

APRIL 14, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

### Prelude

Chorale Preludes on Resurrection Hymns  
*We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*  
*Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds*  
*The Blessed Christ Is Risen Today*

J.S. Bach

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

#### \*Introit (11:00)

I Am a Lamb

Erik Whitehill

*Cherub Choir with Crosby Daniele, soloist, and Candy Kottyan, flute*

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus steps into our darkness  
to bring his peace.

People: **We welcome him in  
the closed and locked  
places of our lives.**

Leader: In the wonder and mystery  
of his resurrected newness,  
he teaches us to live with woundedness.

People: **May we in turn  
bring his peace to the dark places of our world.**

\*Prayer of Confession

God, we come.  
Yet we know we come with doubts and fears.  
We know we come in ignorance.  
We know we have failed you, your creation, and your people,  
in many ways.  
Trusting in your love, we turn again to you.  
As we open our hearts to your mercy and forgiveness,  
grant us your peace.  
Accept these prayers,  
accept our worship,  
accept us as we are.

*(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)*

**Anthem (11:00)**

With the Help of the Spirit of the Lord  
*Junior Choir*

Jayne Southwick Cool

**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

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**

Luke 24:36-48

New Testament, page 91

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

**Sermon**

The God Who Surprises

Erik Hoeke

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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### Offertory Anthem

On the Third Day

Allen Pote

Jesus was crucified. He died and was buried.  
On the third day Christ arose.  
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
Christ is risen from the dead. He is risen as he said. He is alive, alleluia!  
Christ has conquered death and sin, died for us our souls to win.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will have no end.

### \*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

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## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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### \*Closing Hymn No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

### \*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

Lift High the Cross

arr. Charles Ore

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**Leading in worship:** Erik Hoeke, Cara Daniele, Crosby Daniele, Candy Kottyan, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Holly Jones, Beth Ketterman, the Quartet, Cherub, Junior, and Chancel Choirs.



## GUEST PREACHER

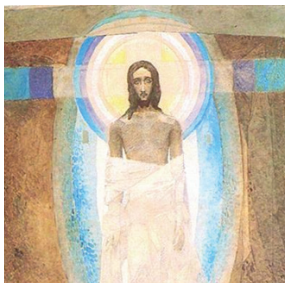
The Rev. Erik Hoeke is an ordained pastor in the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. He currently serves as the director of Continuing Education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Prior to this role, Erik was a communications strategist at PTS. He began his ministry serving United Methodist churches in southwestern Pa. Erik earned a B.A. in English/Journalism from Ohio Northern University, an M.Div. from Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Ga., and an MA in moral theology from Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. He is also a 2001 graduate of Upper St. Clair High School, where as a member of the cross-country team he used to frequently run through the Westminster parking lot on training runs. Erik and his spouse, Lisa, enjoy running, hiking, traveling, watching baseball, and reading with their two cats.

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to son Luke and Amy Walker and family, and granddaughter Lindsay and Joe Senge and family on the death of John Walker on April 10.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



## Westminster Seminars

**Author of Life: The Resurrection of the Dead and the Origins of Christianity**

**Sundays, TODAY through April 21 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel**

In modern American Christianity, "resurrection" language risks becoming an abstract way of speaking that does not carry much theological content. The series explores what "resurrection" actually meant to the original Jesus movement to better understand how Paul could write to Corinth: "If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is futile and you are still in your sins."

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



## Seder Dinner at Temple Emanuel

Today members of Westminster are traveling to Temple Emanuel to join their faith community for a Seder Dinner. This is the first event of our newly established Dismantling Antisemitism Team. Please contact Dan Paul at [dan.paul.42@gmail.com](mailto:dan.paul.42@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of future offerings.



## Parking Lot ReSealing Begins Today at 1:00 pm

Thank you to those who gave so generously to our Pave the Way parking lot resealing campaign last summer. The work to patch, seal, and restripe our parking lots will begin on Sunday, April 14 at 1:00 pm. Weather permitting, the project is scheduled to be completed by Saturday, April 20. Please see the schedule below to help you navigate where to park when visiting the church.

**April 14**, front and back driveways/parking areas.

**April 15-17**, north parking lot. **April 18-20**, south parking lot.



## Westminster Softball

**Westminster Softball Sixteen-Game Season | April through August**

Spring is here, and it is time for another season for Westminster in the competitive Chartiers Valley Church Softball League. While Westminster has a good core group returning, the team could use some new players. Please contact Jim Roberts at 412-983-8899 or at [jimroberts2@hotmail.com](mailto:jimroberts2@hotmail.com).



## FILL the VAN! The SHIM Food Drive

**Sunday, April 21 | 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Front parking lot**

Please purchase and bring food donations to church on April 21. Let's work together to stock the SHIM food pantries. Drop off your donations at the SHIM van on your way into church. Advance purchases can be made through an Amazon shopping list. Email Jan Baumann for questions at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).

Amazon  
Wish List



## Sacrament Class

**Wednesdays, April 24 & May 1 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Room 238**

**Special Communion: Sunday, May 5**

Sacrament class is for children in 2nd grade and older who have not yet participated in this series of classes that includes Baptism and Communion. Children and parents/caregivers are invited to attend together. The children will join the congregation for communion on Sunday, May 5. For more information or to register before April 23, contact Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org).

### Westminster Single Women's Group Upcoming Events



### Splat! A Make & Take Art Studio

Thursday, April 25 | 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. | 5301 Brightwood Road, Bethel Park  
Join us to paint, sip, snack, and socialize. The \$35 fee includes all materials, including presketched canvases and individual instruction. Registration and payment required. Space is limited to 16. Please bring any snacks or refreshments that you enjoy.

For more information and to register for any event, go to <https://wroc.westminster-church.org>.



### 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

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 Megan Exley at [meganexley@gmail.com](mailto:meganexley@gmail.com).



### 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](http://www.vitalant.org). The Westminster Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this worthy mission.

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

APR 14-20, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14

12:00a	Splash Lagoon - Veritas	Offsite
1:00	<b>Parking Lot Sealing</b> (front and back driveways/parking areas)	
8:30	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	<b>Bridge Contemporary Worship</b>	<b>WROC/Lvstrm.</b>
	Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.)	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary/Lvstrm.</b>
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
	Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade)	Rm. 233
	Confirmation Class 2023-2024	Rm. 283
2:00	Seder Dinner	Temple Emanuel
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 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 15

### ALL DAY Parking Lot Sealing (North Parking Lot)

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club	Zoom

## TUESDAY, APRIL 16

### ALL DAY Parking Lot Sealing (North Parking Lot)

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
5:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

### ALL DAY Parking Lot Sealing (North Parking Lot)

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Grds 3 - 6)	Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6)	North Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Youth Dept.
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, APRIL 18

### ALL DAY Parking Lot Sealing (South Parking Lot)

10:00	W2W - Emerald Group	Rm. 238
12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

## FRIDAY, APRIL 19

### ALL DAY Parking Lot Sealing (South Parking Lot)

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

## SATURDAY, APRIL 20

### ALL DAY Parking Lot Sealing (South Parking Lot)

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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## 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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