



*Let us love winter, for it  
is the spring of genius.*

– Pietro Aretino

**Westminster** Presbyterian **Church**



January 14, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m

# THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Prelude**

Children of the Heavenly Father  
In Heavenly Love Abiding

-arr. Dale Wood

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Come into worship,  
and see what God has in store for us today.

**People:** **We have busy lives, but still, we're curious . . .**

**Leader:** Come into God's presence,  
and see the difference love makes.

**People:** **We've been disappointed before  
by those who love us.**

**Leader:** Come into the light and see the glory of God.

**People:** **Our eyes have been closed for so long,  
and so we yearn for the light . . .**

\*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you've offered us a new life in Christ, but we can't adopt it without dying to our old lives...and that's so hard. To do so we have to let go of mindsets and habits that often hurt our relationship with others, you, and even ourselves. We hold grudges. We harbor jealousies. We let fear rule our thoughts and acts, sometimes to the point of persistent anger. We look at life cynically, and in doing so lose a sense of hope and joy. We need your Spirit-in-us to transform them into forgiveness, love, calm, faith, and joy. Hear us as we offer you our silent confessions...

*(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

THREEFOLD AMEN

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 6:12-14

New Testament, page 169

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Division Isn't Christian... Consonance Is"

Graham Standish

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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### Offertory Anthem

The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels has stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations; to bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart.

~ Howard Thurman

### \*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. 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
*verses 1,4, 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

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Paul Manz

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**Leading in worship:** Graham Standish, Michele Burgess, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.



## Guest preacher – Graham Standish

**This Sunday we welcome Graham Standish to Westminster!** Graham joined Samaritan Counseling, Guidance, Consulting in November 2017, as the Executive Director, as well as Director of Caring for Clergy and Congregations program. Graham has been a frequent presenter in our Seminars, leads workshops throughout PC(USA), and provides spiritual direction/coaching to pastors. Prior to coming to Samaritan, he served for 22 years as the pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, PA.

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to family and friends of Bernadette Capps who died on December 13.

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Bobbie Hartman.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



## Westminster Seminars

### Differences

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

## Coming Up Next

### One Body, Many Parts: Engaging Difference in Congregations

January 21 (8:45 a.m.) & January 28 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Leanna K. Fuller, Associate Professor of Pastoral Care  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



## One Service Sunday, Congregational Meeting, and Lunch

January 21 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

In this blended worship service and meeting, we will worship God and celebrate the work of this congregation by receiving the annual report, the 2024 budget, and vote on Rev. Dr. Jo Forrest's terms of call. We will also ordain and install our new officers. Following worship, all will gather in Fellowship Hall to enjoy lunch. (*The seminars will meet at 8:45 a.m. in Galbreath Chapel.*) Children in PreK-4th grade will be dismissed after the Children's Message to Sunday School in room 233. Read more at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/one-service-sunday>.



## Bible Read Along: Mark's Epiphany

Wednesday, January 17 - February 7 | 4:30 p.m. | Room 238

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 questions, contact Jo Forrest at [forrest@westminster-church.org](mailto:forrest@westminster-church.org)



## Register Now for Winter Fitness Classes

### **CLASS SPOTLIGHT: Burn & Sculpt**

Thursdays | 10:00-11:00 a.m. | **Just \$56 for an 8 week session**

Class combines basic cardio moves with continuous strength exercises, using weights and resistance bands for a total body workout. We have new weighted bars to enhance the workout. All fitness levels welcome.

Register at [wroc.westminster-church.org](http://wroc.westminster-church.org).



## Haiti Pen Pal Project 2024

### Outreach Commission

Want to connect with a high school student at La Croix New Testament Mission? Become a Pen Pal! Each Westminster writer will be paired with a student, and we'll exchange letters monthly around a common topic. Email your name and email address to [HaitiPenPals@westminster-church.org](mailto:HaitiPenPals@westminster-church.org) by **January 21** to sign up. More information is on the church website.



## 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>.



## Offering Envelopes

If you indicated on your pledge card that you would like to receive offering envelopes for 2024, you may now pick them up in the Narthex. Please notice the new number this year. If you have not requested 2024 envelopes and would like to receive them, please contact Anna Hiner at [hiner@westminster-church.org](mailto:hiner@westminster-church.org) or 412-835-6630x207.



## Rise Against Hunger

### Volunteer Ministry

Saturday, February 24 | WROC

Shifts: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m | WROC

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](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).

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## 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, you can visit our Amazon wish list. Please contact Jenny Thompson with any questions at [jenthompson106@gmail.com](mailto:jenthompson106@gmail.com).

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## 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).

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## STAY CONNECTED!

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](http://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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# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JAN 14-20, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary 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
6:00	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 15

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

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

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, JANUARY 18

12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Rm. 290
5:30	Staying Connected - Deacon Team	Rm. 238
7:00	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

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

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20



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.



## Westminster Staff Contact Information

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