 238

All women are invited to join us for fellowship and coffee, prayer, and study. There is always room at the table. Contact Sue Davis for more information at planetsue66@gmail.com.

Chancel Guild Get Together Saturday, September 13 | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Memorial Parlor

Wonder what the Chancel Guild does throughout the year? Come and see ... no commitment. Hope to see you there!

One Hit Wonders: One Story at a Time



Wednesdays, September 17 & October 22 | 6:15–7:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Stories abound about how our lives connect with people from the distant past, those around us today, and can help us shape a more fulfilling story for our own lives. No preparation or commitment required. Each speaker will lead a discussion and facilitate interaction with you. How does this story inspire you and your faith?

September 17: **Father Paul Abernathy**, Pastor of Saint Moses the Black Antiochian Orthodox Church and CEO of Neighborhood Resilience Project, will share how the stories of scripture have shaped his call to build up hope and resilience in people and communities impacted by trauma.

October 22: **Rabbi Aaron Meyers** of Temple Emanuel will lead us in an exploration of a lesser-known story from Judges 5 of Deborah and God's intervention.

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.

Sunday, September 21 | 2:30 p.m.
Galbreath Chapel

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!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 7–13, 2025

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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| 8:00 | Nursery (Birth-Preschool)* | Rm. 222 |
| 8:30a | Traditional Worship | North Courtyard |
| | Wiggle Room*** | Rm. 239 |
| 9:00a | Welcome Center | North Main Entry |
| 9:15a | Celebration Sunday | Fellowship Hall |
| 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 |

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| 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 | Worship Service in the Style of Taizé | Galbreath Chapel |
| 7:00 | Westminster Ringers | Rm. 268 |

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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| 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 |
| | Nominating Committee Meeting | Rm. 238 |
| 7:30 | NA (Door #14) | Rm. 107 |
| | Nar Anon (Door #14) | Rm. 131 |

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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| 6:30a | Fishers of Men | Rm. 231 |
| 9:00a | Priority2Work | Rm. 176 |
| 7:00 | AA (Door #14) | Rm. 107 |
| | Al Anon (Door #14) | Rm. 131 |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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| 9:30 | Chancel Guild Get Together | Memorial Parlor |
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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.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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| 12:00 | AA/Door #20 | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:30 | Scout Pack 366 Meeting | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 | Children's & Family Ministry | ZOOM |
| | Commission Meeting | |

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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| 7:00a | Tuesday Morning Men's Group | Rm. 238 |
| 10:00 | Staff Meeting | Rm. 238 |
| 7:00 | WROC Talk: Planting for Fall & Winter | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:15 | Pastor Nominating Committee | Rm. 238 |
| 7:30 | Boy Scout Troop 366 | Rm. 107 |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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| 9:00 | Men's Bible Study | Rm. 231 |
| 1:00 | Movers and Shakers | Fellowship Hall |
| 4:45 | Little Ones and Loved Ones | Rm. 222 Nursery |
| | Cherub Choir | Rm. 176 |
| | Junior Choir | Rm. 268 |