



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Prelude on a Hymn for Lent

Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: When wars rage,
our hearts ache and mercy seems out of reach.

People: **We gather to hear the good news that Jesus offers.**

Leader: We remember he led with non-violence,
he cared for the vulnerable.
He pours out God's love.

People: **Through him, good news invites us home.
We choose to believe.**

*Opening Hymn No. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
verses 1-4

ST. ANNE

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you invite us
deeper into faith,
deeper into relationship,
and deeper into community.
Forgive us for doubting your way,
and forgive us for doubting our worth.
Show us how to respond to you with confidence instead of hesitancy,
and joy instead of doubt.

(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.

Reception of New Members (11:00)

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

John 6:56-69 (selected verses)

New Testament, page 98

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Good News Brings Us Home

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

In the Name of the Lord
Holly Jones, soprano

arr. Mary McDonald

*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. 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*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

Postlude

Toccatina in C Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Emily Shubilla, Jim Burns, Chris Hestwood, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.



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

Welcome New Members Today we welcome the following new active members:

Makenzie Bourquin
Eric Danley

Ella May Given
Sarah Marlitt

Michael O'Leary
Bruce and Loree Sharp

Darlene Schmitt
Tom Smith

Westminster Seminars TODAY | 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/.



Next Week's Topic (March 29; April 12, 19, 26): Under Our Own Vine and Fig Tree: The AME Movement
presented by Richard Norris III, our 2024-25 seminary intern.

The Pocket Change Project Now until April 12

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 24 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

The group will discuss *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. 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:



Please deliver cookies for Jo's reception to the church kitchen before noon on Friday, March 27, or Saturday, March 28. Thanks for your help in making this a special day for Jo!

Easter Flower Orders

The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial or honoree contributions for Easter flowers. Use the form on the back of this sheet 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 TODAY**, so that your gift can be listed in the Easter bulletin.

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 for a list of all fitness classes or call Kathy Long at 412-835-6630x200.

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.

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 with questions. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 1.



Mission 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.



SUNDAY, March 22

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
	Bridge Sunday School (2nd-4th Grade)**	Rm. 284
	Wiggle Room***	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

MONDAY, March 23

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

TUESDAY, March 24

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 25

12:00	Westminster Book Group	Church Library
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	One Hit Wonder:	Fellowship Hall
	Behind the Scenes of the PNC	
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, March 26

5:30	Egg Dying & Pizza Party	FH Kitchen
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 27

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

SATURDAY, March 28

8:30a	Volunteering at the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank	Off Site
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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.



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Children's &
Family
Ministry



Food &
Fellowship
Menu



Music &
Choirs

Easter Flowers

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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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