



How does a  
weary world  
rejoice?

Westminster Presbyterian Church



January 7, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## THE Celebration OF Worship

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Prelude**

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Johann Pachelbel

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** We are gathered to worship our God.

**People:** Send your Spirit upon us.

**Leader:** We come from many places, with many burdens.

**People:** Send your Spirit upon us.

**Leader:** We turn our hearts to you, O God.

**People:** Send your Spirit upon us,  
and make us your beloved family.

**\*Opening Hymn No. 393**

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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### \*Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

From the very beginning, you breathed life into us and called us good. However, somewhere along the way we replaced “good” with “not enough.” Somewhere along the way we turned the volume up on that phrase and began to doubt our own self-worth.

Forgive us, for this is not what you have taught us. For when the world tells us we are not enough, you call us beloved. Show us how to return to that truth. Show us how to let go of our weariness and rest in that good news.

*(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

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; his name is called Emmanuel.

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## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

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### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

Luke 3:21-22

New Testament, page 26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Beloved

Jo Forrest

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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### Offertory Anthem

Go Tell It on the Mountain

arr. Nicholas Vangeloff

### \*Affirmation of Faith

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

### Great 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 Dedication

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## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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**\*Closing Hymn No. 516** For the Bread Which You Have Broken KINGDOM

#### \*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** O Thou of God the Father J.S. Bach

"Thou art the bright and morning star, beyond all  
other radiance Thy glory streams afar."

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Dave Heilman, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.



## January 14: Guest preacher – Graham Standish

On Sunday, January 14, we will welcome Graham Standish to the pulpit. He is the Executive Director, Director of Caring for Clergy and Congregations, for Samaritan Counseling.

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Owen Joseph, son of Carolyn and Mark Bundschuh, grandson of Louise and Bill Rogers, and great-grandson of Hester Joseph.

The congregation extends condolences to Rob and Beth Wagner and family on the death of Rob's father, Robert K. Wagner.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



## Westminster Seminars

### Differences

TODAY & January 14 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

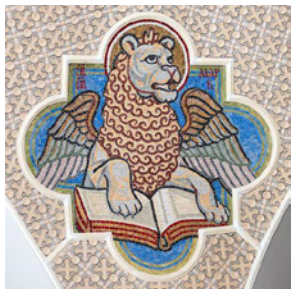
**Disability, Inclusion, and Embrace - The Great Banquet: Who Is Missing from the Feast?** Becky Boyer, Director of Youth Ministry, Westminster Presbyterian Church In these two seminars, we begin to explore what we can do to include and embrace a more diverse community. What might it look like if we welcomed people who may be a little different than us and experience God in diverse ways? Read more and find the Zoom link on the church website.



## One Service Sunday and Congregational Meeting

January 21 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

In this blended worship service and meeting, we will worship God and celebrate the work of this congregation by receiving the annual report, the 2024 budget, and vote on Rev. Dr. Jo Forrest's terms of call. We will also ordain and install our new officers. Following worship, all will gather in Fellowship Hall to enjoy lunch. (The seminars will meet at 8:45 a.m. in Galbreath Chapel.) Read more at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/one-service-sunday>.



## Bible Read Along: Mark's Epiphany

Wednesday, January 17 - February 7 | 4:30 p.m. | Room 238

Follow along with the sermon series this Epiphany as we explore Jesus' mysterious identity from the Gospel of Mark. It's a paradox: the more Jesus reveals of himself the more he insists on secrecy. His disciples often remain clueless while outsiders grasp the truth. Where do we stand?



## MyWPC is Getting a New Look Communications Commission

MyWPC is our online portal that helps members stay connected with Westminster's activities and events as well as manage their personal information and giving. **Beginning January 8, MyWPC will not be available** while we upgrade to a new system with our longtime ministry partner, ACS Technologies. During the week of January 15, all members for whom we have an email address, including current MyWPC users, will receive an invitation to create a new account in the upgraded system. Contact Anna Hiner for any questions.



## Register Now for Winter Fitness Classes

### **CLASS SPOTLIGHT: Burn & Sculpt**

Thursdays | 10:00-11:00 a.m. | **Just \$56 for an 8 week session**

Class combines basic cardio moves with continuous strength exercises, using weights and resistance bands for a total body workout. We have new weighted bars to enhance the workout. All fitness levels welcome.

Register at [wroc.westminster-church.org](http://wroc.westminster-church.org).



## Jewish Christian Dialogues

Wednesday, January 10 | 3:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Please join with members of Beth El Congregation and Rabbi Alex Greenbaum for casual and yet provocative conversations. Sharing a common faith ancestry, how do we align and differ celebrating and living our faith in the world today? These bi-monthly gatherings do not require any advance prep. Drop in as you are able. Other dates: March 6 and May 1.



## Dismantling Antisemitism Workshop

Wednesday, January 31 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

The startling and deadly rise of antisemitism impacts everyone in our community. This interactive workshop, taught by Noah Schoen of the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, invites participants into greater understanding of antisemitism. Participants begin to develop their own stake in dismantling antisemitism and leave with actionable knowledge. This event is open to the community, and is designed for high school students and adults. For more info, go to <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/dismantling-antisemitism-workshop>.



### Rise Against Hunger

#### Volunteer Ministry

Saturday, February 24 | WROC

Shifts: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m | WROC

Six million children under the age of 5 die every year because of hunger.

We need 300 volunteers to package meal pouches in assembly line fashion. There is a job for everyone ages 4 to 104.

This is your chance for fun and fellowship for everyone. See the website for more details.



### Seeking Donations for Sponsored Refugee Family

#### Refugee Resettlement Committee

The Refugee Resettlement Committee is pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring another family! Amazon Wishlist: [www.westminstergiftingtree.com](http://www.westminstergiftingtree.com) We are also seeking donations of gently used furniture (couch - coffee table - dining room set - dresser - end tables - nightstand - chairs). If you have something to donate or would like more information, please contact Jenny Thompson at [jenthompson106@gmail.com](mailto:jenthompson106@gmail.com).



### Bridge Volunteers Needed

#### Volunteer Ministry

Any Sunday | 9:45 a.m. | WROC

We need you! Bridge setup volunteers are needed to greet folks, hand out bulletins, set out décor OR to make coffee. Come a little early for worship. Training provided; it is easy. If you have questions about any or all of these opportunities, please contact Jan Baumann.



## STAY CONNECTED!

Join us for many exciting events and opportunities this winter. Are you receiving an email from the church each Tuesday and Friday? If not, please visit our website at [www.westminster-church.org](http://www.westminster-church.org) and complete the Join Our Email List or contact Anna Hiner with your name and email address.

Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Westminster.Pittsburgh/>.

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JAN 7-13, 2024



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	<b>Bridge Contemporary Worship</b> Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.) Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminars	<b>WROC/Lvstrm.</b> Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room** Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade) Confirmation Class 2023-2024	<b>Sanctuary/Lvstrm.</b> Rm. 239 Rm. 233
7:00	Youth Choir (Grades 7 - 12)	Rm. 268

\***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 from birth through age 3** 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, JANUARY 8

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Troop 366 Adult Committee Meeting	FH Kitchen Serving Area

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
5:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

1:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
3:00	Jewish - Christian Dialogue	Fellowship Hall
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones Cherub Choir (Grades K-2) Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6)	Rm. 194 Rm. 176 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.
6:45	Grief Care Follow Up	Rm. 290
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

**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, JANUARY 11

7:00	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
9:00	Priority to Work	Rm. 176
7:00	AI Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 13



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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