



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Preludes on African American Spirituals

Balm in Gilead

Steal Away

Robert Hebble

Gilbert Martin

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come with your skepticism, come with your awe,

People: **for the God who broods over the silence of all time
meets us in this place.**

Leader: Come with your energy, come with your fatigues,

People: **for the God who breathed life into the dust
meets us in this place.**

Leader: Come with your sadness, come with your joy,

People: **for the God who dared to become human
meets us in this place.**

*Opening Hymn No. 373

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

*Prayer of Confession

God of life and breath, we confess that we have often imagined salvation as something private, something that leaves the world unchanged.

Forgive us, God. Stretch our vision.

Help us long not only for personal peace,
but for a world where justice and mercy meet,
and where no one is left to carry life alone.

Teach us to recognize heaven not as a distant realm,
but as a pattern of love for us to practice.

(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.**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

The Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12

New Testament, page 4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

To Be Blessed

Jeff Tindall

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus

Michael John Trotta

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal (page 35)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Great 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

***Closing Hymn No. 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

***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 *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*

Dale Wood

Leading in worship: Jeff Tindall, Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Katy Jopperi-Davis, Dave Davis, Jim Burns, Chris Hestwood, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir

Sermon Series: What are we here for?

This series begins with that simple question. Guided by Paul's letters to early Christian communities, who were figuring it out in real time, we'll explore what it means to follow Christ, personally and as a community. This is an invitation to reflect on our place in God's work, and to remember who we are when we gather in Christ's name.

Today's Anthem

There are many arrangements of the Ave Verum Corpus text. Ave Verum Corpus reflects on Christ's sacrificial love shown on the cross. While originally associated with medieval Eucharistic devotion, its focus on Jesus' suffering, death, and saving grace speaks meaningfully to all Christians. As we come to the Lord's Table, the music invites us into quiet gratitude for the One who gave his life for the world and who meets us spiritually in Communion through the Holy Spirit.

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Sunday, February 1, 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Fred and Nancy Schneider, and Betsy Krausa on the death of their son and her brother, Rick Norton.

We offer our prayers for Brandon Sinclair, who is recovering from surgery.



Guest Preacher: Jeff Tindall

Rev. Jeff Tindall grew up in Pleasant Hills and discovered his call to ministry while a longtime member of Southminster Presbyterian Church. A former attorney, he earned his M.Div. from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2007 and has served congregations in Carnegie and Bethel Park, retiring in 2025 from John McMillan Presbyterian Church. Jeff lives in Mt. Lebanon with his wife, Karen, and has two grown children, Aaron, and Juliana.

Westminster Seminars February 1 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

FEBRUARY SERIES: Pittsburgh Railroad Strike of 1877 and the Role of Churches presented by Elaine Frantz, Professor of History, Kent State University. For more info and the Zoom link, go to westminster-church.org/event/westminster-seminars/.

Next Week's Topic: 1877: America Retreats from the Promises of Reconstruction.



Forks and Fellowship

Forks and Fellowship is an opportunity for 8 to 10 people to share fellowship and community through a meal or activity. See the website for more details, and contact Meghan Widmar (meghanwidmar@gmail.com) or Marge McCabe (miconroy41@gmail.com) with questions.

Deadline to register is February 1.



RESCHEDULED

Sunday, February 15 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

① ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

The service will blend both traditional/contemporary styles with our annual Congregational Meeting. It will also be livestreamed. Lunch will be served after worship in Fellowship Hall.

Blood Drive

Sunday, February 15 | 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Room 107

Westminster Deacons are hosting our first blood drive of the year. Please preregister for your appointment by using sponsor code UG0010171, to secure a time slot. Registration is easily done by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or online at <http://www.vitalant.org>.



February Is Hunger Action Month

Hunger Action Month is a time for us to come together and financially support the various hunger programs at Westminster. Our fundraiser, **Together We Feed: \$15K for 15 Programs to Fight Hunger**, will help programs like Food 2 Go, StreetMOMs, and more.



Rise Against Hunger Saturday, February 28 | 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. | WROC



Join us for a 90-minute session on the assembly line for one morning to package over 25,000 meals. Register here: <https://westminster-church.org/event/hunger-action-month-rise-against-hunger/> or by scanning the QR code.

Veritas Summer Mission Trip

Sunday, July 12-Friday, July 17 | Charlotte, North Carolina

Veritas will be heading to Charlotte, NC, to partner with CROSS Missions for a week of service and learning. This trip is open to students in 7th-12th grade. Cost is \$200. Flexible payment options are available. Contact Harrison Burgess at burgess@westminster-church.org with questions. **Registration closes Friday, February 6.**



WPC Book Group Meeting

RESCHEDULED: Wednesday, February 25 | Noon-1:15 p.m. | Church Library

We will discuss two books: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah, and *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki. All are welcome! Any questions can be directed to Nana Wilson at callingnana@gmail.com.

The Civil Rights Movement and Social Justice

RESCHEDULED: Wednesday, February 25 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

It's easy to look back on slavery, Jim Crow, and the Civil Rights Movement as a part of our country's past, but the effects of those eras still impact communities and people of color today. Hear from Faith Kemmler's recent experiences on a Civil Rights Travel Seminar about why telling these stories matters and how we can continue to be agents of justice and change today.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1-7, 2026

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge***	WROC Fitness
9:45a	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Sunday School (4yrs-1st Grade)**	Rm. 233
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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, FEBRUARY 4

9:00a	Men's Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:45	Little Ones and Loved Ones	Rm. 222
	Cherub Choir	Nursery
	Junior Choir	Rm. 176
		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. 257
	Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	JAM
	Mission & Fellowship Commission (Mental Health)	Youth Dept. Rm. 238
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:30a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar-Anon (Doors #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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