



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude (8:30) Total Praise Richard Smallwood/arr. Barrett and Rao

Prelude (11:00) There Is a Balm in Gilead Traditional/arr. Mark Hayes
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands Traditional/arr. Margaret Bonds
Lauryn Davis, soprano

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey.

People: **Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.**

Leader: Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat.

People: **Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.**

Leader: Strength is allowing grace to transform us to love our enemies.

***Opening Hymn No. 385** All People That on Earth Do Dwell OLD HUNDREDTH

A Word for All Ages (11:00)

Sending Song Hymn No. 748 (11:00) Go with Us, Lord

Go with us Lord and guide the way, through this and every coming day,
that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be a gift to you.

Children 4yrs through 4th grade are dismissed to Sunday School.

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God, we confess that we have not always lived up to the example set by Jesus. We claim it is too difficult to love the people around us, to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own, to delight in their good fortune without feeling envious. We act out of our own self-interest, putting our needs and desires ahead of the needs of others. We find it very difficult to love our enemies, to pray for their well-being, and to act in their best interests. Transform us by your grace.

(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**

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace.

Anthem (11:00)

I Believe

Dave Ragland

Lauryl Davis, soprano

Prayers of the People

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.

Choral Response

SEVENFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 6:27-38

New Testament, page 64

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

... And For Those Still Listening

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord Traditional/arr. Undine S. Moore

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDDTH

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. 693

Though I May Speak

THE GIFT OF LOVE

*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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Healey Willan

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Richard Norris III, Jim Burns, Lauryn Davis, and the Chancel Choir.



In honor of **Black History Month**, all of today's vocal and choral music features traditional spirituals or songs composed by Black composers. We are delighted to welcome Lauryn Davis to 11:00 worship. Lauryn is a first-year Pittsburgh Opera Resident Artist.

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A PC(USA) Congregation

February 23, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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TRADITIONAL & BRIDGE WORSHIP SERVICES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to family and friends of Bob Smith who died on February 15.

Westminster Seminars

**Christianity for a Post-Christian Context:
New Possibilities for Faith and Practice**
TODAY | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

For more info and the Zoom link, go to
[https://www.westminster-church.org/
events/event-list/westminster-seminars](https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars).



Coming Up Next Month: U.S. Civil War: How Americans Made Meaning of the Conflict

March 2, 9, 16, and 23 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Speaker: Rev. Ann Morris - A look at religion can give us a deeper understanding of arguments for and against slavery and God's will for God's people. Scholarship tends to focus either on the theology of the era or on what religion did.

Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, February 26 | Noon - 1:15 p.m. | Church Library

At the next meeting of the Westminster Book Group, we will discuss *Winter Journey* by Isabel Colgate. All are welcome!

ONE HIT WONDERS: Bible Basics

Wednesday, February 26 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

The synoptic Gospels, a second creation story, wisdom literature, and apocalyptic prophecy—sitting down to read the Bible, whether alone or in a group, can be overwhelming. Laura Bentley is the facilitator.



Tuesday Reading Group

Tuesday, March 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

No reservations necessary; drop in for one or all of the discussions. Contact Jo Forrest for more information.

Please join the Tuesday Reading Group to discuss a wide range of genres with curious readers. *James* by Percival Everett is one of 2024's highly acclaimed novels. Some critics recommend listening to this.

ASH WEDNESDAY | March 5 | Prayer Stations and Worship

5:30 p.m. Prayer Stations in the WROC - Walk through special intergenerational prayer stations.

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary. Includes imposition of ashes.

LIFT Lenten Devotional Series

Thursday, March 6-April 17 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

Devotional copies will be available at the church front office and at each LIFT session.

During Lent we will be gathering to discuss our weekly reflections through the Sanctified Art devotional. The devotional follows the sermon schedule, so you will hear mirrored content on Sunday mornings through your reading and in our discussions.

Holy Dialogues: Lent

Sundays During Lent | 11:00 a.m. | Rm. 231

Holy Dialogues: Lent is a five-week study group where we'll dive into the key events of Holy Week and explore big themes like grace, salvation, the Gospels, and the cross. Through open conversation and reflection, we'll make space for questions, insights, and new perspectives on Jesus' journey and what it means for our faith today.

Register Now for WROC Winter Session II Fitness Classes!

Class Spotlight: Stronger Bones – Better Balance

Tuesdays, March 4-April 29 | 10:10-11:20 a.m. | WROC

Build and maintain bone strength! Low impact, joint friendly workout. For a complete list of classes, or to register, go to wroc.westminster-church.org.



Inquirers' Gathering

Wednesday, March 12 | 6:15-7:30 p.m. | Room 283

Come and hear about membership at Westminister at our Inquirers' Class Gathering. We will learn what it means to be a member and how to join, as well as answer any of your questions about Westminister and the Presbyterian Church. All are welcome! Please email Emily Shubilla with any questions or register by March 2 at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/inquirers-gathering>.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

FEB 23-MAR 1

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45a	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestream
	Bridge Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 176 & 273
	Wiggle Room**	WROC Fitness
	Westminister Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Confirmation Class	Rm. 283
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 233
3:30	Living Stones	Off Site

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:00	AA/enter Door #20	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

4:45	Cherub Choir (K-2nd Grade)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (3rd-6th Grade)	Rm. 268
	Little Ones and Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:30	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 Grades)	N. Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
6:15	One Hit Wonders	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Westminister Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:00	Worship Commission	Rm. 238
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Memorial Parlor
7:30	NA (enter door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (enter door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AA (enter door #14)	Rm. 107
	AI Anon (enter door #14)	Rm. 131

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8:00a	Rotary Pancake Festival	Fellowship Hall
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*Sunday School - Dismissed from worship after the children's message. Pickup after worship at 9:45, 4yrs-1st grade in Room 176, 2nd-4th grade in Yahweh Café; 11:00 in Room 233. A time for children 4 years through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

**Wiggle Room - 9:45 - Upstairs WROC Fitness Room; 8:30/11:00 - Room 239. Available to families with children who would prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service. Please see an usher if you need help finding the Wiggle Room.



Scan here for complete church calendar



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Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs