

FEBRUARY 18, 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

Pie Jesu

Andrew Lloyd Webber
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

The Wonderful Cross with Near the Cross Mason, Tomlin, Reeves, Walt
arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: From the beginning,
you formed light that we might see,
sky that we might look.

People: **You formed creatures of every kind –
swarming, flying, swimming, creeping –
that we might find our place with them;
that we might praise you for making them.**

Leader: Open our eyes, too often closed;
clear the sleep for our hearts, too often settled.

People: **Remind us of your blessings and promises so
that we remember our promise to you.**

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God,

My beginning and my ending,
my light by day, my lamp by night.

You shape the ways for me to go
and clear the paths for me to take.

Teach me that I may live by love –
not at my design, but yours.

Forgive my arrogance. Forgive my lack of fidelity to you.

Call me back to the beginning.

Guide my life through the contours of your word.

(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.

Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

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

Genesis 9:8-17

Old Testament, page 7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A Promise and a Plea

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

How Great Thou Art

arr. Dan Forrest

*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. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*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 *Bryn Calfaria*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Carolyn Kerr, Rick Ralston, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Jim Marshall, the Quartet, Chancel Choir and Westminster Ringers.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We rejoice with Carolyn and Mark Matthews as they present Austin James for the Sacrament of Baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events

Westminster Seminars

Frances Willard and the Women's Christian Temperance Union

Sundays, TODAY through February 25 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

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

Deacons' Blood Drive

TODAY | 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Just a reminder that Westminster Deacons are hosting our blood drive today. The Westminster Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this worthy mission.



Bible Read Along – Covenant Study

Wednesdays, February 21 - March 27 | 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Room 238

As a companion to the Lenten sermon series, we will read those texts in scripture that describe God's promises to humankind. God points to nature as symbols of an everlasting promise to be faithful to us. Rainbows after the rain, stars in the sky, and morning daybreaks after dark nights. We will gather in Room 238 from 4:30 to 5:30 with a zoom link optional for those who travel. Contact Jo Forrest with questions.



Veritas Volunteers Needed

Youth Ministry | Wednesdays through school year | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Wing

Veritas Youth Ministry is searching for caring adults to help with crowd control and assist with activities during programming. Veritas meets every Wednesday during the school year from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. There is no commitment to coming every week - sign up as you are able (or just come once to check it out!), but we do need you to stay the entire time. Contact Laura Ecklin for more information ecklin@westminster-church.org.



Register Now for Winter Fitness Classes

CLASS SPOTLIGHT: Zumba

Dance away the winter blues with this dynamic, fun, effective fitness class. Zumba is fun and easy to do. Two left feet? No problem! Just move to the music.

Register at wroc.westminster-church.org.

Photo: Jocelyn Blystone, Zumba Instructor



JUST
ADDED!

Monday:
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday:
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday: 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.



February Is Hunger Action Month

Community Engagement Commission | All of February

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat ..." Matthew 25:35. Many people regularly go to bed hungry and worry about where their next meal will come from. As big as this problem is, we can each take steps to help feed our neighbors. Indeed, that is what we are called to do. 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.



Living Stones

Sunday, February 25 | 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. Sign up early. For more information and address, go to <https://growlivingstones.com/>.



We Need Your Help! Rise Against Hunger

Volunteer Ministry | WROC

Saturday, February 24 | 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
& 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

We need 170 more volunteers of all ages and abilities. Six million children under the age of 5 die every year because of hunger. We will be assembling nutritious meal packets for Rise Against Hunger, an international hunger relief agency. All ages are welcome. Use the QR code above to register.

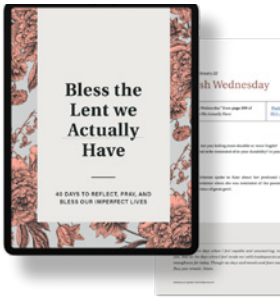
REGISTER TODAY



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.

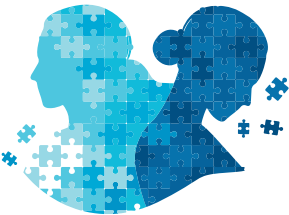




LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Lenten Study

Thursdays, February 15 - April 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Room 283

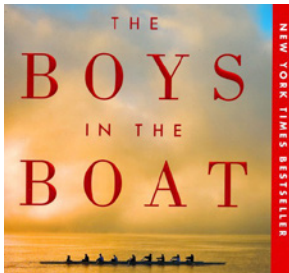
Ladies in Fellowship Together (formerly Ladies Night Book Group) will spend the Lenten season with Kate Bowler's devotional book and accompanying Lenten guide *Bless the Lives We Actually Have*. The devotionals and reflections are short and designed for a busy individual. This is a group for women of all ages to come together and share the realness of life. Drop in as you are able, even if you are behind on reading. Contact Kristy Berrott with questions, kristy@berrott.com.



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.



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!



Save the Date for Barefoot School VBS!

Children's & Family Ministry | June 17 - 21 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Mark your calendar for this summer's **Barefoot School VBS: Camp Firelight!** This unique Vacation Bible School program takes children on an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ. Barefoot School VBS will be held June 17-21. Registration opens on May 1! Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

FEB 18-24, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.) Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminars	WROC/Lvstrm. WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade) Confirmation Class 2023-2024	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233 Rm. 283
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 19

All Day Church/Office/WECEP Closed - Presidents' Day
7:00 The Grace Westminster Book Club Zoom

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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.
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 22

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, FEBRUARY 23

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
6:30p	Bridge Ladies Night	Offsite
7:00	AI Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107
8:00	Rise Against Hunger - Set Up	WROC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00	JAM Tweener Retreat Rise Against Hunger	Camp Crestfield 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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