



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Mache dich, mein Herze, rein
from *Saint Matthew Passion*
Matthew Walley, soloist

J.S. Bach

Make yourself pure, my heart.
Within me, he shall forever take his rest.
For I will bury Jesus within myself.
World, leave my heart, and let Jesus enter!

Introit (11:00)

God Shall Direct Thy Paths
Cherub Choir

Greg Gilpin

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: If you need good news,
settle into this space. We have good news to share.

People: **We find enough hope to go around.**

Leader: If you long to feel God's presence, this is God's house.

People: **God is here. Love is real. Life is abundant.**
We worship God with joy.

*Opening Hymn No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, with you the impossible is possible.

The hungry are fed.

The blind can see.

The hopeless find hope.

We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves nothing can be done.

We forget that you are always with us.

Forgive our small-minded ways.

Forgive us for doubting that change could come, and when we refuse to be a part of it.

(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.

Anthem (11:00)

Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice
Junior Choir with Ava Wynne, flute

Demo, Ridi, and Shelton

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

Mark 6:32-44

New Testament, page 41

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Good News Makes the Impossible Possible

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

***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. 187**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

***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**

Prelude in F Minor

J.S. Bach

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, Chris Hestwood, Matthew Walley, Katie Unger-Chipps, Rich Allwes, Lana Kipp, Beth Ketterman, Cherub, Junior, and Chancel Choirs.

About Today's Prelude

Bach's St. Matthew Passion tells the story of Christ's betrayal and crucifixion according to the Gospel of Matthew. The aria, *Mache dich, mein Herze, rein*, comes at the end of the work as Joseph of Arimathea prepares Christ's body for burial. The poetic text is not scriptural, but rather a reflection on the story, with a particular emphasis on Jesus inhabiting the human heart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Marta Winks on the death of her mother, Mary Winks.

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

MARCH SERIES: Spiritual Pilgrimage

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 15 - 8:45): Spiritual Pilgrimage

presented by Donna Giver-Johnston, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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

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

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.

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 Memorial 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!



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:



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.

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 | Off Site

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.



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OUTREACH CENTER

Register Now for Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays, March 18-May 6, 9:30-10:30 a.m. for \$64

Gentle and slow-moving yoga postures. Students can use a chair for balance and be able to get up and down off the floor. Visit our website at wroc.westminster-church.org for a list of all fitness classes or call Kathy Long at 412-835-6630x200.

SUNDAY, March 8

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 - 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 9

12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
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TUESDAY, March 10

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00a	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:00	Mission & Fellowship Commission	Rm. 231
7:15	Pastor Nominating Committee	Rm. 238
7:30	Boy Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, March 11

9:00a	Men's Bible Study	Rm. 231
1:30	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
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 12

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 13

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
9:00a	Priority2Work	Rm. 176
7:00	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Al-Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, March 14

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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