



# THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude**

By Your Side

Tenth Avenue North

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

#### \*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 121)

Leader: We lift our eyes up, beyond the noise and rush of our days.

People: **Our strength comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: God does not grow tired, drift away, or fall asleep.

People: **The Holy One keeps watch over us, walking beside us in every season.**

Leader: In all our comings and goings, God is with us.

People: **Our hope is secure.**

#### \*Opening Hymn No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

#### \*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,  
you have given us so many reasons for hope,  
yet we confess that we do not always trust in what we cannot see.  
When life is uncertain, we cling to fear instead of faith.  
When challenges arise, we grow impatient and weary.  
When the path is difficult, we question whether goodness and love will prevail.  
Forgive us when we drift from your steady love.  
Forgive us when we turn inward instead of reaching toward you  
and toward one another.  
Form in us faith that is patient, love that is courageous,  
and hope that perseveres.

*(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.

## Children's Message

*Children from 4 years old through 1st grade are dismissed to Sunday School.*

## Sending Song - Hymn No. 748

Go with Us, Lord

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way, through this and every coming day,  
that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be a gift to you.

## 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 Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

New Testament, page 155

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Champions of Hope

PNC Candidate

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

### Offertory Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert M. Martin

### \*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

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*Closing Hymn No. 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Dale Wood

**Leading in worship:** Laura Bentley, PNC Candidate for Senior Pastor, Faith Kemmler, Lauren Moore, Harrison Burgess, Jim Burns, Chris Hestwood, and the Chancel Choir.

### PNC Senior Pastor Candidate

Out of respect for the Senior Pastor candidate and their current congregation, please refrain from sharing the candidate's name or posting on social media until Wednesday, March 18. While we appreciate your enthusiasm, please honor this need for confidentiality to allow for the candidate to gracefully share the news of this pending transition.



Join us this Lent and Easter as we explore the words of Jesus and stories from the Gospels.

**Sunday Worship** at 8:30/9:30/11:00 a.m.

**Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 29  
8:30/9:30/11:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 2  
7:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 5  
8:30/9:30/11:00 a.m.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Lynn Dempsey and family on the death of her mother, Shirley Cummings. We rejoice with Matt and Demi Copeland, and Bobbie Copeland, on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Blair Lynn Copeland.

## ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

TODAY | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

Today we 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. At the conclusion of the meeting, we will move to Fellowship Hall for a reception and celebration.

## Westminster Seminars March 22 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

MARCH SERIES: Spiritual Pilgrimage - Part 3

presented by Donna Giver-Johnston, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. For more info and the Zoom link, go to [westminster-church.org/event/westminster-seminars/](http://westminster-church.org/event/westminster-seminars/).



## 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.

## Realm App Help

TODAY | After the worship | Fellowship Hall

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



## Tuesday Evening Book Group

Tuesday, March 24 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

The group will discuss *will discuss Theo of Golden* by Allen Leve. All are welcome.

## One Hit Wonder: Behind the Scenes of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

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

Join us as PNC members share insights from their yearlong journey. Hear how they listened deeply to the congregation and shaped their search around what they heard. They will also offer some transition updates as we enter this new chapter together.



## Egg Dying and Pizza Party

Thursday, March 26 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Kitchen and Kitchen Serving Area

Please join us for a fun evening of pizza, fellowship, and egg decorating. All materials will be provided and eggs will be donated to Meals on Wheels @The Crossroads. Scan the QR to register:



## Register Now for Stronger Bones - Better Balance (55+ Friendly) Tuesdays, March 24-May 5, 10:10-11:10 a.m. for \$56

Build and maintain bone strength! Weight-bearing exercise and resistance training play a critical role in building and maintaining bone strength. This class is a gentle, fun, low impact, joint-friendly workout. Visit our website at [wroc.westminster-church.org](http://wroc.westminster-church.org) for a list of all fitness classes or call Kathy Long at 412-835-6630x200.

## Volunteering at the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank

Saturday, March 28 | 8:30 a.m. - noon | 1 N. Linden Ave., Duquesne, PA 15103

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.



## Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 29 | After all 3 services | North Courtyard (Memorial Parlor if inclement weather)

Children and families, join us Palm Sunday for an Easter Egg Hunt! Egg hunting fun will take place after each worship service in the courtyard (weather permitting). Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org).

## 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 | 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

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](mailto:ecklin@westminster-church.org) with questions. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 1.



## Missions and Me

Deadline to submit: April 14

The Mission and Fellowship Commission wants to hear about the missions and ministries that inspire you! If there is an organization that you love and are involved with, please consider partnering with us by filling out a mission partner form. For more details and assistance, please contact Emily Shubilla at [shubilla@westminster-church.org](mailto:shubilla@westminster-church.org).



## SUNDAY, March 15

8:45a	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
10:00a	<b>One Service Sunday</b>	<b>Sanctuary/Livestream</b>
	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	
	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)*	Rm. 222
	Sunday School (4yrs-1st Grade)**	Rm. 233
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
11:00a	<b>Reception/Celebration</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>

## MONDAY, March 16

12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Session Meeting	Rm. 231

## TUESDAY, March 17

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, March 18

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.
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

## THURSDAY, March 19

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 283
6:00	Girl Scout Troop 26635	Yahweh Café
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 20

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

## SATURDAY, March 21

10:00a	Girl Scout Cookie Sale	North Parking Lot
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Please see an usher if you need help finding the following:

\*Nursery - Staffed care for infants through preschool.

\*\*Sunday School - Dismissed from worship after the children's message. Pickup after worship in Room 233.

\*\*\*Wiggle Room - Available to families with children who would prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service.



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information



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.



## Westminster Staff Contact Information

We would love to hear from you. Give us a call, drop us an email, or stop by the church office.

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prayers, scripture, and more to like  
and share!



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