All Saints' Day Sunday, November 1, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE JOY OF GIVING STEWARDSHIP 2026

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Elegy George Thalben-Ball

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: We gather with all who have trusted in God's faithfulness, across generations and throughout the world.

Leader: Today we remember the saints who have gone before us: those whose faith sustained us, whose love shaped us, and whose lives revealed something of the grace of Christ.

People: We give thanks for their witness, for the gifts they shared, and for the love that death cannot destroy.

Leader: We come also carrying our grief, our regrets, our unanswered questions, and our longing for a world made whole.

People: We bring our whole selves before God, trusting in mercy greater than our failures and hope stronger than the grave.

Leader: The saints of every time and place surround us as witnesses to God's enduring love. In Christ, the living and the dead are held within the promise of resurrection.

People: Let us worship the Holy One, who is our beginning and our end, our comfort in sorrow, and our hope of life everlasting.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Introit *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. You are praised, God, in Zion, and homage will be paid to You in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer, to You all flesh will come. Grant them eternal rest, Lord.*

Kyrie *Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us.*

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of holiness and compassion, you have called us to be your saints, to love you with all our heart, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet we confess that we fall short of the life to which you call us.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved as you have loved us. We have turned away from those who suffer, remained silent when we should have spoken, and chosen comfort over compassion. We have held on to resentment, failed to seek reconciliation, and taken for granted the gifts of love and grace you have given us.

Leader: We confess that we are often afraid: afraid of suffering, afraid of loss, afraid of death, and afraid to entrust ourselves fully to your care. We grieve the people we have lost, yet sometimes fail to cherish those who are with us. We honor the saints who have gone before us, yet hesitate to follow their example of courage, generosity, humility, and faith.

People: Forgive us, O God. Where we have caused hurt, teach us to make amends. Where we have grown indifferent, awaken our compassion. Where grief has hardened our hearts, meet us with your tenderness. Where fear has diminished our hope, remind us that nothing in life or death can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Gather us again into the fellowship of your people. By your Spirit, make us more faithful in our living, more generous in our loving, and more steadfast in our hope, until that day when your whole creation is made new.

All: We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for us. Amen.

(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.

Pie Jesu

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.
Katy Williams, soprano

Rex Tremendae

King of tremendous majesty, who freely saves those who are to be saved, save me, source of mercy.

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory

Lord Jesus Christ, king of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed
from the punishments of hell and from the deep lake.
Deliver them from the mouth of the lion, lest Tartarus swallow them up, lest they fall into darkness:
but let the standard-bearer Saint Michael
bring them back into the holy light which you once promised to Abraham and his seed.
We offer prayers and sacrifices of praise to you, Lord:
you receive them on behalf of those souls whose memory we recall today;
cause them, Lord, to pass from death to the life which you once promised to
Abraham and his seed.

Matthew Walley, baritone

***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

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.*

Lacrimosa *That day will be full of tears.*
Katy Williams, soprano

***Closing Hymn No. 326** For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Alle Menschen Müssen Sterben J.S. Bach

Hark, a voice saith, all are mortal,
Yea, all flesh must fade as grass;
Ere it rise in glorious might,
Fit to dwell with saints in light.

Leading in worship: Jason Freyer, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, Chris Hestwood, Matthew Walley, Katy Williams, Chancel Choir, and Chamber Ensemble – Ashley Freeburn, Leah Givelber, Warren Davidson, Cecilia Caughman, J. Tracy Mortimore, Jan Fung, and Paige Riggs

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to the family of *Ted Cook* on his death.

In Memoriam

Today, in observance of All Saints' Day, we honor the memory of Westminster's members who have died over the past year. We remember God's faithful people through the ages in the unity of believers past and present. During worship, each name will be read, followed by a bell toll.

Reese Berdanier
Rick Collins
Ted Cook
Lora Lee Duncan
Susan Elliott
Burt Etherington
Sue Eynon
Gretchen McGinley Herron
Don Huffman
Roy Leuch
I. Hale Oliver
Nancy Polachek
John Redfield
Lowell Rein
Carol Russo
Mary Winks
Margorie Woodworth

THE JOY OF GIVING
STEWARDSHIP 2027

Thank you to the 34 households that have already submitted their pledge for the 2027 Joy of Giving Stewardship Campaign. Giving is one of the most beautiful ways we express our love for God and our care for one another. It is more than a financial contribution; it is an act of faith, an expression of gratitude, and an opportunity to participate in the work God is doing through Westminster. As you prayerfully consider your participation in this year's stewardship campaign, we promise you that there is no gift too small when it is given with a willing heart. Scan the QR code to the right to make a pledge.

