



Westminster Presbyterian Church



July 30, 2023 | 8:30 a.m.

THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Prelude on *Be Thou My Vision*

Craig Phillips

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters: the worriers and wanderers.

People: **Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has healed and fed those who turn to Jesus.**

Leader: People of God, come as you are and receive the bread of heaven.

*Opening Hymn No. 2

Come, Thou Almighty King
verses 1,2, and 4

ITALIAN HYMN

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God,
We confess that we do not always understand your ways and
are easily discouraged when our carefully laid plans come to nothing.
We are quick to question your presence and your way.
We fear sharing with others and losing our grip on security.
We come to you, aware of our emptiness.
We are hungry for life. Forgive us. Heal us. Feed us.

(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.

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

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

New Testament, page 16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Picnic in the Park

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

In This Very Room
Katy Williams, soprano

Ron and Carol Harris

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me.
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me.

And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us.
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world.
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world.

***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. 460**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

***Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

David Johnson

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Ted Kyle, Jim Burns, and Katy Williams.

“Why worry about the loaves and fishes?”

By Mary Oliver

“Why worry about the loaves and fishes?
If you say the right words, the wine expands.
If you say them with love
and the felt ferocity of that love
and the felt necessity of that love,
the fish explode into many.
Imagine him, speaking,
and don't worry about what is reality,
or what is plain, or what is mysterious.
If you were there, it was all those things.
If you can imagine it, it is all those things.
Eat, drink, be happy.
Accept the miracle.
Accept, too, each spoken word
spoken with love.” ■

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Allison Mia Ecklin, daughter of Laura and Jerome Ecklin, granddaughter of Jan and Don Baumann.

The congregation extends condolences to Frank Heinemann and Joyce Dreeland on the death of Frank's daughter, Susan Gordon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Let's enjoy summer fun as a whole church family!

Join us today at 11:00 a.m. for a combined, casual, outdoor worship service at the East Rise Pavilion in South Park.

For more information and directions, scan QR code or go to, <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/worship-in-the-park>



Come or stay for the All Church Picnic.

Lunch will be served at noon. Then enjoy the fun summer activities for all ages.

Please bring a camping chair.



TODAY - WORSHIP/PICNIC AT SOUTH PARK

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Park | Picnic Lunch at noon



Food to Go

Today | Immediately following the Sunday 8:30 Worship | Room 274

You can be part of the solution. Many kids rely on school for breakfast and lunch and in the summer, they miss these meals. Devote just a little bit of your time to pack bags for delivery. Your help can go a long way!



Social Justice League (SJL)

Next Meeting: Today! | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Department

Our Social Justice League for teens meets the last Sunday of each month. SJL is a group who are concerned about issues such as homelessness, food insecurity, LGBTQ+ rights, immigration, and more! SJL was gifted money from the Outreach Commission to give away to causes they feel passionate about. Any teen or young adult is welcome to join us!



Street Moms Lunch Preparation

Saturday, August 5 | 8:00-10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Street Moms is a community of women experiencing homelessness in Wheeling, WV, and they need our support. Please join us in preparing lunches for this worthy cause. This is also a great opportunity to get to know others in the church while serving. For more information, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.

Columbarium Price Increase The price of columbarium niches will increase from \$1,750 to \$3,000 each, effective September 1, 2023. Members who enter into a purchase agreement before September 1, 2023, will receive the \$1,750 per niche price. Payment plans are available. Please contact Anna Hiner at 412-835-6630x207.

Veterans' Luncheon on Saturday, August 5, has been CANCELED!

THANK YOU!

The glass has been shattered!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to get our cute baby seal a new coat. In less than six weeks, 140 of you donated \$35,000 by giving via a QR code, online, text, check, and old-fashioned cash. Donations ranged from \$5 to several thousand dollars. Twenty-four people in the community, who are not church members, sent checks and notes of appreciation. Several outside groups who meet at Westminster raised money by passing a hat. Some members who have not pledged in the past also gave. Wow!

Because of your generosity, this church will continue to be a vital presence in our community, literally from the ground up. *Thank you.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Parent & Caregiver Survey

Parents: we want to support you! Westminster's Children's, Family, and Youth Departments are working together to provide adults and parents with opportunities for growth, connection, and education. But we need to know what's best for you. We'd love to hear what sorts of conversations and groups you'd like to join. Please take a few moments to complete this short survey as we develop our plans for the coming year.

Go to bit.ly/wpcparents.

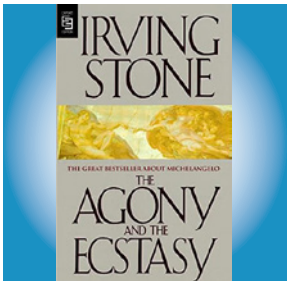


JAM & Veritas Pool Party

Wednesday, August 10 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Montclair Pool (1220 Sherbrook Dr.)

As we get ready to say goodbye to summer and hello to school, let's get together for a fun night of swimming, pizza, and friends! All rising 5th through 12th graders are invited to attend. Friends are welcome too! No need to be a previous JAM, Veritas, or WPC attendee. Questions? Contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.

Please RSVP: bit.ly/JAMveritaspool



Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, September 27 | Noon | Library

We will discuss Irving Stone's *The Agony and the Ecstasy*. This is Irving Stone's powerful and passionate biographical novel of Michelangelo. His genius: a God-driven fury from which he wrested the greatest art the world has ever known. Come join us, all are welcome!

For more information, contact Nana Wilson at callingnana@gmail.com.

Don't Forget to Register for an Upcoming Summer Fitness Program at the WROC



Register Now for July - August Fitness Classes

Share your summer with us at the WROC! Visit [wroc.westminster-church.org](https://www.wroc.westminster-church.org) for a listing of all classes and registration.

- Barre Sculpt
- Cardio Kickboxing
- Yoga
- Zumba
- Stronger Bones/Better Balance
- Parkinson's Workout
- Keep Moving with Boxing

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JULY 30 - AUGUST 5, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
11:00	Worship in the Park	South Park
12:00	All Church Picnic	South Park
6:00	Social Justice League	Youth Dept.

**Wiggle Room – 8:30 - 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, JULY 31

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club Zoom	

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00	Staff Retreat	Rm. 238
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 176

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

Wednesdays @ Westminster are on summer break. Programs resume August 30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00	Street Moms Lunch Preparation	FH Kitchen
12:00	Veteran's Luncheon CANCELED	



Children's & Family Ministry



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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