

APRIL 28, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Healy Willan

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Resurrection is not an argument or an idea to which we agree and move on unchanged.

People: Resurrection is life and stepping into life.

Leader: Resurrection is opening up to a grace we could never earn, to a community known only by its risky, radical love.

People: Resurrection is our story of God who cannot be contained by books or institutions, by fear or despair, and certainly not by a tomb. We proclaim the resurrection truth.

*Opening Hymn No. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*Prayer of Confession

God of new life, we confess that we expect so little.
You rolled away the stone that separated us from you,
yet we prefer the excuse of easy obstacles to the mystery of the empty tomb.
We confess the ways that we have been slow to love and indifferent to injustice.
We neglect to serve you with all we have. Forgive us.
Call us to step out from the shadow of the cross
to live a life that bears witness to your eternal light.

(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. 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

(Refrain)

Confirmation (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

1 John 4:15-21

New Testament, page 95

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

Sermon

Just Do It

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

I Am the Vine
Ava Wynne, flute

Allen Pote

I am the vine and you are the branches. Abide in me and I will abide in you.
Then you will bear much fruit, for without me you can do nothing.
As the Father has loved me, so I love you. Go then and love one another.
Keep this commandment, for no greater love have you than to lay down your
life for your friends. Go abide in my love.

*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. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me
Verses 1, 2, and 5

KELVINGROVE

*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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Willan

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Jerry Malarkey, Becky Boyer, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Ava Wynne, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

Congratulations to the 2024 Confirmation Class

Molly Barry
Will Chipps
Callee DalBon
Jackson Galbraith

Colin Green
Caty Howard
Christopher Lee
Trevor McClintock-Comeaux

Benjamin Peterson
Brady Pirosko
Abby Poe
Melice Rubino

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Cecelia Claire Repp, great-granddaughter of Eileen Slater.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events

A Sound Improvement ... in the Sanctuary

But he said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

~Luke 11:28

Thank you for your patience as we worked through sound system challenges in the sanctuary. We heard your concerns and are happy to report that a sound company analyzed our space and determined what we needed to do so that all can hear. Today should be crystal clear. If you are still experiencing difficulty hearing, please contact Chris Hestwood at hestwood@westminster-church.org or 412-835-6630, ext. 267.

Westminster Seminars

The Puritan Vision for New England

Sunday, April 28 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

John E. Wilson, Professor Emeritus of Church History, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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



Coming Up Next

Democratic Faith: The Witness of the Civil Rights Movement

Sundays, May 5, 12, 19 & 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.



Thank you for your generosity!
The SHIM Food Drive was a huge success.



WROC Talk: Free Speaker Series **Letting Go With Grace: How Swedish Death Cleaning Can Bring You Joy**



Tuesday, April 30 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

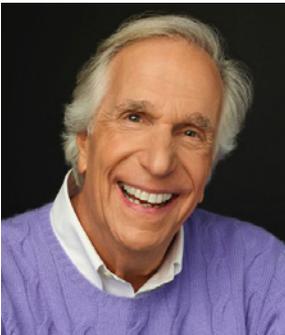
Declutter and organize your belongings now so that your loved ones won't have to when you're gone. While that may feel like end-of-life planning, it really is about living a more intentional and fulfilling life today. Join Professional Organizer Mandy Thomas as she guides you through the letting go of stuff. For more information and to register, go to <https://wroc.westminster-church.org/wroctalk.html>.



Small Group Facilitator Training

Tuesday, April 30 | 7:00 p.m. | via Zoom

Join our training session for new or prospective small group facilitators. You will be provided information and support about how to get started, arrange for a space to meet, and publicize your group, as well as tips for creating community and leading your group. For more information, contact Laura Ecklin at ecklin@westminster-church.org.



Town Hall South Speaker Series



Friday, May 10 | 10:00 a.m. | USC High School Theater

The Town Hall South Speaker Series will host its final lecture on Friday, May 10, with guest speaker Henry Winkler. Winkler has enjoyed over four award-winning decades in Hollywood as an actor, producer, and director. He is also a New York Times best-selling author, having written a 28 novel children's book series inspired by his struggle with learning challenges throughout his education, and co-authored 37 children's novels. Join us as Henry Winkler shares his story and new memoir *Being Henry: the Fonz ... and Beyond*. For more info and tickets, go to www.townhallsouth.org.



WECEP Spring Arts Festival 2024

Saturday, May 11 | Noon - 3:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a fun family event! Activities include an art show with over 1,000 pieces on display, a bake sale, a balloon artist, a caricaturist, face painting, airbrush tattoos, food trucks, basket raffles, and more!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



SIGNUPS: All are welcome: singles, couples, families, young adults, and retirees!

Get to know others in your church community in a relaxed small group setting with some good food and friendly conversation. Groups of 8-12 are organized and meet-ups are determined by the group with rotating hosts. Activities can range from dinner to an afternoon picnic or Sunday brunch to an evening campfire or restaurant appetizers - whatever works. We maintain groups for about six months and then switch it up again!

Sign up by Friday, May 10, at <https://www.westminster-church.org/forms/form-forks-fellowship>.



Gentle Yoga

Mondays, May 13 - June 10 | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



This class will move slowly and mindfully, emphasize staying in a pose with proper alignment and breath to build joint and bone strength, core balance, as well as flexibility. Instructor Kimberly Manns is a certified yoga teacher with 24 years of teaching experience.

To register, go to wroc.westminster-church.org.



Barefoot School VBS Registration - Opens May 1!

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

Registration for Barefoot School participants and volunteers opens on May 1! 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, 2023. Register online here: bit.ly/wpcBFS. Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.



Deacons' Blood Drive

Sunday, May 19 | 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 Westminister Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this worthy mission.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

APR 28-May 4, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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
6:00	Social Justice League	Yahweh Café

***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, APRIL 29

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club	Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
4:30	Single Women's Group Dinner	Galleria
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	WROC Talk: "Letting Go With Grace..."	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Small Group Facilitator Training	Zoom
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
3:00	Jewish - Christian Dialogue	Fellowship Hall
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones Cherub Choir (Grds K-2) Junior Choir (Grds 3 - 6) Youth Choir (Grades 7 - 12)	Rm. 194 Rm. 176 Rm. 268 Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	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 2

10:00	W2W - Emerald Group	Rm. 238
4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
5:15	ASD Committee	Zoom
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, MAY 3

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

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9:00	Seed to Supper Program	Rm. 194
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Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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