



THE Celebration OF Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Crown Imperial

William Walton
arr. Herbert Murrill

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The King of Kings is raised in glory.

People: Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

People: Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer.

***Opening Hymn 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

A Word for All Ages (11:00)

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

Sending Song Hymn 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.

*Prayer of Confession

Adapted from a prayer of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence
the whole universe has come into being,
we humbly confess that we have not loved you with our hearts, souls, and minds
and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us.
We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses, given in order to receive,
loved our friends but hated our enemies, and forgiven but dare not forget.
But, O God, have mercy upon us.
Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be.

(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

Love the Lord, Your God

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart.

Love the Lord, your God, with all your soul.

Love the Lord, your God, with all your mind.

Love the Lord, your God, with all that you are.

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

Mark 5:18-19

New Testament, page 39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

He Made a Believer Out of Me

Richard F. Norris III

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Let All Things Now Living

Katherine K. Davis

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guideth us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light!

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in his orbit, obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise! Amen.

*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 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*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 *Diademata*

Christopher Tambling

Leading in worship: Richard Norris III, Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Westminster Seminars

Embracing Mysticism, Near-Death Experiences, and Spiritual Encounters

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>.

Coming Up Next

God in Unexpected Places: Preparing Ourselves to Celebrate Christmas

Advent Series – December 1, 8, 15 & 22 | 9:45 a.m. Galbreath Chapel

John Burgess, *Professor of Theology, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*

The shepherds found Jesus where they least expected: in a manger in a stable. This series will explore the unexpected ways in which God still comes to us today. Using art, music, and prayer, we will ask how we might quietly prepare ourselves to recognize Immanuel, “God with us,” in our busy, distracted world.



Donuts with Deacons

This is the LAST Sunday | After all three services | Welcome Center

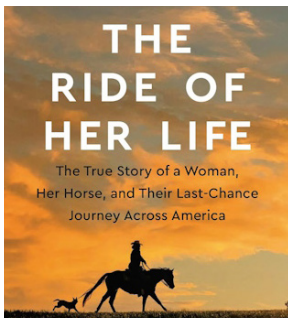
Get to know your Westminster Deacons and learn about the ways Deacons serve, care, and share Christ's love throughout our church community.



Help Decorate the Church for Christmas

Monday, November 25, 9:30 - 11:30; Friday, November 29, 9:30 - noon;
Saturday, November 30, 9:30 - noon | Sanctuary

Please join in the fun! Come any or all days to help decorate the church for Christmas. Direction provided; elves who can climb ladders will be especially appreciated!



Tuesday Book Group

Tuesday, December 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Yahweh Café

The Tuesday Book Group will discuss Elizabeth Lett's *The Ride of Her Life: The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey Across America*. This inspiring story received high praise from critics.

No reservations necessary. Contact Jo Forrest at forrest@westminster-church.org for more information.



PLEDGE & GIVE 2025

The *Heart of Generosity* Pledge & Give campaign has received 197 pledges totaling \$897,295, bringing us to 40% of our goal of \$2,250,000.

Thank you to those who have submitted their pledge or set up a recurring gift through MyWPC or ACH.

Read more or submit your pledge online at www.westminster-church.org/give.



Family Gingerbread House Night

Wednesday, December 4 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a casual evening as a family as you build a gingerbread house together. There will be no JAM or Kids' Connection this evening. Registration is not required, but greatly appreciated as it aids us in planning for a night of family fun! RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/wpcgingerbread24>.



Bair Foundation Christmas Gift Drive

Unwrapped gifts due Friday, December 6

Westminster partners once again with the Bair Foundation for our annual Christmas Gift Project which provides gifts for foster children in western Pennsylvania. Take a tag and buy a gift or visit our Amazon list at www.westminstergiftingtree.com to ship your gift to us.

Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/bair-foundation-christmas-gift-drive>



Street Moms Food and Gift Bag Packing

Saturday, December 7 | 10:00 a.m. - Noon | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Please join us for a volunteer opportunity of packaging food and gift bags for the homeless community in Wheeling in conjunction with the Street MOMs organization. If you are interested in participating, please sign up by contacting Meghan Widmar via text at 724-549-4109 or email at meghan.widmar@andritz.com.

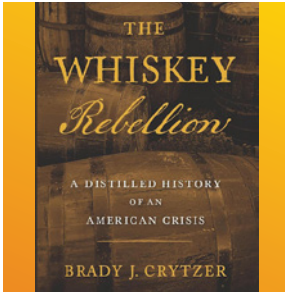
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Annual Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 8 | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Music and Arts Series present Sounds of the Season. The Annual Christmas Concert features the Chancel Choir, Westminster Ringers, Cherub, and Junior Choirs, and special guests, South Hills Brass. The concert is free and will appeal to all ages. A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted to support future programming.



WROC Talk: FREE Speaker Series

The Whiskey Rebellion: A Distilled History of an American Crisis

Tuesday, December 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join award-winning author and historian Brady Crytzer as he discusses his book *The Whiskey Rebellion: A Distilled History of an American Crisis*.

Registration: wroc.westminster-church.org or contact Kathy Long at long@westminster-church.org.



A Quiet Christmas

Wednesday, December 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Our Quiet Christmas service will dial back the frenzy of the holidays. We will acknowledge the physical darkness outside and that pressure for all to be perfect amidst an elusive melancholy. In this service we will listen to readings, sing our hopes, rest in the warmth of candlelight, feel the comforting presence of others, and open ourselves to receive God's gift of peace.



Christmas Tour of the Nationality and Heritage Rooms, University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning

Friday, December 13 | 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral of Learning, 4200 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Join the Adult Spiritual Development Commission for a tour of the Nationality and Heritage Rooms, University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning. Cost is \$10. Lunch (pay on your own) afterwards at The Porch at Schenley. Contact Deborah Waller 412-760-7523 for registration details.

Christmas Poinsettias @ Westminster

See form on back cover.

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The Writers of Westminster Book Sale

Sundays, December 1, 8, and 15 | Welcome Center and Bridge

The Writers of Westminster have a new book called *Let There Be Words* that is filled with memorable stories and pictures. These books make beautiful gifts! Stop by to meet the writers and pick up your copy for \$10.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

NOV 24-30, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:30a	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center/ Donuts with Deacons	North Main Entry
9:45a	Bridge Contemporary Worship Bridge Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grd) Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminars	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00a	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School (4 yrs-4th Grade)	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233
3:30	Living Stones	Offsite

*Sunday School - Dismissed from worship after the children's message. Pickup after worship 9:45 in Room 176; 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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00a	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	Tuesday Reading Group	Rm. 283
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00a	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
12:00	The Westminster Book Group	Library

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

All Day Church/Office/WECEP Closed - Happy Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

All Day Church/Office/WECEP Closed - Happy Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

Christmas Poinsettias @ Westminster



The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial or honoree contributions for poinsettias. Use the form below and make your check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and write "Poinsettia" on the memo line. Mail your check and form to the church office or place it in the collection plate.

Contributions must be received no later than Sunday, December 8, so that your gift can be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please indicate if you plan to pick up your flower or whether you would like it delivered to a member in care. Poinsettias will be available on December 24 following the 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. services, and December 26, 30, and 31, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

A suggested minimum donation of \$25 will cover the cost of the flowers. Additional donations beyond that will be used to support the work of the Chancel Guild throughout the year.



2024 Christmas Memorial and Honoree Poinsettia Order Form

My Name _____

In memory of In honor of

Name of Memorial/Honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

Deliver poinsettia to member in care

Will pick up poinsettia on December 24 following the 5:00 or 8:00 p.m. services, or December 26, 30, or 31, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, December 8, 2024.

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