



Westminster Presbyterian Church

January 28, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

THE Celebration OF Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Two Hymn Preludes
Brocklesbury
St. Denio

Robert Powell

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Speak with authority
in our lives, Christ.

People: **Speak to us,
and to what is in us,
so that we might be whole.**

Leader: Speak to us,
with love,
with hope,
and with strength,

People: **so that we might hear you,
and know, deep inside,
that we are your people,
and that you are our God.**

*Prayer of Confession

We are complicated creatures –
cruel and kind in equal measure;
full of grace one moment, demanding perfection the next;
capable of great selfishness and even greater self-sacrifice.

And yet, somehow,
you manage to get your arms around all of it –
and all of us.

Your perfect love casts out all fear
and we are left with pure gratitude.
Hear our silent prayers.

(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.

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.

Congregational Response

SEVENFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:31-45

New Testament, page 29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Jesus is Exactly Where He Said He Would Be

Rev. Dr. Charissa Howe

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

A Glad and Joyful Song

Mary McDonald

I will sing to the Lord, sing praises unto my God,
for his excellent greatness, for his mighty power.
With great devotion, with joyful song,
I will sing to the Lord, sing forever, a glad and joyful song.
The earth is full of thy goodness. The sea is the fruit of thy hand.
Let all that is said be in praising the glorious work of thy hand!
We seek thee beyond understanding. Our praise resoundeth thy name.
O Lord, be exalted above the heavens proclaim!
Be glad in the Lord. Sing Praises to God all the earth.
Sing a new song. Sing a joyful song and be glad.

*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. 13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

KINGSFOLD

*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

Allegro vivace e maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

Leading in worship: Rev. Dr. Charissa Howe, Jerry Malarkey, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.



Guest preacher – Rev. Dr. Charissa Howe

The **Rev. Dr. Charissa Howe** works for the Foundation of HOPE serving as the Director of Chaplaincy Services at the Allegheny County Jail. She began serving as a volunteer with the Foundation of HOPE in 2014 and has been on staff as the chaplaincy director since 2021. Ordained in the PC (USA) she has served a variety of ministries within the Pittsburgh Presbytery. Dr. Howe is frequent guest preacher and speaker at conferences. She is also a certified therapy animal handler.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Charlotte (Charlie) Weber-Klonicke

The congregation extends condolences to Jo and Hamish Forrest on the death of Jo's mother, Evelyn Preuninger, on January 23.

The congregation extends condolences to Kristy, Ray, and Kayla Berrott on the death of Kristy's father, Robert Shaw.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars

One Body, Many Parts: Engaging Difference in Congregations

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

Coming Up Next

Frances Willard and the Women's Christian Temperance Union

Sundays, February 4 – 25 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

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



Bible Read Along: Mark's Epiphany

Wednesdays, through February 7 | 4:30 p.m. | Room 238 and via Zoom

Follow along with the sermon series this Epiphany as we explore Jesus' mysterious identity from the Gospel of Mark. It's a paradox: the more Jesus reveals of himself the more he insists on secrecy. His disciples often remain clueless while outsiders grasp the truth. Where do we stand? For Zoom link or questions, contact Jo Forrest at forrest@westminster-church.org.

Westminster Single Women's Group Upcoming Events

Dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market

Tuesday, January 30 | 4:30 p.m. | Galleria

Mark your calendars for the last Tuesday of every month!

Registration is recommended. Space is limited to 15.



For more information and to register for any event, go to <https://wroc.westminster-church.org>.



Dismantling Antisemitism Workshop

Wednesday, January 31 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

The startling and deadly rise of antisemitism impacts everyone in our community. This interactive workshop, taught by Noah Schoen of the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, invites participants into greater understanding of antisemitism. Participants begin to develop their own stake in dismantling antisemitism and leave with actionable knowledge. This event is open to the community, and is designed for high school students and adults. For more info, go to <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/dismantling-antisemitism-workshop>.



2023-2024 Season of the Town Hall South Speaker Series

THS TOWN HALL
South
SPEAKER SERIES
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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.



Men's Small Group Bible Studys

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.



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. For questions, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
food • community • sustainability

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



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. Use the QR code above to register. Deadline is February 12.



Seeking Donations for Sponsored Refugee Family

Refugee Resettlement Committee

The Refugee Resettlement Committee is pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring another family! We estimate that they will be arriving in less than a month, so we are moving quickly. If you would like to make a donation, scan the QR code for our Amazon wish list. Please contact Jenny Thompson with any questions at jenthompson106@gmail.com.



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.



MyWPC has a NEW Look
Communications Commission

We just updated our software for MyWPC. As with all change, we had a few bumps in the road! On January 22, all members for whom we have a valid email address should have received an email invitation to create a Realm account. If you did not receive an email, please reach out to Anna Hiner at hiner@westminster-church.org. Take MyWPC with you on your smart phone by downloading the free *Connect - Our Church Community* app for **iPhone** and **Android** devices.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JAN 28-FEB 3, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

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 Rm. 283
6:00	Social Justice League	Yahweh Café
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, JANUARY 29

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club Zoom	

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
4:30	Single Women's Group Dinner	Galleria
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
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.
6:30	ASD - Dismantling Antisemitism Workshop	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 1

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00	Officer Retreat	Sanctuary
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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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We would love to hear from you. Give us a call, drop us an email, or stop by the church office.

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