Sunday, November 8, 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 — Exultate: A Liturgical Suite — Craig Phillips
Gloria
Agnus Dei

Introit (11:00) — God Loves a Cheerful Giver — Frank Hernandez
Cherub Choir

Thankful — Shawna Belt Edwards
Junior Choir

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship** (Adapted from *Celtic Invocations*)

Leader: O God, who brought us from the rest of last night into the joyous light of this day,
People: bring us from the new light of this day into the guiding light of eternity.
Leader: Oh! From the new light of this day
People: into the guiding light of eternity.

***Opening Hymn No. 37** — Let All Things Now Living — ASH GROVE

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

Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often have we tried to hide from your presence; how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand! Lord, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother, and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ: how often have we forgotten you; how seldom have we really loved and followed you! Christ, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored your promptings; how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts! Lord, have mercy upon 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.

***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!

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 4:1-6 New Testament, page 195

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

Sermon Every Effort Rev. Jason Freyer

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem Amazing Grace Forman/arr. Forrest

***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. 318** In Christ There Is No East or West ST PETER

***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** *Ite Missa Est* Phillips

Leading in worship: Jason Freyer, Laura Bentley, Christine Hestwood, Jim Burns, the Quartet and Chancel Choir, Cherub and Junior Choirs, Riley Green, Beth Ketterman, Lana Kipp

A Note About Todays Music

Craig Phillips' *Exultate: A Liturgical Suite* was commissioned by The Organ Artist Series of Pittsburgh in celebration of its 40th anniversary. It consists of 5 short movements based on portions of the Mass. Today's prelude features meditations on the *Gloria* (Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all) and the *Agnus Dei* (O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, and grant us thy peace). The postlude, *Ite Missa Est*, is a joyful Sortie as the Mass is ended.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We offer our prayers for Andie Noah who is recovering from surgery.

THE JOY OF GIVING STEWARDSHIP 2027

Thank you to the 107 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 and November 15:

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

Presented by John Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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.

Worship Service in the Style of Taizé

Wednesday, November 11
6:30–7:00 p.m. in Galbreath Chapel

Join us for a time of contemplative worship featuring candlelight, singing, scripture, prayers, sound bowls, and silent meditation for personal reflection.

Advent@Home Resources Order your kit by November 15

Prepare for the season of Advent with two devotional options from Westminster!

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 with opportunities to Serve, Pray, Play, and Do as we prepare to welcome Christ into our homes and communities. Flexible pricing options are available to make the kits accessible to everyone.

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. | 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 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.

BAIR Foundation Toy 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.
Memorial Parlor, JAM Room, Small Group Lounge & Yahweh Cafe

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, Transportation Provided: North Parking Lot

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:

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.

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!

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.