

MAY 19, 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

English Melody
America the Beautiful

arr. Valerie Stephenson
Ward/arr. Sherman

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship** (adapted from *Simply Christian* by N.T. Wright)

Leader: Made for spirituality, we wallow in introspection. Made for joy, we settle for pleasure. Made for justice, we clamor for vengeance.

People: **Made for relationship, we insist on our own way. Made for beauty, we are satisfied with sentiment. But new creation has already begun.**

Leader: The sun has begun to rise. We are called to leave behind, in the tomb of Jesus, all that belongs to the brokenness and incompleteness of the present world.

People: **We follow Jesus Christ into God's new world, which he has thrown open before us.**

***Opening Hymn No. 280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

*Prayer of Confession

Living God,
We know we do not always live as we should.
We turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our true selves.
We know we dim your light within us,
with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control.
Yet, we also know that you love us,
that you do not abandon us,
and that again and again you call us back
to your love, to your grace, to your light, to you.
Forgive us, and help us to live as your beloved children.

(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.

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

Romans 8:22-27

New Testament, page 158

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Into the Unknown

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Vinay Thomas, soloist

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

*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. 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*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

Fanfare

John Cook

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Carolyn Kerr, Jim Burns, Jim Marshall, Lorraine Milovac,
Westminster Ringers, the Quartet, and Chancel Choirs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars

Democratic Faith: The Witness of the Civil Rights Movement

Sundays through May 26 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Derek Woodard-Lehman, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

The Civil Rights Movement embraces thousands of ordinary citizens and Christians who did the hard work of grassroots organizing that made possible King's mass mobilizing. This series revisits the movement's history, reflects on its larger witness, and reveals a mode of Christian faith that is inherently political and intrinsically democratic.

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



Deacons' Blood Drive

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

Please pre-register for your appointment by using sponsor code **UG0010171** to secure a time slot. Registration is easily done by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or online at www.vitalant.org. The Westminster Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this worthy mission.



Bread for the World Offering of Letters

TODAY | 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Welcome Center and WROC

Stop in the Welcome Center or the WROC to make your voice heard. Letters will be available (all you need to do is sign!) for you to show your support for the continuation of funding for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), part of the Farm Bill.



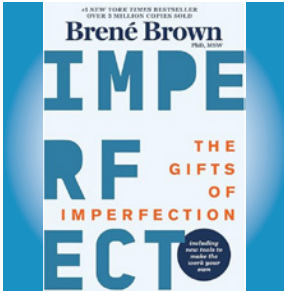
Have you signed into MyWPC yet?

Communications Commission

MyWPC is an online tool that will help you stay connected with Westminster's activities and events, as well as manage your personal information and giving.

- Visit https://www.westminster-church.org/my_WPC
- Click on the LOGIN TO MYWPC button
- Select Sign Up

Contact Anna Hiner at hiner@westminster-church.org or 412-835-6630x207.



LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Book Group

Thursdays through June 20 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | Rm. 283

The LIFT book group will start a new session with Brené Brown's NYT Best Seller, *The Gifts of Imperfection*. What transforms this book from words on a page to effective daily practices are the ten guideposts to wholehearted living. The guideposts not only help us understand the practices that will allow us to change our lives and families, they also walk us through the unattainable and sabotaging expectations that get in the way. This is a group for women of all ages to come together and share the realness of life. Drop in as you are able, even if you are behind on reading. For questions, contact Kristy Berrott at kristy@berrott.com.



Barefoot School VBS - Time to Register!

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.



The Writers of Westminster

Looking for More Writers – Everyone has a story!

Wednesday, May 22 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Jim O'Brien's house:
512 Hunt Club Drive, McMurray, PA 15317

The Writers of Westminster are calling all writers as they begin gathering stories for Westminster's 6th Christmas book of inspiring stories. Come listen to stories and perhaps share one. Please RSVP to 412-221-3580.



Living Stones

Sunday, May 26 | 3:30 p.m. - approx. 6:00 p.m.
Fairhaven United Methodist Church, Overbrook

Please help us feed those in need by volunteering to serve food at the buffet line. Transportation provided from the church's north parking lot. Contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.



Sign Up TODAY!



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.



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!



Baptism Blankets Needed

Calling all crafters! Did you know that at each baptism we welcome the newest members of God's family with blankets lovingly made by our community? We are in need of additional crafters to make and donate crocheted, knitted, or quilted baby blankets for baptism gifts. For more information contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAY 19-25, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center/Bread for the World Letter Offering	North Main Entry & WROC
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

***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 20

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting Community Engagement Commission	Rm. 107 Rm. 238
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club Care Team	Zoom Memorial Parlor

TUESDAY, MAY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

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

THURSDAY, MAY 23

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

FRIDAY, MAY 24

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

SATURDAY, MAY 25



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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Giving to Westminster

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

TEXT-TO-GIVE: Text WPCUSC to 73256. Standard text messaging rates may apply.



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