

MAY 26, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



THE **Celebration** OF **Worship**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Though we strive for independence,
People together, as the body, God calls us into community.
Leader: Though we may have fears and doubts,
People: together, as believers, we pass on the stories of our faith.
Leader: When the world tells us we are not enough,
People: together, as children of God, we rest in our belovedness.
Leader: Even when our souls are weary,
People: together, as the church, we come to worship God.

***Opening Hymn No. 4**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT,
WIR LOBEN DICH

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, we praise you and give thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray.

(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 Hymn No. 423 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

1. Create in me a clean heart, O God *(3 times)*
and renew a right spirit within me.
2. Cast me not away from your presence *(3 times)*
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
3. Restore to me the joy of your salvation *(3 times)*
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

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

Psalm 78:1-8

Old Testament, page 537

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Those Kids or Our Kids?

Brian Wallace

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

This Is My Song

Sibelius/arr. Robert Page

This is my song, oh God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is. Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
This is my song, oh God of all the nations; a song of peace for their land and for mine.

*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. 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

*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

All Glory Be to God on High

Georg Böhm

Leading in worship: Brian Wallace, Laura Bentley, Luke Walker, Faith Kemmler, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.



GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Brian Wallace has served in ministry since 2003 and is currently the associate minister and acting head of staff for Pittsburgh Presbytery. In this role, he resources and supports leaders and congregations throughout the Pittsburgh area. He is passionate about seeing ministry leaders fulfill their God-given callings and has a special spot in his heart for middle and high school students. He is married to Renee, who is on staff at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center, and together they have two high school-aged kids.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Jacob Anthony Downey, son of Bradley and Caroline Campanella Downey, grandson of Von and Suzanne Campanella.

Baptisms

We rejoice with Julie and Daniel Stapor as they present Connor Joseph for the Sacrament of Baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

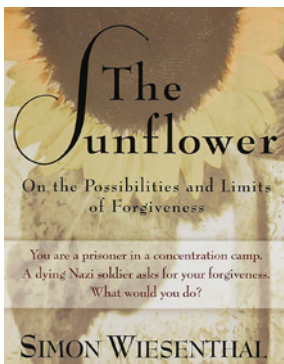
Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events

Westminster Seminars

Democratic Faith: The Witness of the Civil Rights Movement

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

Derek Woodard-Lehman, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



Coming Up:

The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness by Simon Wiesenthal

Sunday, June 2 | 8:45 a.m. | COFFEE in the Welcome Center at 8:30 a.m.

Sundays, June 9 & 15 | 9:45 a.m.

Galbreath Chapel

Simon Wiesenthal was a prisoner in a concentration camp. A dying Nazi SS officer asks for his forgiveness so he can “die in peace.” What would you do? Wiesenthal threw out that anguished question to the world. His book contains 53 responses from philosophers, psychiatrists, theologians, rabbis, historians, politicians, and priests. Join in the discussion – reading the book is not necessary.

For more information and the Zoom link, go to <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.



Let There Be Light Project to Begin

The project to update the church’s electrical system will begin on Tuesday, May 28, or Wednesday, May 29, outside the rear of Galbreath Chapel. There will be no work inside the building for the time being. There may be times during the week when the front driveway will be closed for work activities.

Read more about this project at <https://www.westminster-church.org/let-there-be-light-project>.



Barefoot School VBS - Volunteers Needed!

Children's & Family Ministry | June 17 - 21 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Registration for Barefoot School participants and volunteers is open! Cokesbury's Camp Firelight VBS invites children of all ages to trust God in the face of their own fears and do great things in God's name. Barefoot School will run June 17-21, 2024. Register online here: bit.ly/wpcBFS. Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.



Churchwide Bike Ride

Saturday, June 1 | 9:30 a.m. | Panhandle Trail in McDonald, PA

Join your faith community for a spring bike ride; all ages are welcome. Meet at the old train station parking lot in McDonald. Bring your water bottles and snacks. Invite friends and family to enjoy the outing with us. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a spring day and fellowship. Contact Sue Davis at 304-626-0561.

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SERVICE
SUNDAY

NEXT WEEK: One Service Sunday and Lunch

Sunday, June 2 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Join us as we celebrate our youth on Sunday, June 2, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The service will blend both traditional and contemporary styles. It will also be livestreamed. After worship, join our church family for lunch in Fellowship Hall at 11:00.



Food-to-Go Donations Needed

Many kids rely on school for breakfast and lunch. In the summer, they miss these meals. Purchase any of the following and bring to worship on any Sunday through June 2: Pop Tarts, individually wrapped • Cereal, individual serving packages • Fruit Roll Ups, individually wrapped • GoGo Applesauce • Chicken or tuna, single serving foil pouches • KRAFT Mac-n-Cheese Cups.

Food donations, in addition to the money you so generously gave in February, allow us to increase our commitment to feed more kids this summer!

THANK YOU!

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Thanks to all who signed the letters supporting SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Together we sent 144 letters to Congress!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Preacher Read Along

Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Room 238 - Zoom

Join the preacher on Wednesdays beginning June 5 to explore the upcoming scripture for Sunday. The Preacher Read Along group will read ahead to Sunday's text and learn together, as that week's preacher facilitates the conversation. Bring your own lunch and share your thoughts! You can attend in person or on Zoom. Go to the website for Zoom link.



Little Ones & Loved Ones Playground Gathering

Saturday, June 8 | 10:00 a.m. | Playground (107 if rain)

Children 4 and under and their grown up loved ones are invited to morning fun at the playground. Together let's play and enjoy fellowship between both little ones and loved ones!



Family Bonfire Night

Wednesday, June 12 | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. | Gilfillan Farm

Let's gather around the fire to celebrate the end of a school year and the start of summer! Enjoy s'mores and fellowship as a family at Gilfillan Farm. Please bring a camping chair. Park in the north parking lot and follow the signs across Orr Road and to the firepit area at Gilfillan. Contact Faith Kemmler with questions.



Summer Reading Group

Tuesday, June 18 | 7:00 p.m. | North Courtyard

If inclement weather, Memorial Parlor

Gather under the summer sky for a casual reading group led by Jo Forrest.

June 18 - *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan

July 23 - *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

August 27 - *Pilgrimage to Eternity* by Timothy Eagan.

No reservations necessary. Contact Jo Forrest for more information.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAY 26-JUNE 1, 2024



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, MAY 26

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

***Sunday School** – 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children’s message; 11:00 a.m., report directly to Room 233. A time for children in PreK 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, MAY 27

All Day Church/Office/WECEP Closed - Memorial Day
7:00 The Grace Westminster Book Club Zoom

TUESDAY, MAY 28

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
1:00	Painting for Parkinson's	FH Kitchen Area
4:30	Single Women's Group Dinner	Galleria
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (PreK-1st Grd)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (2nd-3rd Grds)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (4-5 Grds)	North Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (6-12 Grds)	Youth Dept.

Wednesdays @ Westminster have something for everyone! From children’s choirs to Children’s & Family Ministry programs, Food & Fellowship, Veritas Youth Group, Bible studies, and more, make plans to be here. Visit our website or scan the QR codes below for details.

Next week, June 5, is the last week of Wednesdays @ Westminster before we break for summer.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

10:00	W2W - Emerald Group	Rm. 238
4:00	Farmers' Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Book Group	Rm. 283
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, MAY 31

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AI Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

9:30	Churchwide Bike Ride	Off Site
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Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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Giving to Westminster

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

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