



Westminster Presbyterian Church



March 6, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Sonata in D Minor
Chorale and Variations I, II, II

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The hungry search for bread.
The thirsty look for water.

People: This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

Leader: Those who ache for meaning will pursue it.
Those who yearn to belong to Jesus will seek him.

**People: We come here today with our hunger and thirst,
To be at home with God.**

***Hymn No. 166**

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

3 And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

4 Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

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 infinite patience and love, we embark on this Lenten journey not sure if we want to make the spiritual trip. It is easy for us to get caught up in our own needs and our own anxieties. We are a people of great want. Turn us to a people of great faith. Stop us and remove us from the self-destructive journey that tempts us. Place us on your track of hope and salvation. Forgive us and heal our sorrowful souls.

(A time of silence for personal confession)

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, hear the good news!
Though we are unworthy,
we are granted God's favor in Jesus Christ
and are baptized into the church of his beloved Son.
Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Sung Response**

O How He Loves You and Me
O how he loves you and me! (repeat)
He gave his life. What more could he give?
O how he loves you; o how he loves me; o how he loves you and me!

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Beloved Is Where We Begin

Jo Forrest

Offertory Anthem

Come to Me

Dan Forrest

Come to Me, all you who labor. Come to me and I will give you rest.
Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your soul.
Come to Me. Learn my heart, for I am gentle and lowly.
See how great My love for you that I have called you My child.

***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**

***The Apostles' Creed**

Hymnal page 35

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Sending

***Hymn No. 516**

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

- 1 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

***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

Sonata in D Minor
Variation IV


Mendelssohn

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

Leading in worship: Jim Burns, Reese Copenhaver (cello), Jo Forrest, Christine Hestwood, Louise Rogers, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.



Please come to the Welcome Center following each worship service for the launch of the new image for our church. We will have balloons, cookies, a photo booth, and a special surprise for each and every one our Westminster family members.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week



Kid's Connection

Wednesdays
March 9 - April 6
6:00-7:30 p.m.
WROC

Come hang out at Kid's Connection, a time for kids from PreK through 4th grade to play, wonder about Bible stories, connect with God, and connect with each other. Register online at <https://bit.ly/kidsconnectionwpc>

Contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org with questions.



Pocket Change Project

Collect your pocket change during Lent and bring to worship on Palm Sunday, April 10

The Cherub Choir is in mission on a mission in the Pocket Change Project this Lenten season. Through Palm Sunday, the Cherubs are leading the campaign to collect as much pocket change as possible to support school children in Haiti. Join them by collecting your own pocket change and combining it with theirs on Sunday, April 10.

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 Month



See Something, Say Something to the Endowment

**Endowment Applications
Due by March 31**
Download application here:
<https://bit.ly/3h3nGBz>

Each year, according to its charter, the Endowment considers requests for funding for one-time needs that are outside the regular budget of the church. If you've seen a need – within the church or in the wider community – that might be helped by the Endowment, you are encouraged to complete and submit an application for consideration of the funding request. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/see-something-say-something-to-the-endowment>

Word Cloud Question for Lent

As the Lenten season has begun, the Membership Commission would like to ask for your input for a Lenten Word Cloud. Submit your one or two-word answer to this question, "Where do you feel close to God?" to the Membership Commission via email at membership@westminster-church.org. Contact Sue Castelli with any questions at spcfjc@comcast.net. We hope to hear from you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ongoing



Membership Commission Volunteers

Westminster's Membership Commission is seeking additional members of the congregation to join this group to help plan events and activities for this calendar year. All are welcome – young and old, new to the Westminster community and longtime members.

Please contact Susan Castelli at spcfjc@comcast.net to learn more about this commission and monthly meeting dates.

For more information about this or other important volunteer opportunities, visit our website or contact Jan Baumann at 412-835-6630x205 or 412-559-1034 or baumann@westminster-church.org.

