



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Prelude on *Eventide*

C.H.H. Parry

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: People of God,
we long to love others as God loves us,
People: **but that work is easier said than done.**
We lose our way.
We become distracted.
We grow fearful.
Leader: Come, believe God's love for all people.

*Opening Hymn No. 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

*Prayer of Confession

God, we long to be people who love our neighbors
with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.
We long to love you. And, we admit, we have a long way to go.
Did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?
Did we risk letting you see us?
Did we allow compassion and courage to guide us?
Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear
get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.

(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. 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

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

Luke 7:36-50

New Testament, page 66

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Good News Is Great Love

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who chose to walk our human way and give yourself in love for us.
You who endured suffering and offered your life upon the cross
for the salvation of the world, from your wounded heart came mercy and grace for all.
Be with us now and be our hope and comfort at the hour of our passing.
O loving, O gentle, O Jesus, Son of Mary,
have mercy on us. Amen.

*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

Communion Anthem

When the Dove Enters In
Matthew Walley, baritone

Margaret Bonds

Prayer of Sending

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

*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 *Martyrs*

Harvey Grace

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Jan Baumann, Jim Burns, Chris Hestwood,
Matthew Walley, the Quartet, Chancel Choir.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The church congratulates parents Deanna and Dylan Watson and grandparents Diane and Michael Neiser on the birth of Anthony Michael on February 21.

We offer our prayers for Mary Winks, during hospitalization.

Westminster Seminars TODAY | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

MARCH SERIES: Becoming a Grounded Soul

presented by *Graham Standish, Samaritan Counseling, Guidance, Consulting* For more info and the Zoom link, go to westminster-church.org/event/westminster-seminars/.



Next Week's Topic (March 8): Spiritual Pilgrimage

presented by *Donna Giver-Johnston, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*

Family Worship & Sacrament Classes

Sunday, TODAY, 11:00 a.m. | Sunday, March 8, 11:45 a.m. | Yahweh Café

Worship and Sacrament classes are recommended for families with children and youth in 2nd through 12th grade. Together we will learn about why and how we worship and the two Presbyterian Sacraments: Baptism and Communion. For more info, go to: <https://westminster-church.org/event/family-worship-sacrament-classes/>.



Tai Chi Thursdays, March 5-April 30 | 10:15-11:15 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join Dr. David Clippenger for this ancient form of exercise that blends physical movement with deep breathing to boost energy and create well-being. New to Tai Chi? **Try your first class free!**

Visit our website at wroc.westminster-church.org for a list of all fitness classes or call Kathy Long at 412-835-6630x200.

The Pocket Change Project Now until April 12

The Pocket Change Project is back! Join the Cherubs during Lent and help them collect as much pocket change as possible to help support School Children in Haiti. Special collection will be Sunday, April 12, at all three services.

Tuesday Evening Book Group

Tuesday, March 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

The group will discuss *The Secret of Secrets* by Dan Brown. All are welcome.

Inquirers' Gathering

Wednesday, March 4 | 6:15-7:30 p.m. | Room 283

No reservations needed. All are welcome.

Questions, contact Emily Shubilla.

Learn more about becoming a member of Westminster at an informal gathering of sharing, teaching, and exploring what it means to be a follower of Christ in the Presbyterian tradition and here at Westminster.

Grief Care

Wednesdays, starting March 4 | 6:45-8:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

Grief Care is a faith-based grief support group, facilitated by caring members and Deacons of Westminster. Grief Care is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Through Grief Care, you will find help for navigating the emotions, experiences, and questions of grief; Scriptures and biblical support; and an opportunity for personal reflection by sharing experiences with others. Grief Care is open to both members and non-members of Westminster.

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

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

At this one service, we will welcome to our pulpit the Pastor Nominating Committee's candidate for our next Senior Pastor.

Following worship, we will convene the Congregational Meeting called by Session to receive the PNC's final report and the proposed terms of call for the candidate. Members present in the sanctuary will be invited to vote via paper ballot. The service and meeting will be livestreamed, but only those present will be eligible to vote. At the conclusion of the meeting, we will move to Fellowship Hall for a reception and celebration. There will be no Sunday school.

Realm App Help

Sunday, March 8 and 15 | Before and after each worship service | Welcome Center

Westminster has an app! Members of the Invitation Committee will be available to help.



Make a Meal Ministry

Every second Saturday of the month, starting March 14 | Westminster or home kitchen

We are partnering with Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church for a new meal ministry. Volunteers will make the main course of the meal and deliver it to Grace United to be packaged and sent out into the community. Please contact Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org with questions! Scan the QR to sign up!



Volunteering at the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank

Saturday, March 28 | 8:30 a.m. - noon | 1 N. Linden Ave., Duquesne, PA 151103

Westminster will be traveling to the Greater Pittsburgh food bank to serve in their market. We would love to have you as part of the group! Participants must be over 18 and registration is limited and required, so sign up by March 18.



Endowment Fund Applications Due March 31

To learn more about the Endowment & Special Gifts Fund, go to <https://westminster-church.org/endowment-special-gifts-fund/>. An application can be filled out by scanning the QR code to the right.



JAM Retreat

Friday-Saturday, April 10-11 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Crestfield Camp & Conference Center

5th & 6th graders are invited to join us for a fun-filled 24 hours at Crestfield that will include games, food, large group times, small group times, exploring, and even sleeping. We'll have a blast while connecting with God and each other. Participants will meet on Friday evening at Westminster and return Saturday evening. Cost is \$85 per student. Scan the QR to register.



Splash Lagoon - Veritas Youth

Friday, April 10 - Sunday, April 12 | Off Site-Splash Lagoon

Do you like Veritas and water slides? Come with us this spring for an opportunity to explore your faith while sitting in a lazy river! This retreat is for students in 7th-12th grade. Contact Laura Ecklin at ecklin@westminster-church.org with questions. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 1.



SUNDAY, March 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
	Family Worship & Sacrament Class	Yahweh Café
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239

MONDAY, March 2

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

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

WEDNESDAY, March 4

9:00a	Men's Bible Study	Rm. 231
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 Grade)	Rm. 257 JAM
	Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
6:15	Inquirers' Gathering	Rm. 283
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, March 5

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 283
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, March 6

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

SATURDAY, March 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

Easter Flowers

The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial or honoree contributions for Easter flowers. Use the form below and make your check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Mail your check and form to the church office or place it in the collection plate.

Contributions must be received no later than Sunday, March 22, so that your gift can be listed in the Easter bulletin. Please indicate if you plan to pick up your flower or whether you would like it delivered to a member in care. Flowers will be available on Easter Sunday, after the 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services, or Monday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

A suggested minimum donation of \$25 will cover the cost of the flowers. Additional donations beyond that will be used to support the work of the Chancel Guild throughout the year.

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

My name _____

In memory of In honor of

Name of memorial/honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

Please deliver the flower to a member in care.

I will pick up the flower.

Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, March 22.

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Giving to Westminster

ONLINE: <https://westminster-church.org/give>

TEXT-TO-GIVE: Text WPCUSC to 73256.

Standard text messaging rates may apply.



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<https://westminster-church.org/mywpc/>

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