

Sunday, October 18, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Hallelujah
Proud Procession
Westminster Ringers

Cohen/arr. Raney
Helen R. Henshaw

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: As we gather together today, we call one another to worship;
All: Grace and peace to you in Christ.
Leader: We come in the name of the one who gathers up all things;
Lectern Side: Grace and peace to you in Christ.
Leader: We bring our hopes and our fears to this place;
Pulpit Side: Grace and peace to you in Christ.
Leader: We bring our whole selves to worship this day.
All: Grace and peace to you in Christ.

*Opening Hymn No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we confess today that we have not lived in to our calling to be holy and blameless before you in love. We have been ransomed, but choose to be held captive instead. We have your adoption, but would rather choose conflict with our siblings. We have obtained our inheritance, but would all too quickly trade it in for the next shiny new thing. Forgive us, Lord. May we have the courage to lay all of this at your feet, so that we may taste and see your forgiveness this day, and always. Hear us now as we confess our sins in the silence of our hearts ...

(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.

1.

To know you in all of your glory, to love you with all that I am.
With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: To know you more.
2.

To know you in all of your power, to trust you with all that I am.
With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: To know you more.
3.

To know you in all of your mercy, to serve you with all that I am.
With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: To know you more.

Sacrament of Baptism

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 1:3-14	New Testament, page 192
Leader:	This is the Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	

Sermon

Our Inheritance

Rev. Jason Freyer

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem	If You Love Me <i>John 14:15-16</i>	René Clausen
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*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. 649	Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound	AMAZING GRACE
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***Benediction**

*Benediction Response	Go Ye Now in Peace	Joyce Eilers
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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	Christ, Who Is Day and Light	J.S. Bach
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Leading in worship: Jason Freyer, Laura Bentley, Faith Kemmler, Sara Kyle, Jim Marshall, Lorraine Milovac, Denise Rost, Karen Williams, the Quartet, Chancel Choir, and Westminster Ringers

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Giving to Westminster

ONLINE: <https://westminster-church.org/give>

TEXT-TO-GIVE: Text WPCUSC to 73256.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the baptism of Blair Aspen Bollman and parents Cassie Pfeuffer and Marcus Bollman; Harrison Paul Salera and parents Katelyn McCombs and Chris Salera; and Elaina Grace Brennen and parents Lauren Simmons and Joseph Brennen.

Congratulations to the following children and youth as they receive their Bibles and take the next step in their journey of faith:

Maren Anderson
Harrison Christian
Preston Christian
Brooklyn Cimarolli

Jaeda Few
Joshua Freyer
Julian Freyer
Cameron Galbraith

Elliott Kern
Everett Kern
Maeve Policz
Livvy Stutzman

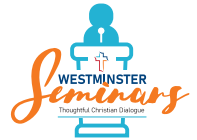
Liam Stutzman
Aiden Stutzman
Victoria Stutzman
Scarlett Tallon

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

Barmen and Belhar: Church Struggles Against Nazism and Apartheid - Part 3

Presented by Derek-Woodard Lehman, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

The discussion continues on October 25.



Fall Festival TODAY | 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Gilfillan Farm

Join us for an afternoon of fall fun featuring pumpkins, a food truck, crafts, games, and more! Enjoy the grounds at Gilfillan Farm as you decorate pumpkins, play fall games, adventure through a scavenger hunt, and delight in the fall season with family and friends. Questions? Contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.

Catacombs - Veritas Youth

Friday, October 23 | 7:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. | Rm. 283

Students in 7th-12th grade are invited to test their skills at a giant game of hide-and-seek with a Biblical twist. **The registration deadline is OCTOBER 19.** Cost is \$5. Contact Laura Ecklin at ecklin@westminster-church.org with questions.

Annual Veritas registration is required to attend this event. Please make sure you have completed that before you register for Catacombs.



NEXT SUNDAY: Congregational Meeting | Sunday, October 25

At the congregational meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the nominations for Session, Board of Deacons, Nominating Committee, and Endowment and Special Gifts Committees. The brief meeting will be convened at the end of all three worship services so that everyone can participate.

Tuesday Evening Book Group Tuesday, October 27 | 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.

Jewish Christian Dialogue Tuesday, October 27 | 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join us for the return of the Jewish Christian Dialogue! Pastors Jason Freyer and Laura Bentley will join Rabbis Alex Greenbaum and Aaron Meyer to share together, learn from each other's tradition, and enjoy a few laughs along the way. Coffee and snacks provided!

WPC Book Group Meeting Wednesday, October 28 | Noon-1:15 p.m. | Church Library

We will discuss *The World Played Chess* by Robert Dutoni. All are welcome even if you haven't read the book. Any questions can be directed to Nana Wilson at callingnana@gmail.com.

Family Worship & Sacrament Classes

Wednesdays, November 4, 11 & 18 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Rm. 284

Worship and Sacrament classes are recommended for families with children and youth in 2nd through 12th grade. Together we will learn about why and how we worship and the two Presbyterian Sacraments: Baptism and Communion. Advance registration is appreciated.



Volunteering at SHIM Sunday, November 8 | 3:00-5:00 p.m.

2601 South Park Rd., Bethel Park

Join us at South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM) as we package pet food and make cards for families in need. Ages 5 and up welcome and a parent must accompany children. Registration is required and limited: <https://bit.ly/4hvZNTk> or scan the QR to the right.



Veritas Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection on November 11

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 11. Visit <https://westminster-church.org/event/veritas-thanksgiving-food-drive/> or scan the QR to the right.



All-Church Retreat: Register Now!

November 20-22 | Crestfield Camp & Conference Center

Westminster is trying something new! Join us for our All-Church Retreat. Come away for a weekend of rest, renewal, worship, fun, fellowship, connection, and more. Everyone and anyone is invited! Come with family or friends, as a couple, or on your own.

Register by November 2: <https://bit.ly/allchurch26> or scan the QR to the right.



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