CALENDAR

2022

MARCH 7 – 13

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.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

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	Rm. 176
5:30	Cardio Kickboxing	WROC
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting/ Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 107
6:45	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

7:00	Men's Discussion Group WCDC	Rm. 238 Rm. 152
9:00	Flow Yoga	Fellowship Hall
10:15	Parkinson's Workout (PD1)	WROC
5:30	PACC Activity Night	Yahweh Café
5:45	Zumba with Jocelyn	WROC
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Centering Prayer Flow Yoga	Zoom Fellowship Hall
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131
	Outreach Commission	Rm. 176
8:00	Adult Pickup Volleyball	WROC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
8:00	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
9:00	Chancel Guild	Rm. 238
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
10:20	Parkinson's Level 2 Workout	WROC
12:30	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
4:30	Bible Read Along	Rm. 231
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grades K-2) Junior Choir (Grades 3-6)	Galbreath Chapel Sanctuary
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM - Youth Group (Gds. 5-6) Kid's Connection (PreK-4th Gd.)	North Entry WROC
7:30	Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 7-12) Westminster Ringers	Youth Dept. Rm. 268

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
10:00	W2W - Emerald	Rm. 231
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

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
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	AI Anon	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

no events scheduled

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:30	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Entry
9:45	Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestrm.
	Wiggle Room	WROC Fitness
	Sunday School PreK - 4th Grade	Rm. 194
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
	Sunday School PreK-2nd Grade	Rm. 121
	Sunday School 3rd-6th Grade	Rm. 131
	Virtual Sunday School	Zoom
	Confirmation Class	Yahweh Café

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Ongoing Activities & Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Wiggle Room

8:30/11:00 a.m. in Room 239

9:45 a.m. in WROC Fitness Room

Children are always welcome and encouraged to participate in worship, yet we realize sometimes families need a little wiggle room in their worship experience. The Wiggle Room is available to 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. in Galbreath Chapel or on Zoom

The Lenten series: *History of Biblical Interpretation*, presented by Kenneth J. Woo, begins this week. ***Interpreting the Bible is always something that can stir people up. What can we learn from past efforts? What does history reveal about how the Bible speaks to us today?*** Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School

9:45 a.m. in person after the Children's message; 11:00 a.m.

in person & online at the start of the service. Zoom Link: bit.ly/wpcvirtualss Passcode: 15241
A time for children in PreK through 6th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Bible Read Along

4:30–5:30 p.m. in Room 231

Join us during Lent to explore Jesus' journey to the cross according to the Gospel of Luke. No homework. Drop in as you are able.

Children's Choirs

4:45–5:30 p.m. in Galbreath Chapel (grades K–2) and sanctuary (grades 3–6)

Open to all children K–6th grade. Join us and make some music to glorify God!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday Food & Fellowship

5:30–6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join your church family for food and fellowship! ***This week's menu is chicken, noodles, and veggie.*** Let Westminster do the cooking tonight and join us!

JAM (Jesus & Me)

6:00–7:30 p.m. Meet in the north entry.

A youth group for 5th & 6th graders, JAM offers opportunities for fun, fellowship, and faith as students participate in Bible study, discussion, games, activities, mission projects, and more.

Veritas

6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Youth Dept.

A youth group for grades 7 to 12, Veritas maintains the goal of bringing Christ to kids in a way that inspires their minds and fills their hearts with the love of God in a fun and exciting way.

STAFF PROGRAM/MINISTRY CONTACTS

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Giving to Westminster

There are many ways to give to Westminster, all of which are secure through our online giving partner, ACS Technologies. Your giving ensures that our church remains financially healthy.

Give Online: Give a one-time gift, or set up a recurring gift through our website here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/give>.

Give by Text Message: Text WPCUSC to 73256. Standard text messaging rates may apply. Click the link you receive in your text message response.

Westminster on Social Media

Don't miss Westminster on social media. Watch video reviews of worship, share Westminster events, find inspirational prayers and Scripture, and more unique content you can like and share!



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