



THE HEART OF GENEROSITY

November 10, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

THE Celebration OF Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Liturgical Improvisation on *Verbum supernum prodiens*

George Oldroyd

*Pour light upon us from above,
and fire our hearts with thy strong love.*

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Here, in this place,
we discover the great things God has done.

People: **In story and song, in silence and sacrament,
we are reminded of God's generosity.**

Leader: Here, with these people,
we find our true home,

People: **where we can share abundantly
and trust in God's never-ending care.**

Leader: Here, on this sabbath day,
we hear those promises made so long ago:

People: **of the one who leads us to repair all our mistakes,
of the one who reshapes our brokenness.**

***Opening Hymn 15**

All Creatures of Our God and King
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6

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***Prayer of Confession**

God of hope, God of joy, God of life,
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.
We have been so dead to miracles
that we have missed the hope you have promised us.
We have preoccupied ourselves with small things
and have overlooked the true joy you offer each one of us.
We have been so concerned with making a living
that we miss the new life you have given to us.
Forgive us. Open our eyes and ears to receive your promises,
and open our hearts and hands to share them freely.

(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.

Choral Response

SEVENFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 17:8-16

Old Testament, page 324

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Heart of Generosity: Our Limited Imaginations

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Michael John Trotta

Ubi Caritas et a mor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in Unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincere.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in him and be glad.
Let us fear and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.*

*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

Postlude on *Old 100th*

David Johnson

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, and the Quartet.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We offer our prayers for those with recent illnesses, surgeries, or hospitalizations: Kayla Sinclair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Westminster Seminars

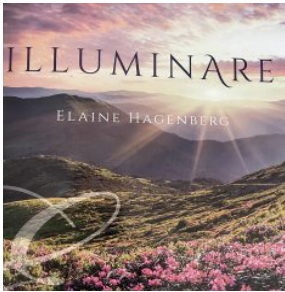
Embracing Mysticism, Near-Death Experiences,
and Spiritual Encounters

TODAY, November 17 & 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>.



Elaine Hagenberg's *Illuminare*

TODAY | 11:00 a.m. Worship | Sanctuary

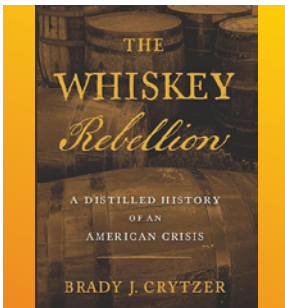
The Chancel Choir and chamber orchestra will present Elaine Hagenberg's *Illuminare*. Using lesser-known sacred Latin, Greek, and English texts, the piece takes us through a season of beauty and goodness that has been disrupted by darkness and confusion. But as Light gradually returns, hope is restored, illuminating our future and guiding us in peace. *Illuminare* will serve as the sermon for the 11:00 worship service. The music is incredibly beautiful. Join us!



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.



WROC Talk: The Whiskey Rebellion: A Distilled History of an American Crisis

Tuesday, November 12 | 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*. Brady J. Crytzer teaches history at Robert Morris University. A specialist in the Imperial History of North America with seven books to his credit, Crytzer is a leading voice in his field. Registration: wroc.westminster-church.org or contact Kathy Long at long@westminster-church.org.



PLEDGE & GIVE 2025

The Heart of Generosity stewardship campaign has received **85 pledges totaling \$395,769.**

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.



Veritas Food Drive

Wednesday, November 13

Since 2008, Veritas has held an annual collection to support SHIM's food pantry for the holiday season. This year, the students will return to the pre-pandemic model of going into surrounding neighborhoods to ask for donations. The congregation is invited to participate by bringing non-perishable food items or financial contributions to worship today. Donations can also be dropped off in the church office through Wednesday, November 13. Contact Laura Ecklin ecklin@westminster-church.org.



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.



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Join us for many exciting events and opportunities this winter. Are you receiving an email from the church each Tuesday and Friday? If not, please visit our website at www.westminster-church.org and complete the Join Our Email List or contact Anna Hiner with your name and email address.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Living Stones

Sunday, November 24

Meet in Westminster's north parking lot by 3:30 p.m.



Please help us feed those in need at a neighborhood church in Overbrook. We will serve food at Fairhaven United Methodist Church until approximately 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Meghan Widmar at meghan.widmar@andritz.com or text her at 724-549-4109.



Extended Communion

Sunday, December 1 | 8:00 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.

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.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

NOV 10-16, 2024



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Children's & Family Ministry Commission Troop 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Zoom FH Kitchen Area

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
5:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 176
6:30	WROC Talk: The Whiskey Rebellion/ Brady J. Crytzer	Fellowship Hall
7:30	Scout Troop 366 Scout Troop 366 (Parent Meeting)	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
1:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
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) Thanksgiving Food Drive	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry Youth Dept.
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
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, NOVEMBER 14

10:00	Women2Women	Rm. 238
7:00	Chancel Choir Ladies Night Out - Axe Throwing	Rm. 268 Offsite
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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