



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Willing to Wait
Holly Jones, soloist

Patty and Henderson

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.
People: **We who are many are called to worship God, the three in one.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn No. 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

*Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity, and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(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. 468

Lord, Be Glorified

1. In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

3. In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

4. In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayers of the People 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.

Congregational Response

THREEFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20

New Testament, page 18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What Do You Say

Rev. Jason Freyer

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Teach Me, Lord

Loonis McGlohon

Holly Jones and Betsy Klasnick, soloists

*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

*Closing Hymn No. 264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

*Benediction

*Postlude

Built on a Rock

arr. Gilbert Martin

Leading in worship: Jason Freyer, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, Holly Jones, and Betsy Klasnick



Wednesdays beginning August 26
Everyone is invited!

From children's choirs to Children's & Family Ministry programs, Food & Fellowship, Veritas youth group, adult discussion groups, and more, there is something for everyone! All ages and stages of faith formation are invited to attend these wonderful evenings of connection and fun.



4:00-5:15 p.m. – Bible Study with Pastor J – Room 231

4:45-5:30 p.m. – Junior Choir – Choir Room; Cherub Choir – Room 176

5:15-6:15 p.m. – Food & Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Kids' Connection (5yrs-2nd) - Room 233

Kids' Connection (3rd & 4th) - Room 176

Jesus and Me (5th & 6th) – JAM Room (257)

Veritas (7th-12th) - Youth Wing

Wired Word – 9/2, 10/7 & 11/18 in Memorial Parlor

Taizé – 9/9, 10/14 & 11/11 @ 6:30 in Galbreath Chapel

One Hit Wonders – 9/23, 10/21 & 11/4 (Consult the website for topics)

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Standard text messaging rates may apply.



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Sunday, August 23, 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday Evening Book Group Tuesday, August 25 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

We will be discussing *The Wager* by David Gann. New attendees are welcome. Any questions, contact Tom Drake at tom.mdrake@yahoo.com.

Wednesday @ Westminster Resumes August 26 | 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation Fall 2026 Sundays, September 20-October 11 | 7:00-8:00 p.m. | Rm. 284

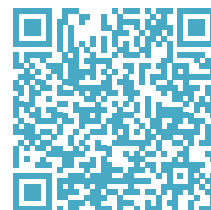
Students in 10th-12th grade are invited to explore their own individual faith and consider what it means to be a member of Westminster. In our new format, each session is 4 weeks long and will be offered in the fall and spring. Read more & register on the website: <https://westminster-church.org/youth-ministry/>

Choirs Return for Fall - Music Schedule for 2026-2027

Wednesdays, beginning August 26, Rooms 176 and 268 (Cherub and Junior Choirs)

Thursdays, beginning August 27, Room 268 (Chancel Choir)

Come sing with us at Westminster! Scripture shows that singing to God is both ordained and encouraged — from the Psalms to the New Testament, it is presented as a commanded and vital part of worship. Whether in personal devotion or corporate praise, singing is a biblical mandate for God's people. And, it's fun!



Recommendations for Church Leadership

Exciting things are happening every day in the life of the church, and new leaders are needed to help continue this good work. The Nominating Committee will meet soon to begin recommending candidates for Elder, Deacon, and the Endowment Committee. Our congregation is blessed with many potential leaders. Please keep your suggestions confidential so the committee can do its work with care and compassion.

To suggest yourself or another member, please email Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org by Monday, September 1.

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Fall Session: Bite Size Bible

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., August 27 through October 29 | Memorial Parlor

L.I.F.T. is a "come-as-you-are" gathering of caring, engaging and fun women who share their thoughts, questions, experiences, and perspectives on topics that help us to grow in our faith and fellowship. We will open our Fall season in that same spirit. Just plan to come-as-you-are and sit and chat for a while as we listen to and discuss select Bite Size Bible podcasts and discern how that podcast is speaking to and challenging us, our church or even our world!

PLUS ONE: Growing Together One by One

What will your Plus One be – there are many options!

Bible study ... outreach/volunteering ... book clubs ... Wired Word ... LIFT ... choirs ... seminars ... One Hit Wonders ... Taizé ... Wednesdays@Westminster ... dinner ... Celebration Sunday Church Picnic—the opportunities are endless. *Be intentional about your Plus One!*

GROWING TOGETHER ONE BY ONE

PLUS ONE

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SAVE the DATE: Celebration Sunday

Sunday, September 13 | Worship in the morning at 8:30/9:30/11:00 a.m.

Join us for a time of worship in the morning and come back at 4:30 p.m. for a time of fellowship with dinner, music, and games! **Bring a friend!**

We will have a special food drive for Meals on Wheels @ The Crossroads' blizzard bags.

We are collecting soup, peanut butter or cheese crackers, pudding cups, fruit snacks or raisins, hot cocoa or tea bags, and fruit cups. Donations can be brought to the church before or to the event.

CELEBRATION
SUNDAY

A Celebration of Faith
and Fellowship

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RECREATION &
OUTREACH CENTER

Register Now for WROC Fall Fitness Programs! Class Spotlight: Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays, September 9 – October 28 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | \$64

Class begins with gentle floor-based movements, transitions to standing, and concludes with relaxation and stretching on the floor. Prayer and scripture will be incorporated to help build and support the spirit, mind and body. Chairs are available for additional support.

Details & Registration, go to wroc.westminster-church.org or call Kathy Long at 412-835-6630x200.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

AUGUST 23-29, 2026

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00a	Nursery (Birth–Preschool)*	Rm. 222
8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:30	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestream
	Bridge Sunday School (PreK-K)**	Rm. 233
	(1st–2nd Grade)**	Rm. 235
	(3rd–4th Grade)**	Rm. 284
	Wiggle Room – The Bridge***	WROC Fitness
	Lemonade on the Lawn	Breezeway North
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
	Sunday School (4yrs–4th Grade)**	Rm. 233

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

12:00p	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

4:00p	Bible Study with Pastor J	Rm. 231
4:45	Cherub Choir (K-2nd Grade)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (3rd-6th Grade)	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 Grade)	Rm. 237
	Veritas Youth Group (7th–12th Grade)	Youth Dept.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

4:00p	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Memorial Parlor
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar-Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Please see an usher if you need help finding the following:

*Nursery – Staffed care for infants through preschool.

**Sunday School – 9:30 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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