



THE HEART OF GENEROSITY

November 17, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

THE Celebration OF Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Come Ye Thankful, Gather Together
Outbursts of Joy

arr. Sondra K. Tucker
Cynthia Dobrinski

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship and lift our hearts,

People: **for the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and raise our hands,

People: **for all that we are and have is a gift from God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down,

People: **for we place our hope in the one who supplies all that we need.**

*Opening Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God,
the earth is yours and everything in it belongs to you.
We confess that, too often, we have treated “our stuff”
as exclusive property and cut off those in
need from the gift of your abundance.
We have ignored orphans, widows, and foreigners
as if there were someone else to care for them.
We confess that we have not looked closely enough at others,
and we have failed to see in our own lives the abundant gift of your love.
Forgive us.

(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

Love the Lord, Your God
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart.
Love the Lord, your God, with all your soul.
Love the Lord, your God, with all your mind.
Love the Lord, your God, with all that you are.

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

Psalm 24

Old Testament, page 475

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

Sermon

The Heart of Generosity: A Complete Circle

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Jack Schrader

*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 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

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*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

Praeludium in F, BuxWV 144

Dieterich Buxtehude

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Chip Staub, Lana Kipp, Sara Kyle, Jim Marshall, the Quartet, and Westminster Ringers.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Baptism

We rejoice with Maya and Sean Allebrand as they present Keira Devi; and Allison and Jared Stutzman as they present Jacob David for the Sacrament of Baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANK YOU!

Veritas' Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

THANK YOU to everyone in the congregation and community for supporting the Veritas Thanksgiving Food Drive. We collected 3,044 items to donate to the SHIM food pantry for the holiday season.

Westminster Seminars

Embracing Mysticism, Near-Death Experiences,
and Spiritual Encounters

TODAY and November 24 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Graham Standish, *Executive Director, Samaritan Counseling, Guidance, Consulting*

For more info and the Zoom link, go to

<https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.



Reckoning with Anti-Semitism as Christians

Wednesday, November 20 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

If you have any questions or wish to share a ride, contact Dan Paul at dan.paul.42@gmail.com.



Donuts with Deacons

Sundays in November | After all three services | Welcome Center

Get to know your Westminster Deacons and learn about the ways Deacons serve, care, and share Christ's love throughout our church community.



Extended Communion

Sunday, December 1 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Deacons will be taking communion to anyone unable to attend Sunday worship. If you would like to receive communion or know of anyone to add to the list, please contact Laura Bentley, bentley@westminster-church.org or call the church office 412-835-6630.



PLEDGE & GIVE 2025

The Heart of Generosity stewardship campaign has received **125 pledges totaling \$560,235.**

Thank you to those who have submitted their pledge or set up a recurring gift through MyWPC or ACH. And special thanks to those who have pledged for the first time!

We hope to meet our 2025 revenue goal of \$2,250,000 to fund the ministry operations and encourage 100% of our 770 households to participate. Read more or submit your pledge online at www.westminster-church.org/give.



Family Gingerbread House Night

Wednesday, December 4 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a casual evening as a family as you build a gingerbread house together. There will be no JAM or Kids' Connection this evening. Registration is not required, but greatly appreciated as it aids us in planning for a night of family fun! RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/wpcgingerbread24>.



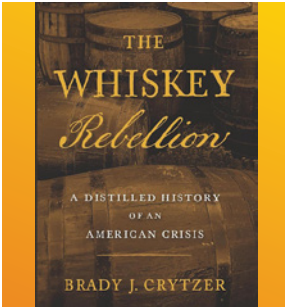
Bair Foundation Christmas Gift Drive

Unwrapped gifts due Friday, December 6

Westminster partners once again with the Bair Foundation for our annual Christmas Gift Project which provides gifts for foster children in western Pennsylvania. Take a tag and buy a gift or visit our Amazon list at www.westminstergiftingtree.com to ship your gift to us.

Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/bair-foundation-christmas-gift-drive>

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WROC Talk: FREE Speaker Series

The Whiskey Rebellion: A Distilled History of an American Crisis



Tuesday, December 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join award-winning author and historian Brady Crytzer as he discusses his book *The Whiskey Rebellion: A Distilled History of an American Crisis*.

Registration: wroc.westminster-church.org or contact Kathy Long at long@westminster-church.org.

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



Signups through December 15

Join us for the next round of Forks & Fellowship! 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 will be created, and then you determine time and place around your schedule. Activities can range from dinner to an afternoon picnic or Sunday brunch to an evening campfire or restaurant appetizers - whatever works! To sign up, go to <https://www.westminster-church.org/forms/form-forks-fellowship>.



Westminster's Columbarium

South Courtyard

Our columbarium niches offer a dignified and serene final resting place for cremated remains. If you're considering a niche in our columbarium, please contact Anna Hiner at 412-835-6630x207.



Writers of Westminster

South Courtyard

The Writers of Westminster are excited that their book of inspiring stories is going to print! Watch for its release on Sunday, December 1. The proceeds of WOW's seven previous books have been donated to Westminster Church.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

NOV 17-23, 2024



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:30a	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center/ Donuts with Deacons	North Main Entry
9:45a	Bridge Contemporary Worship Bridge Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grd) Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Wesminster Seminars	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00a	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School (4 yrs-4th Grade)	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233

***Sunday School** - Dismissed from worship after the children's message. Pickup after worship 9:45 in Room 176; 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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Deacon Meeting	Memorial Parlor

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00a	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:30	Scout Troop 366 Scout Troop 366 (Parent Meeting)	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00a	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:30	Bible Read Along	Rm. 238
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones Cherub Choir (K-2nd Grade) Junior Choir (3rd-6th Grade)	Rm. 194 Rm. 176 Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (5yrs-2nd Grd) Kids' Connection (3rd-4th Grd) JAM - Youth Group (5th-6th Grd) Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grd)	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry Youth Dept.
6:30	Reckoning with Anti-Semitism as Christians	Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Memorial Parlor
6:45	Grief Care	Rm. 268
7:30	Westminster Ringers	

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, NOVEMBER 21

12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Rm. 283
6:00	Girl Scout Troop 26635	Yahweh Café
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00a	Deacon Orientation	Rm. 238
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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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