

Sunday, September 13, 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

Pavilioned in Splendor

David Lloyd

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

Maureen Ludwig

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name;
and give to God glorious praise!

People: All the earth worships you; we sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!

*Opening Hymn No. 550

Give Praise to the Lord

LAUDATE DOMINUM

*Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have called us to worship you. We gladly gather! As we praise you, though, our own inadequacy reminds us of how we have broken our relationship with you. Because we have sinned against you, even our worship fails to be what it could. We often treat it as a show. We simply go through the motions, failing to recognize that you want to engage us deeply. Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.

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.

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.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture	1 Samuel 3:1-11	Old Testament, page 247
Leader:	This is the Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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. 69**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

***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**

Trumpet Tune

David Germann

Leading in worship: Jason Freyer, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, Maureen Ludwig, Chris Hestwood, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to *Laura Pasky* on the death of her mother, *Constance Hillegass*.

Celebration Sunday

TODAY | Worship in the morning at 8:30/9:30/11:00 a.m.

Join us for a time of worship in the morning and come back at 4:30 p.m. for a time of fellowship with dinner, music, and games! **Bring a friend!**

We will have a special food drive for Meals on Wheels @ The Crossroads' blizzard bags.

We are collecting soup, peanut butter or cheese crackers, pudding cups, fruit snacks or raisins, hot cocoa or tea bags, and fruit cups. Donations can be brought to the church before or to the event.

**CELEBRATION
SUNDAY**

A Celebration of Faith
and Fellowship

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Blood Drive TODAY | 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

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

SEPTEMBER SERIES: A New Theologian: David Bentley Hart: Countering Materialism and Atheism

David Bentley Hart's work has attracted considerable attention in the last few years. This series discusses its major points and considers its value for Christian faith.

Presented by John E. Wilson, a former professor church history and modern theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

For more info and the Zoom link, go to westminster-church.org/event/westminster-seminars/.



Next Week's Topic (September 20): God and Human Consciousness

Bridge Ladies Night

Friday, September 18 | 6:30 p.m. | 112 Southern Hilands Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun amongst the ladies of Westminster's Bridge worship service. RSVP not needed. Bring a side, appetizer, dessert, drinks, or just yourself!



Faith & Fitness

Dance inspired cardio workout to contemporary Christian music.

Saturdays, September 19, October 17, November 21 & December 19 | 9:00-9:45 a.m.

\$32; all four classes/\$10 Drop-in | WROC

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

Grief Care Wednesdays, September 30-October 28 | 6:45 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

Grief Care is a faith-based grief support group, facilitated by Deacons of Westminster. Grief Care is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one.

WPC Book Group Meeting Wednesday, September 30 | Noon-1:15 p.m. | Church Library

We will discuss two books this time—*Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck and *The Greatest Sentence Ever Written* by Walter Isaacson. All are welcome! Any questions can be directed to Nana Wilson at callingnana@gmail.com.

Confirmation Fall 2026

Sundays, September 20-October 11 | 7:00-8:00 p.m. | Rm. 284

Students in 10th-12th grade are invited to explore their own individual faith and consider what it means to be a member of Westminster. In our new format, each session is 4 weeks long and will be offered in the fall and spring. Read more & register on the website: <https://westminster-church.org/youth-ministry/>.

Save the Date: Inquirers' Gathering

Saturday, October 3 | 9:00-12:00 p.m. | Yahweh Café (Rm. 273)

Come learn more about what it means to be a member of Westminster and how you can officially join our church family. We'll talk about membership, the Presbyterian Church, and all that Westminster has to offer. There will also be plenty of time to ask questions. Contact Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org if you have questions, and scan the QR code to register:



Westminster Child Development Center Is Hiring!

Westminster Child Development Center is looking for caring, flexible, and FUN teachers to join our team! We are currently hiring for multiple Infant & Toddler teaching positions, as well as afternoon closing teachers (3:00-6:00 p.m.) for classrooms from Infants through Pre-K. Contact Gabriela Guevara at guevara@westminster-church.org or 412-835-9450.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2026

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00a	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)*	Rm. 222
	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
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
	(3rd-4th Grade)**	Rm. 284
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge***	WROC Fitness
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)**	Rm. 233
4:30p	Celebration Sunday	Front of Church

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:00p	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

1:30p	Movers and Shakers	
4:00	Bible Study with Pastor J	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.
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

4:00p	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
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, SEPTEMBER 18

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
6:30p	The Bridge-Ladies Night	Off Site
7:00p	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Al-Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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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