



Westminster Presbyterian Church



February 4, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

# THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

## **Prelude**

Chorale Prelude on *What God Ordains Is Always Good*

J.G. Walther

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Share the Peace of Christ**

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** We gather here with a mixture of hope and expectation.

**People:** **We carry burdens and worry about our health and family, and our world.**

**Leader:** The year before us holds both uncertainty, joy, and hope.

**People:** **Whatever the year brings, we trust you God.**

### **\*Opening Hymn No. 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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## \*Prayer of Confession

Dear God,

We thank you for this extraordinary world  
and its reminders of resilience, grace, hope, and life:  
for when grass shoots break through concrete  
when the sun emerges after storms.

Yet if we reduce you to a cycle of nature we diminish your power to make the impossible real:  
to break apart the evils of oppression,  
to cast out the very real fears that paralyze us,  
to free us from the demons of judgment and worthlessness.

Forgive us, God, when we do not trust you.

*(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

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; his name is called Emmanuel.

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## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:21-28

New Testament, page 35

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

Real Magic

Jo Forrest

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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### Offertory Anthem

We Remember You

Lloyd Larson

We remember you; by your sacrifice of love all glory now is due.  
At this table here, mercy hovers near.  
Thanks is offered up; in this bread and cup we remember you.  
Precious risen Lamb, Jesus who was slain, now enthroned in glory,  
forever you will reign. Gladly we embrace both these signs of grace.

## \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal (page 35)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## The Sacrament of Communion

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

## Institution of the Lord's Supper

### Prayer of Dedication

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**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

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### \*Closing Hymn No. 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts  
*Verses 1, 3, and 5*

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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

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Dale Wood

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Barb Myers, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Molly Jeanette, daughter of Colleen and Keith Eddy, sister of Grayson.

The congregation extends condolences to Sally Randall on the death of her husband, Edward "Ned" Randall, on January 27.

## 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

The WCTU was the largest and most influential women's movement in the 19th and 20th centuries. Its leader, Frances Willard, was one of the most powerful and charismatic women in U.S. history. Willard's WCTU fundamentally transformed our country's popular culture, roles of women in public life, our sense of our national purpose, and the relationship of churches to the state.



## 2023-2024 Season of the Town Hall South Speaker Series

**THS** TOWN HALL  
South  
SPEAKER SERIES  
Est. 1969

Tuesday, February 6 | 10:00 a.m. | USC High School Theater

Join THS for NASA engineer Kobie Boykins. After working on the Mars rovers, Kobie has set his sights on more distant frontiers with his most ambitious mission to date—a circumnavigation of Europa. Through footage shot by the rovers and animations, Kobie gives an up-close look at other worlds. For more info and tickets, go to [www.townhallsouth.org](http://www.townhallsouth.org).



## February is Hunger Action Month

Community Engagement Commission | All of February

Help us fill plates this month! We are launching a targeted fundraising campaign to raise money for our hunger outreach mission. The money we raise will support organizations that work to address hunger, including **Rise Against Hunger, Meals on Wheels, Food to Go, QuicKits, Living Stones, and Street Moms**. For more information, contact Jan Baumann at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).



Give Today!



## Men's Small Group Bible Study

Wednesdays, starting February 7 | 9:00 a.m. | Room 231

Explore the Bible one book at a time a few verses of scripture at a time, highlighting key points and then discussing what the scripture means to us from our understandings and perspectives. Contact Chuck Wolfe at [wolfe.chuck@gmail.com](mailto:wolfe.chuck@gmail.com).

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## Ash Wednesday Prayer Stations and Worship

Wednesday, February 14 | Prayer Stations in the WROC at 5:30 p.m.,  
Worship service in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

Join us on Ash Wednesday for intergenerational prayer stations followed by worship with the imposition of ashes. Prayer stations will be set up in the WROC beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by worship in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. There will be no PreK-2nd Grade Kids' Connection. Instead, families are encouraged to journey through the prayer stations together.

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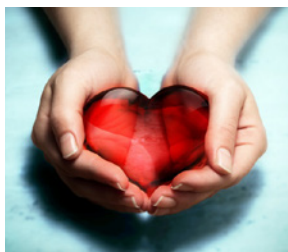


## Veritas Volunteers Needed

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 6:00-7:30 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](mailto:ecklin@westminster-church.org).

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## Deacons' Blood Drive

Sunday, February 18 | 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Westminster Deacons are hosting our final blood drive of the year. 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 <http://www.vitalant.org>. The Westminster Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this worthy mission.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



### Rise Against Hunger

Volunteer Ministry | WROC

Friday, Feb. 23 | 8:00 p.m. until done (usually an hour)

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

Six million children under the age of 5 die every year because of hunger.

We need 300 volunteers to package meal pouches in assembly line fashion. There is a job for everyone ages 4 to 104.

This is your chance for fun and fellowship for everyone. Register today at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/rise-against-hunger>.



### JAM Retreat

February 24-25 | Crestfield Camp & Conference Center

5th & 6th graders are invited to join us for a fun-filled 24 hours at Crestfield that will include games, food, large group times, small group times, exploring, and even sleeping. We'll have a blast while connecting with God and each other. Participants will meet on Saturday morning at Westminster and return Sunday morning. Cost is \$70 per student. For more information, contact Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org). Use the QR code above to register. Deadline is February 12.



### Bridge Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Ministry

Any Sunday | 9:45 a.m. | WROC

We need you! Bridge setup volunteers are needed to greet folks, hand out bulletins, set out décor OR to make coffee. Come a little early for worship. Training provided; it is easy. If you have questions about any or all of these opportunities, please contact Jan Baumann at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).



MyWPC has a NEW Look  
Communications Commission

MyWPC has been updated to new Realm software with our longtime ministry partner, ACS Technologies. To activate your account:

- Visit <https://onrealm.org>
- Enter your email address
- Click *Forgot Password*

Questions or concerns? Read more about MyWPC at [https://www.westminster-church.org/my\\_WPC](https://www.westminster-church.org/my_WPC) or contact Anna Hiner at [hiner@westminster-church.org](mailto:hiner@westminster-church.org).

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

FEB 4-10, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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. Rm. 176 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
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 5

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Children/Family Ministries Commission Meeting The Grace Westminster Book Club Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Zoom Zoom FH Kitchen Serving Area

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting Town Hall South Speaker Series	Rm. 238 USC HS Theater
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:30	Bible Read Along	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 8

7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
9:00	Priority2Work	Rm. 176
7:00	AI Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00a	Cub Scout Pinewood Derby	Fellowship Hall
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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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