Westminster Seminars

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

TODAY, and November 8 & 15:

Looking at the World from Europe's Underside: A Report from the Balkans

Presented by John Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

WESTMINSTER Seminars
Thoughtful Christian Dialogue

Matthew Coleridge's Requiem

TODAY | 11:00 a.m. service | Sanctuary

The Chancel Choir will present the Pittsburgh premiere of Matthew Coleridge's Requiem at the 11:00 service in honor of All Saints' Day. Requiem is written for choir, organ, string quintet, solo cello, and percussion. Communion will be served.

WROC
WESTMINSTER RECREATION & OUTREACH CENTER

Register Now for WROC Fall Session II Fitness Programs!

Classes begin November 2

- **Barre Sculpt**
- **Cardio Drumming**
- **Cardio Strength Fusion**
- **Faith & Fitness**
- **Gentle and Flow Yoga**
- **Parkinson's Fitness Classes**
- **Pilates**
- **Tai Chi**
- **Zumba – AM/PM/Drop In $10**
- **Stronger Bones/Better Balance**

For registration visit wroc.westminster-church.org or call Kathy Long **412-835-6630**

Tuesday Evening Book Group **Tuesday, November 3 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Memorial Parlor**

We will discuss *Dinners with Ruth* by Nina Totenberg. All are welcome even if you haven't read the book. Any questions can be directed to Tom Drake at tom.mdrake@yahoo.com.

One Hit Wonder **Wednesday, November 4 | 6:15-7:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall**

Behind many deployed servicemen stood loved ones whose stories remain untold. Based on more than thirty personal interviews, Westminster member Charlotte McDaniel captures the voices of Vietnam-era wives in her book. They served, too, sacrificed and persevered. Come meet these unsung heroes!

Westminster Walkabout: Carnegie Museum of Art

Monday, November 9 | 10:30 a.m. | Carnegie Museum of Art - 4400 Forbes Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Please join us for a guided/hosted tour of the Carnegie Museum of Art led by docent and former pastor Rev. Louise Rogers. Tour is free. RSVP to Deborah Waller at 412-760-7523. Lunch afterwards at Union Grill Oakland.

Veritas Thanksgiving Food Drive **Collection on November 18**

For the 20th year, Veritas is collecting non-perishable food donations. This food drive collects thousands of pounds of food to feed local families this holiday season. Please bring non-perishable food donations to church before November 18. Visit https://westminster-church.org/event/veritas-thanksgiving-food-drive/ or scan the QR to the right.

Wired Word **Wednesday, November 18 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Memorial Parlor**

News is inevitable, whether good or bad. The Wired Word is an adult study group that brings current events and Scripture into conversation, helping us find hope, wisdom, and encouragement as we reflect on our world and navigate our daily walk of Christian faith together.

Veritas Winter Retreat 2026

Friday-Sunday, December 4-6 | Crestfield Camp & Conference Center

Veritas will join other youth groups from the Pittsburgh area at Crestfield Camp & Conference Center for a weekend retreat. This retreat is open to students in 7th-12th grade. Tiered pricing options are available. **Registration deadline is Thursday, November 12th.** Contact Harrison Burgess with questions.

Scotland & England Pilgrimage: June 21-29, 2027

Step away from the rush to walk where saints have gone before us. Join us on an inn-to-inn hiking pilgrimage along the 65-mile St. Cuthbert's Way on the border of England and Scotland. Pastor J will making an appearance too. The pilgrimage will be June 21-29, with an optional weekend stay in Edinburgh June 18-20. Cost, excluding travel to and from the UK, is $1800. A $500 deposit secures your spot. **Registration closes December 7.**

Questions? Ready to register? Contact Pastor Laura, bentley@westminster-church.org.

SAVE the DATE: Annual Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 13 | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

The Annual Christmas Concert features the Chancel, Junior, and Cherub Choirs, and the Westminster Ringers. Come and hear inspiring music and sing along to some of your favorite Christmas songs!