



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Celebration
Westminster Ringers and the Quartet

arr. Converse and Sherman
William Ryan

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, you who are weary, who seek healing and hope.

People: The God of love meets us here, to restore and renew.

Leader: Jesus blessed the hurting, the hungry, and the searching.

People: His voice still calls us to wholeness and peace.

Leader: His voice reminds us that we stand on level ground.

People: No one is beyond the reach of God's grace.

*Opening Hymn No. 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

A Word for All Ages (11:00)

Sending Song Hymn No. 748 (11:00)

Go with Us, Lord

Go with us Lord and guide the way, through this and every coming day,
that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be a gift to you.

Children 4yrs through 4th grade are dismissed to Sunday School.

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God,
we recognize that our world is a broken place, hurt by poverty, famine, and disease.
We admit that sometimes we make the world a broken place, tolerating prejudice,
greed, and conflict.

We confess that we have turned away from your call, choosing comfort over justice and
silence over compassion.

Forgive us, God. Heal our hearts and help us hear your voice calling us to love,
compassion, and peace.

Guide us to be instruments of your healing, to work for justice and mercy in your world.

(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**

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace.

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

Luke 6:17-26

New Testament, page 64

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

God's Voice Heals Us

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Paul John Robinson

***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. 792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

*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

Toccata on *We Shall Overcome*

Carl Haywood

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Jerry Malarkey, Bill Ludwig, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Jim Marshall, Westminster Ringers, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.



NEXT WEEK: Sunday, February 23

Join us next Sunday as we welcome Lauryn Davis, soprano, to Westminster. Lauren is a Pittsburgh Opera Resident Artist, and she will be singing the prelude before the 11:00 service (so come early!) and an anthem during 11:00 worship. She will be singing *I Believe*, *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*, and *There Is a Balm in Gilead* in honor of Black History Month.

FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES:

Throughout the month of February we will focus on the practice of hearing and being heard as we encounter Jesus' words in the Gospel of Luke.

Sometimes he soothes us. Other instances his words incite rage. Jesus shows us what it means to hear and attend to God's spirit above all else.

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TRADITIONAL & BRIDGE WORSHIP SERVICES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We offer our prayers for Ray Van Cleve, who is scheduled for surgery on Monday, February 17.

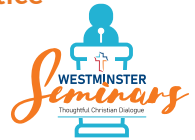
Westminster Seminars

Christianity for a Post-Christian Context: New Possibilities for Faith and Practice

TODAY and February 23 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Scott Hagley, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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



What's [Really] Going On at the U.S./Mexico Border?

Wednesday, February 19 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

There is a wealth of explosive rhetoric about immigration in the United States. While on a trip to Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, Richard Norris III got to contextualize that rhetoric. You might be surprised to hear what Richard found—he sure was surprised to see it himself.



Hunger Action Month: Rise Against Hunger

Saturday, February 22 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall/WROC

The world is hungry for love and compassion, but also for food. You can make a difference here at Westminster by joining us on the assembly-line for one morning of packaging over 40,000 meals. Invite others—this event is for all ages. Please register online for a 90-minute shift and come provide for those around the world in need. Contact Emily Shubilla for more information at shubilla@westminster-church.org or 724-984-8202.



SIGN UP!



GIVE TODAY!



Consider donating to Hunger Action Month using this QR code to fund this ministry and others similar.

Living Stones

Sunday, February 23 | 3:30-6:30 p.m. | South Parking Lot

It's time to feed the hungry! Join us to help Living Stones serve community members in Overbrook. We will travel together and have a great time of service and fellowship. Transportation provided from the church's south parking lot. Sign up early. For more information and address, go to <https://growlivingstones.com/>.



Register Now for WROC Winter Session II Fitness Classes!

Class Spotlight: Gentle Yoga

Fridays, February 28-April 11 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | WROC | \$63

Class emphasizes a gentle form of the classical hatha yoga poses and slow-moving yoga postures. Students can use a chair for balance, and they should be able to get up and down off the floor. To register, go to wroc.westminster-church.org.



Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, February 26 | Noon - 1:15 p.m. | Church Library

At the next meeting of the Westminster Book Group, we will discuss *Winter Journey* by Isabel Colgate. All are welcome!

Tuesday Reading Group

Tuesday, March 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Room 273

Please join the Tuesday Reading Group to discuss a wide range of genres with curious readers. *James* by Percival Everett is one of 2024's highly acclaimed novels. Some critics recommend listening to this.

No reservations necessary; drop in for one or all of the discussions. Contact Jo Forrest for more information.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FEB 16-22

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00a	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
8:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45a	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestream
	Bridge Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 176 & 273
	Wiggle Room**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Confirmation Class	Rm. 283
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 233

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

All Day Church/Office/WCEP Closed - President's Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00a	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:30	Bible Read Along	Rm. 238
4:45	Cherub Choir (K-2nd Grade)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (3rd-6th Grade)	Rm. 268
	Little Ones and Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (5yrs-2nd Grade)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (3rd-4th Grade)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (5th - 6th Grades)	N. Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
6:15	One Hit Wonder	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Memorial Parlor
6:00	Girl Scout Troop 26635	Yahweh Café
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Memorial Parlor
7:30	NA (enter door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (enter door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
9:00a	Priority2Work	Rm. 176
7:00	AA (enter door #14)	Rm. 107
	Al Anon (enter door #14)	Rm. 131
8:00	Rise Against Hunger - Setup	WROC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00a	Rise Against Hunger	Fellowship Hall/ WROC
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*Sunday School - Dismissed from worship after the children's message. Pickup after worship at 9:45, 4yrs-1st grade in Room 176, 2nd-4th grade in Yahweh Café; 11:00 in Room 233. A time for children 4 years 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.



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs