



FALL
SERMON
SERIES



The GOOD NEWS

THE
Celebration
OF
Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Fugue in E Flat Major "St. Anne"

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to this place:
where heaven and earth embrace in peace;
where God has been, is, and always will be.

People: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:
where we find God's love, the tender voice of Jesus, and
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Leader: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by Jesus:
where we bring our hunger, and will be fed;
where we bring our very selves and find acceptance.

*Opening Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

A Word for All Ages (11:00)

(11:00) Children in PreK through 4th grade are dismissed to Sunday School.

Sending Song Hymn 748 (11:00)

Go with Us, Lord

Go with us Lord and guide the way, through this and every coming day,
that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be a gift to you.

*Prayer of Confession

If we're honest,
compassion does not come easy to us.
We see others who struggle.
It all just feels like it's too much, and there's nothing we can do.

And so, we pray first for ourselves:
that you will forgive us for neglecting others,
still our fears, and lead us to those acts of compassion
that we are capable of doing.

Forgive us when we forget
that compassion will lead us to do what we can,
and that this will make a difference.

(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

Lord, Be Glorified

Bob Kilpatrick

1. In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Mark 6:30-43

New Testament, page 41

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Good News: Do This

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Al Shlosa D'varim

Allan E. Naplan

The world is sustained by three things, by truth, by justice, and by peace.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you.	Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.	Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.	Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.	Deep peace of Christ to you.

Postlude

Postlude on *O Quanta Qualia*

H. Alexander Matthews

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Richard F. Norris III, the Quartet, Chancel Choir, Lorraine Milovac, and Jim Burns.

About the Prelude Bach's Fugue in E Flat BWV 552 is often referred to as the St. Anne Fugue because its opening subject resembles the hymn tune *St. Anne* (Our God, Our Help in Ages Past). It consists of 3 separate fugues, each with its own subject. Each section builds in intensity until the final fugue in which Bach combines all 3 subjects for a coherent and majestic conclusion.



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Help us raise \$350,000 to pay for this vital project to keep the power flowing. <https://www.westminster-church.org/let-there-be-light-project>



Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We offer our prayers for those with recent illnesses, surgeries, or hospitalizations: Craig Marshall, Linda Robinson, and Mary Winks.

The congregation extends condolences to Carolyn and Christine Hestwood on the death of husband and father, Richard (Dick) Hestwood, on September 28.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Westminster Seminars

Four Gospel Stories through Rembrandt's Eyes

TODAY & October 13, 20 & 27 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Presented by James E. Davison with Sandra Conley

The 17th century painter Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn possessed an almost uncanny ability to paint scenes and people with remarkable depth and emotion. Some of his later Gospel paintings are especially profound. In this series we will look at four passages, seeking to enter the stories more deeply through Rembrandt's portrayal of them. What did he see in these passages, and how can we see more because of what he saw?

For more info and the Zoom link, go to <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.



Mark Your Calendars!

Westminster Quartet Concert

TODAY | 2:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

The Quartet and Jim Burns are presenting a concert! From classical masterpieces to contemporary gems, this concert will showcase a rich selection of music. Bring your friends and family. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit Music & Arts here at Westminster.



Get to the Point of Pittsburgh History

Wednesday, October 9 | 10:00 a.m. | Fort Pitt Museum - Pgh

Please join the Adult Spiritual Development Commission for a guided tour of the Fort Pitt Museum. Discover the pivotal role of our region in the French & Indian War, American Revolution, and Early Republic. Cost is \$8. Lunch (pay on your own) afterwards at City Works in Market Square. Contact Deborah Waller 412-760-7523 for registration details.

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Common Ground for the Common Good

Wednesday, October 9 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

**Don't miss the last
One Hit Wonder
of the season.**

Facilitator: Laura Bentley

How can we learn to speak across differences, even in a time when political polarization can get in the way of conversation between family, friends, and neighbors? Join the discussion as we explore ways to turn down the temperature and still go beyond polite chit chat with people who think, live, and believe differently than us.



Fall Festival

Sunday, October 13 | 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Gilfillan Farm

Join us for an afternoon of fall fun featuring pumpkins, a food truck, crafts, games, and more! Paula's Hometown Hotdogs will be on site selling delicious eats. Enjoy the grounds at Gilfillan Farm as you decorate pumpkins, play fall games, adventure through a scavenger hunt, and delight in the fall season with family and friends. In the event of inclement weather, the event will move to Fellowship Hall. Contact Faith Kemmler for questions.



Veritas at Gilfillan Farm

Wednesday, October 16 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Youth Wing

Students in 7th-12th grade are invited to join us for a night of campfires, s'mores, singing, and hanging out! We will meet in the youth wing and walk over to the farm at 6:00 p.m. Bring a blanket to sit on or chair if you like. Contact Laura Ecklin at ecklin@westminster-church.org with any questions.



Catacombs

Friday, October 18 | 7:00 p.m. - Midnight | Youth Wing

Students in 7th-12th grade are invited to one of our most popular events - Catacombs! This churchwide game of hide and seek with a biblical history is a crowd favorite as we explore the depths of the building in the dark. This is a great event to invite friends! Register online by October 13. Contact Laura Ecklin at ecklin@westminster-church.org with any questions.



Grief Care

Wednesdays, October 23 - November 20 | 6:45-8:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

Grief Care is a faith-based grief support group that can help you face the challenges of loss and move toward rebuilding your life. Contact Anna Hiner at hiner@westminster-church.org if you have any questions. To register and for more information, visit: <https://westminster-church.org/events/event-list/grief-care>.

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T'ai Chi

Thursdays, October 31-December 19 | 10:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hall | \$56

T'ai Chi is an ancient form of exercise that blends physical movement with deep meditative breathing.

Instructor, Dr. David Clippinger, has been studying, practicing, and teaching T'ai Chi, Qigong and the philosophies that inform those practices for over 30 years. Visit wroc.westminster-church.org to register and for a complete list of all classes.



Thank You! The Blood Drive Was a Success.

The Deacons would like to extend a HUGE Thank You to those who donated blood during our September Blood Drive. Vitalant reported that we had 28 units including whole blood, red cells, and plasma. This will help as many as 80 patients in need of blood. Approximately half of the nation's blood supply is collected at blood drives like ours. Mark your calendars for our next blood drive on February 16, 2025.



Save the Date - Women's Retreat

February 7-9, 2025 | Crestfield Camp and Conference Center

Join the women of Westminster for a weekend of faith development, activities, and fellowship. This is an intentionally intergenerational group; everyone is welcome to join us. Read more at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/women-belonging-retreat> or contact Laura Ecklin.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: Hurricane Helene

The impact of Hurricane Helene has been felt across multiple states, and many resources are needed to support these affected communities.

Westminster is donating \$5,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; we invite you to add your gift to ours at <https://onrealm.org/WestminsterChurchUSC/give/PDA>.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Recruiting for Volunteer Coordinator

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Thanks and congratulations to Jan Baumann on her retirement after years of service as Volunteer Coordinator. Recruitment has begun for her replacement. This position seeks to match volunteers from the church community to ministry, outreach, and support needs. To learn more about this opportunity, see the full position description on our website (About | Employment) or contact recruiting@westminster-church.org.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

OCT 6-12, 2024



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

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.)	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Wesminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239
	Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade)	Rm. 233
2:00	Westminster Quartet Concert	Sanctuary

*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 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 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, OCTOBER 7

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
5:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 238
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:30	Bible Read Along	Rm. 238
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
	Cherub Choir (K-2nd Grade)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (3rd-6th Grade)	Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Follow Me Adult Discussion Group	Rm. 231
	Kids' Connection (PreK-1st Grd)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (2nd-3rd Grds)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (4th-5th Grds)	North Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (6th-12th Grds)	Youth Dept.
6:15	One Hit Wonders	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, OCTOBER 10

6:00	Dismantling Antisemitism	Rm. 238
7:00	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Book Group	Rm. 283
	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

11:00	Richard (Dick) Hestwood Memorial Service	Sanctuary
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Children's & Family Ministry



Wednesdays @ Westminster



Music & Choirs

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