



Westminster Presbyterian Church



May 15, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Processional on *Lift High the Cross*

Donald Busarow

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

People: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Leader: Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

People: Gather us in, the young and the old.

Leader: Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

People: Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

Leader: Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

People: Gather us in, to receive God's love.

*Hymn No. 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **(Refrain)**

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. **(Refrain)**

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. **(Refrain)**

Our Mission: We seek to be a caring community of faith committed to bringing people to Christ and developing their faith through worshipping God together, teaching the faith, and serving in mission.

*Prayer of Confession

God of majesty, you have drawn near to us, but we have turned from your light. You have chosen us to be your people, but we confess that we have lived as though we belong to ourselves. Forgive us for going the way of the world and forgetting your command to love you and neighbor. Empower us by your spirit to be faithful followers of the resurrected Christ. For his sake, hear our silent prayers.

(A time of silence for personal confession)

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, the spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen. *(Refrain)*

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.

Sevenfold Amen

Gospel Lesson

John 13:31-35

NT 108

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Asa Lee

Offertory Anthem

Sing a Mighty Song

Daniel E. Gawthrop

Singers! Awake and arise! Lift up your voices as the waves of the sea.

Sing a mighty song. Make the very earth resound, for the Lord delights in the song of the heart. Sing ye! Arise!

Woven with melody, Thy word is sweet to my soul.

In concert, confirmed in harmony, Thy yoke is easy.

O blessed am I, that I may sing my devotion.

Let all who have breath give praise, for the song of the righteous is a prayer unto God.

Sing alleluia! 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**

***Hymn No. 821**

How Can I Keep from Singing?

HOW CAN I KEEP
FROM SINGING

1 My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

3 What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. **(Refrain)**

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? **(Refrain)**

***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 you might live
Will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world.

Postlude

Fugue on the Carillon of Soissons

Maurice Duruflé

***Please stand if you are able.**

Leading in worship: Jim Burns, Jo Forrest, Christine Hestwood, Asa Lee, Louise Rogers, the Quartet,
and the Chancel Choir

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Baptisms

We rejoice with Ashley and Justin Pasay as the present Lincoln Richard; and with Brittany and Lucas Coady as they present Colton Charles for the Sacrament of Baptism.

The congregation extends condolences to
Bill Barati on the death of his wife, Margaret.

Today we welcome the Reverend Dr. Asa Lee to the pulpit. Dr. Lee serves as president and professor of theological formation for ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, a position he has held since 2021.

Before coming to Pittsburgh, he served for eight years at Wesley Theological Seminary as assistant director of programs for the church leadership center, associate dean for community life, director of African American Church Studies, and vice president for campus administration. During this same span, he served for 10 years as assistant pastor and minister of Christian education for Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, Va., and was previously the minister of worship and arts for St. John Baptist Church in Columbia, Md. Dr. Lee holds membership in the American Academy of Religion, the Religious Education Association, and the Association of Leadership Educators, and he is the acting president of the FaithJustice Foundation. He holds degrees from Virginia Theological Seminary, Wesley Theological Seminary, and Hampton University. Dr. Lee is an ordained minister in the Progressive National Baptist Convention.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today



Deacons Blood Drive

Sunday, May 15, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Westminster Deacons are hosting the second blood drive of the year! Vitalant will provide staff and supplies to handle 40 or more donors.

Westminster Seminars Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. in Galbreath Chapel & Zoom

The May five-week series, *Christians, the Nations, and War*, continues today, Sunday, May 15, with “Should a Nation Defend Itself from External Aggression?” For details visit <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>

Visit the church's website at www.westminster-church.org for additional details on any event or activity listing and to view a complete church calendar, located under the “Events” menu item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

This Week



Treasures for Troops

Now through May 22
Collection boxes at
north, south & WROC
entries

To honor our troops for Memorial Day, the Deacons are hosting a donation drive for Operation Troop Appreciation. All donations are used for OTA's Active-Duty "Wish-List" and veteran "Welcome Home" programs. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/treasures-for-troops>

Barefoot School (June 20-24) Registration

This year's Food Truck Party Barefoot School registration is open online for children K- 6th grade for the 2022-2023 school year at <https://vbspro.events/p/wpc2022>

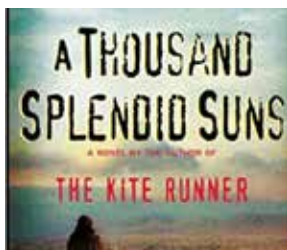


The Writers of Westminster

Tuesday, May 17
7:00 p.m.
Room 238

The Writers of Westminster invite new members to join them! The Writers of Westminster will resume their monthly meetings this Tuesday, May 17. Bring a recent story for consideration for our next annual book.

Next Week



Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, May 25
Noon - 1:15 p.m.
Church Library
Bring a brown bag lunch
and join us!

At the next meeting of the Westminster Book Group, we will discuss *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khalid Hosseini. "...*A Thousand Splendid Suns* is at once an incredible chronicle of thirty years of Afghan history and a deeply moving story of family, friendship, faith, and the salvation to be found in love." - Amazon

Hiring: Bookkeeper

Westminster Presbyterian Church is seeking a Bookkeeper, responsible for entering accounts payable invoices, expense reports, verifying proper approval of charges, processing payments, and filing related documentation. In addition, processing contributions and making bank deposits, and member statements. Read the full job description at <https://bit.ly/3kBSBqc> Send resumes and inquiries to: recruiting@westminster-church.org



PENTECOST BIRTHDAY PARTY

Confirmation Sunday, June 5

Please join us on Sunday, June 5, for a **special single worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary**, led by Westminster's 2021-22 Confirmation Class. And don't miss the 75th birthday celebration after worship, with food, fellowship, and fun in the WROC. Mark your calendar for this special Pentecost Sunday.



Ongoing Activities & Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Wiggle Room

8:30/11:00 a.m., Room 239
9:45 a.m. in WROC Fitness Room
For families with **children from birth through age 3** who prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service.

Westminster Seminars

9:45 a.m., Galbreath Chapel/Zoom
The five-week May series, **Christians, the Nations, and War**, presented by John Burgess, continues this week. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School

9:45 a.m., Room 194
A time for children in PreK through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday Food & Fellowship

5:30–6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Join your church family for food and fellowship! \$5 adult/\$3 child **This week's menu is: Pizza Night.**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

JAM (Jesus & Me)

6:00–7:30 p.m. in the north entry
A youth group for 4th & 5th graders that offers a time for fun, fellowship, and faith.

Veritas

6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Youth Dept.
Youth group for 6th to 12th graders, inspiring minds and filling hearts with the love of God in a fun and exciting way. Can't make it on Wednesday? Catch the Veritalk podcast here: veritalk.podbean.com

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CALENDAR

2022

MAY 16 – 22

Please check our website calendar for the most up-to-date listing of events and activities:
<https://www.westminster-church.org/events/calendar>.

MONDAY, MAY 16

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
8:00	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
9:30	PACC Movie Matinee	Yahweh Café
10:20	Parkinson's Level 2 Workout	WROC
12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
5:30	Cardio Kickboxing	WROC
6:45	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
7:00	Session Meeting	Fellowship Hall
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

TUESDAY, MAY 17

7:00	Election Day Men's Discussion Group WCDC	Elevator Lobby Rm. 238 Rm. 152 WROC
9:00	Zumba Flow (Vinyasa) Yoga	Fellowship Hall
9:30	Town Hall South	Yahweh Café
10:15	Strong Bodies - Strong Bones	Fellowship Hall
6:00	USC Girl Scout Bridging Cerem.	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Centering Prayer	Zoom
7:00	Al Anon Writers of Westminster	Rm. 131 Rm. 238
8:00	Adult Pickup Volleyball	WROC

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
8:00	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
10:20	Parkinson's Level 2 Workout	WROC
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM Youth Group (Gds. 4-5) Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 6-12)	North Entry Youth Dept.
6:30	Westminster Ringers Social	Fellowship Hall
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268
8:30	Westminster Men's Softball vs. St. Valentine	Chartiers Park

THURSDAY, MAY 19

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
8:30	Zumba Toning	WROC
9:00	Zumba Flow (Vinyasa) Yoga	WROC Fellowship Hall
9:45	Arthritis Exercise Program	WROC Fitness
10:00	W2W - Emerald	Rm. 231
10:40	Absolute Abs	WROC Fitness
4:00	Farmers Market	S. Parking Lot
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
7:00	Chancel Choir Nar Anon	Rm. 268 Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

FRIDAY, MAY 20

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
8:00	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
5:30	Dyer/Knopp Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
7:00	AA Al Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 231

SATURDAY, MAY 21

9:45	Zumba with Jocelyn	WROC
3:30	Dyer/Knopp Wedding	Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 22

8:30	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Entry
9:45	Contemporary Worship	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room	WROC Fitness
	Sunday School PreK-4th Grade	Rm. 194
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
	Confirmation Class	Yahweh Café

Calendar/Scheduling Reminder: To schedule an event or make a room reservation, please contact Kathy Long at 412-835-6630x200 or long@westminster-church.org for current availability.

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