

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



# COVENANT

2024 LENTEN SERIES

## THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

#### Prelude

Chorale Prelude on *Eventide*

C.H.H. Parry

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Introduction of the Reverend Laura Bentley

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Help us to be a blessing to others,

People: **to be a singer to the songless,  
a storyteller to the aimless,  
a befriender to the friendless.**

Leader: Help us to believe in blessings

People: **so that we may not just grow old,  
but grow new  
each day in this wild, amazing life  
you call us to live.**

#### \*Opening Hymn No. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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## \*Prayer of Confession

God of history and of our hearts,  
so much has happened in these days:  
we've known death and birth;  
we've been brave and scared;  
we've been hurt and hurt others;  
we've been honest and we've lied.  
You know our frail hearts. Forgive us.  
Help us to believe in your blessings,  
no matter how many times we've failed before.

*(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

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

## 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

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Old Testament, page 15

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

## Sermon

Chosen Family

Reverend Liddy Barlow

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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Offertory Anthem

Great Day

Traditional Spiritual/arr. Moses Hogan

\*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. 67

My Song Forever Shall Record

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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

Postlude on *Martyrs*

Harvey Grace

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**Leading in worship:** The Reverend Liddy Barlow, Sue Davis, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

Liturgy adapted from *Guerillas of Grace, Prayers for the Battle* by Ted Loder.



### GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Liddy Barlow has been the Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania since 2014. For fifty years, Christian Associates has built relationships among Christians who are Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant; Black and white; liberal and conservative; rural and urban; from 28 church bodies in the 10 counties of greater Pittsburgh. Together, these diverse Christians speak and act together for the common good and build bridges between the church and our interfaith, civic, and community partners.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events

### Westminster Seminars

**Frances Willard and the Women's Christian Temperance Union**

TODAY | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Elaine S. Frantz, Professor of History, Kent State University



### Coming Up for March

#### God's Everlasting Covenants

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, and 24 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Steven Tuell, Professor Emeritus of Hebrew and Old Testament,  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Everlasting covenants figure prominently in the Old Testament, from those with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David to covenants looking to the future after exile. The ultimate everlasting covenant is between the Lord and the people, and it remains unbroken today. More information and Zoom link on the church website.



### Lenten Prayer Stations

Throughout Lent | Memorial Parlor

Visit Memorial Parlor throughout Lent to journey through Lenten prayer stations. Designed for all ages (adults, youth, and children), all are welcome to come and dwell with the divine.

Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org).



### Teen & Parent Mental Health Speaker Series

Wednesday, February 28 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

**Anxiety!** Just the word causes us to get tense. If you have or know a teenager, you are aware of how many are dealing with stress and anxiety. School stress, family stress, peer pressure, friends, and just the state of the world are some of the reasons for anxiety. Join us in discussion led by the staff of Strong Foundations about how to handle these stressors. Contact Becky Boyer at [boyer@westminster-church.org](mailto:boyer@westminster-church.org).



## February Is Hunger Action Month

Community Engagement Commission | All of February

Nobody should have to go hungry, especially when there is so much food to go around. But unfortunately, many of our neighbors are hungry and food insecure, often worrying about when their next meal will be and where it will come from. Although the problem is bigger than any one of us can solve on our own, together we can make a difference and help feed people in our community. Please help us fill plates this month, by making a donation. Scan the QR code to the right, or text "WPCUSC HUNGER" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.



Give Today!

For questions, contact Jan Baumann at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).



## Living Stones

TODAY | 3:00 p.m.

Fairhaven United Methodist Church, Overbrook

Please give a couple of hours of your time to help a neighborhood in Overbrook. Serve food on Sunday, February 25, 3:00 p.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m. Transportation provided from the church's north parking lot.

For questions, contact Jan Baumann at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).



**THANK YOU!** We packaged 40,176 meals yesterday. Thank you to the 300+ volunteers who made it possible!

Rise Against Hunger will distribute these meals to schools and orphanages where the need is the greatest.

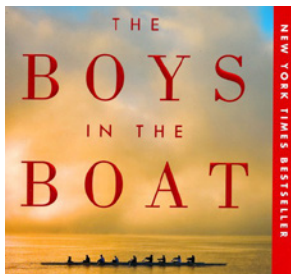
## BY THE NUMBERS

Our goal is to raise \$15,000 which will allow us to expand our current food ministry opportunities and to reach out in new ways to help programs that address hunger. The numbers to the right show where we need to go.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

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### Westminster Book Group

#### Adult Spiritual Development

Wednesday, February 28 | Noon - 1:15 p.m. | Church Library

The next meeting of the Westminster Book Group will be on Wednesday February 28, from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the church library. We will be discussing *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. All are welcome!



### Register NOW for the next session of Winter fitness programs!

“For in Him we live and move and have our being” Acts 17:28

Join us at the WROC for physical and spiritual strength!

Visit [wroc.westminster-church.org](http://wroc.westminster-church.org) or contact Kathy Long 412-835-6630 or [long@westminster-church.org](mailto:long@westminster-church.org).

- Barre Sculpt
- Cardio Drumming
- Cardio Strength Fusion AM & PM
- Flow (Vinyasa) Yoga
- Parkinson’s Fitness – *Keep Moving with Boxing*
- Pickleball for Parkinson
- Stronger Bones/Better Balance
- Tone and Sculpt
- Zumba AM & PM



### Thank You! The Blood Drive Was a Success.

On behalf of the deacons and Vitalant, we'd like to give a huge thank you to everyone who donated blood during last Sunday's blood drive. This life-giving support produced 27 blood donations which will result in 99 lives saved! **SAVE the DATE:** Sunday, May 19, for our next blood drive.



### Inquirers' Gathering

Sunday, March 10 | 2:00 p.m. | Room 283

If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member in the Presbyterian tradition, please consider coming to our next Inquirers' Gathering. This is an informal time of sharing and teaching as we explore what it means to be a faithful follower of Christ here at Westminster.

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No reservations needed. All are welcome.  
For more information, contact Jan Baumann.

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

FEB 25-MAR 3, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
8:30	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room**	<b>Sanctuary</b> 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> WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room** Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade)	<b>Sanctuary/Lvstrm.</b> Rm. 239 Rm. 233
3:00	Living Stones	Offsite
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, FEBRUARY 26

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club Deacon Meeting	Zoom Memorial Parlor

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
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. 231
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus Community Engagement Commission	Rm. 268 Rm. 238
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:30	Bible Read Along - Covenant Study	Rm. 238
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.
6:30	Dismantling Antisemitism Meeting Teen and Parent Mental Health Speaker Series	Rm. 238 Fellowship Hall
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, FEBRUARY 29

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Chancel Choir Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) Lenten Study	Rm. 268 Rm. 283
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

## FRIDAY, MARCH 1

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AI Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107

## SATURDAY, MARCH 2

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations Rotary Pancake Festival	Memorial Parlor Fellowship Hall
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Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

# Easter Flowers

The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial or honoree contributions for Easter flowers. Use the form below and make your check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Mail your check and form to the church office or place it in the collection plate.

Contributions must be received no later than Sunday, March 17, so that your gift can be listed in the Easter bulletin. Please indicate if you plan to pick up your flower or whether you would like it delivered to a member in care. Flowers will be available on Easter Sunday, after the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services, or Monday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**A suggested minimum donation of \$25 will cover the cost of the flowers. Additional donations beyond that will be used to support the work of the Chancel Guild throughout the year.**

## EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

My name \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of       In honor of

Name of memorial/honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

Please deliver flower to a member in care

I will pick up the flower on Easter Sunday after the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services, or Monday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

***Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, March 17.***

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