Sunday, November 15, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE JOY OF GIVING
STEWARDSHIP 2027

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude 3 Settings of *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* — J.G. Walther, Gustav Merkel, F.C.S. Mohrheim

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather today to receive the light of God.
People: Oh Christ, shine on us.
Leader: We gather today to push back against the darkness.
People: Oh Christ, shine on us.
Leader: We gather today to sing of your wondrous works.
People: Oh Christ, shine on us.
Leader: We gather today to worship our loving God.
People Oh Christ, shine on us.

***Opening Hymn No. 182** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say — KINGSFOLD

***Prayer of Confession** (Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

***Sung Response Hymn No. 442** Just as I Am, without One Plea
Verse 3

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Sacrament of Baptism (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 Ephesians 5:1-14 New Testament, page 195

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

Sermon Rise and Shine Rev. Jason Freyer

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem (8:30) My Light and My Salvation Lloyd Larson
Offertory Anthem (11:00) Let There Be Light Craig Courtney

***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. 377** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

***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 *Old 100th* David Johnson

Leading in worship: Jason Freyer, Faith Kemmler, Karen Williams, Christine Hestwood, Jim Burns, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We rejoice with the parents of August Julio, Oliver Lewis, and Isla Jane Marraccini, Scarlett Patricia, Gwendolyn Isabel, and Cecilia Rose Tallon, and John Jennings Weiss, who are presenting their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.

THE JOY OF GIVING STEWARDSHIP 2027

Thank you to the 127 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

WESTMINSTER Seminars Thoughtful Christian Dialogue

TODAY: ***Looking at the World from Europe's Underside: A Report from the Balkans***
Presented by John Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Coming Up: Sunday, November 22
Footsteps of the Apostle Paul - Presented by Louise Rogers

Advent@Home Resources Order your kit by TODAY!

Advent@Home: Welcoming Jesus in Our Neighborhood is an **intergenerational devotional kit** designed for families and households of all ages. Each $24 kit includes a wooden block Advent wreath and weekly devotionals as we prepare to welcome Christ into our homes and communities. For adults seeking an individual devotional experience, Until the Dawn is a separate **adult Advent devotional** that follows our Sunday sermon series. It can be added to your Advent@Home kit purchase or requested at no cost, even if you are not purchasing a kit.

Congratulations to Kathy Long on the announcement of her retirement

Saturday, November 21 | 9:00-9:45 a.m.

After more than 14 years at Westminster, Kathy will retire on December 10. Kathy has brought wonderful energy and passion to the WROC, and we are excited to see where God leads her next! To recognize her time here, we invite the congregation, community, and WROC participants to come to a **FREE Faith and Fitness class** as we worship and move in one of Kathy's favorite classes. Refreshments will follow at 10:00 a.m. in the Welcome Center.

Wired Word Wednesday, November 18 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

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. Pastor J will be leading.

Volunteers for the Bridge

We are looking for some new volunteers to help set up and clean up and usher for the Bridge service. Please consider signing up!

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.

SHIM Food Drive Sorting Event **Sunday, November 22, after each service | Rm. 274**

Come and help sort the donations from the Veritas Food Drive for SHIM.

WROC
WESTMINSTER RECREATION & OUTREACH CENTER

Rest, Renew & Restore: Relaxing Sound Baths

Experience the gift of rest and renewal this holiday season with meditation and relaxing Sound Baths.

Mondays, November 23-December 21 | 6:00-6:45 p.m. | Room 176 | $75, or pay per class $20

A calming guided meditation to quiet the mind and center your spirit, gently transitioning into an immersive, healing soundscape crafted from crystal singing bowls, soothing chimes, and rhythmic drums. To register go to: https://wroc.westminster-church.org/fitness/.

Bair Foundation Gift Drive **Gifts due: Sunday, December 6**

Volunteering: Wednesday, December 2, 6:30-9:00 p.m.,
Sunday, December 6, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Westminster is once again partnering with the Bair Foundation to provide Christmas gifts for 300 foster children and children in need in the local Pittsburgh area. We need volunteers to help sort and purchase gifts. To register or volunteer and learn more, scan the QR code to the right.

Serving at Living Stones **Sunday, November 29 | 3:00-6:30 p.m.**

Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 2415 Saw Mill Run Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15234

Join us in making a difference by assisting at a local neighborhood church by volunteering to help serve food at the buffet line. Transportation will be provided from the north parking lot of the church. Space is limited and registration is required.

Volunteering at the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank

Saturday, December 5 | 8:00 a.m.-noon | The Market: 1 N. Linden Street, Duquesne, PA

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 November 25 using the QR code to the right.

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 carols!

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.