



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Sonata in C Major

W.A. Mozart

I. Allegro Vivace

II. Andante Sostenuto

Ellen Chen-Livingston, violin

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: From north and south, from east and west,
from near and far, God calls us.

People: **We are God's people, and we come to the Lord's table,
where grace is freely given.**

Leader: From our neighborhoods and our workplaces,
from quiet homes and crowded streets, God gathers us.

People: **We are God's people, called to community,
to serve and care for one another.**

Leader: From every language, every culture, and every generation,
God sends us.

People: **We are God's people, part of God's church throughout the world,
called to share the good news of Christ.**

*Opening Hymn No. 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*Prayer of Confession

God of all people, you gather us into community, but we hold tightly to our own circles, not noticing the people beyond them. You send us into the world with good news, but often we are too afraid, distracted, or uncomfortable to share the hope we have received.

Forgive us for the ways we make your church smaller than your love.
Give us courage to cross the boundaries that divide us,
and embolden us to share the grace we have received.

(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

To Know You More

Joe Horness

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.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 20:11-18

New Testament, page 114

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Call of Mary Magdalene

Rev. Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Psalm 8 (Adonai, Adonenu)

Dan Forrest

Ellen Chen-Livingston, violin, and Kathy Samples, djembe

*O Lord, our Lord. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and stars, that you have set in place, what are mortals that you care for them?*

Psalm 8:3-4

*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

Communion Anthem (11:00) Esto Les Digo Kinley Lange

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be also.
Matthew 18:19-20

Prayer of Sending

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 462 I Love to Tell the Story HANKEY

*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 Blessed Assurance arr. Tyzen Hsiao
Ellen Chen-Livingston, violin

Leading in worship: Jason Freyer, Laura Bentley, Jerry Malarkey, Jim Burns, Chris Hestwood, Ellen Chen-Livingston, Kathy Samples, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir

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Sunday, October 4, 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Paul Herron on the death of his wife, Gretchen; and the family of Susan Elliott on her death.

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

Barmen and Belhar: Church Struggles Against Nazism and Apartheid

Presented by Derek-Woodard Lehman, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



Upcoming: October 11, 18 & 25

Extended Communion TODAY | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

We are grateful for our deacons and elders who are faithfully taking Communion to members who are unable to attend worship in person. Please keep these members, as well as those serving them, in your prayers. May this ministry be a source of encouragement, comfort, and connection to our church family.

Blessing of the Pets Sunday, October 11 | 2:00 p.m. Rain or Shine | North Parking Lot

All people-friendly pets and their owners are invited to a designated celebration that both acknowledges and pays tribute to the loyal animal companions that love us unconditionally. Join pastor Jason Freyer as he gives thanks for these special family members, and as they bless the people who love and care for them deeply.



WROC Introduces Meditation and Renewal Class!

Rest, Renew & Restore: Relaxing Sound Baths

Mondays, October 12 - November 16 | 6:30-7:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | \$72 / Pay Per Class: \$20

Join our own Deborah Lee for a six-week spiritually and physically restorative session. Class begins with a calming guided meditation, gently transitioning into an immersive, healing soundscape crafted from crystal singing bowls, soothing chimes, rhythmic drums, and other harmonic instruments.

Deborah Lee is a classically trained cellist and holds accredited sound healing certifications.

Visit wroc.westminster-church.org for registration and complete class list.



WROC Talk Free Speaker Series

Life and Legacy of Roberto Clemente

Tuesday, October 13 | 7:00-8:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | Free; registration appreciated.

Presented by: Gary Euler,
Clemente Museum Docent

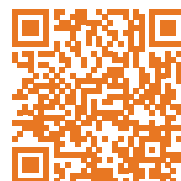
Explore the life and legacy of Roberto Clemente—from baseball legend to humanitarian. Discover his resilience in the face of prejudice and his enduring commitment to helping others.

Catacombs - Veritas Youth

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



Mission and Me

Deadline to submit: Monday, October 26



The Mission and Fellowship Commission wants to hear about the missions and ministries that inspire you! If there is an organization that you love and are involved with, please consider partnering with us by filling out a mission partner form. For more details and assistance, please contact Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org.

Wired Word October 7 & 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.

SAVE the DATE: All-Church Retreat

November 20-22 | Crestfield Camp & Conference Center

Westminster is trying something new! Join us for our very first 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR | OCTOBER 4-10, 2026

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00a	Nursery (Birth–Preschool)*	Rm. 222
8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:30	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestream
	Bridge Sunday School (PreK-K)**	Rm. 233
	(1st–2nd Grade)**	Rm. 235
	Wiggle Room – The Bridge***	WROC Fitness
9:45	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
	Sunday School (4yrs–2nd Grade)**	Rm. 233
7:00p	Confirmation Class	Rm. 283

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

12:00p	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
6:30p	Troop 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 107

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:30	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:30	Boy Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00a	Mens Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:45	Cherub Choir (K-2nd Grade)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (3rd-6th Grade)	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. 237
	Veritas Youth Group (7th–12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
	Wired Word	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
7:00	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Memorial Parlor
	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar-Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Please see an usher if you need help finding the following:

*Nursery – Staffed care for infants through preschool.

**Sunday School – 9:30 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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