



THE HEART OF GENEROSITY

October 27, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

THE Celebration OF Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Festival Prelude on *Ein feste Burg*

William Faulkes

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship, written by Beth Merrill Neel

Leader: In love and joy, God calls us together.

People: **And so we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors, as sisters and brothers in Christ.**

Leader: Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:

People: **our songs, our hearts, our prayers, our lives.**

Leader: Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive, let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

A Word for All Ages (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

Gracious God,
we confess the truth of our lives.

Some days, we are open-handed, on the lookout for strangers in need,
able to hold our tongues and forgive others for slights.

While other days, we fear for our comfort and security. We are wary of those who might ask
something of us; we are quick to defend or deflect; we turn our anger outward on others or
inward on ourselves, unwilling to accept your grace.

Forgive us our inconsistency and our ingratitude.
Remind us that your love is steadfast, abundant, and overflowing in mercy.
Help us to remain in you, that we might simply be conduits of your love.

(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.

Welcome New Members

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.

Choral Response

SEVENFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:1-13

New Testament, page 161

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Heart of Generosity: What Can I Offer?

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Upon This Rock

John Ness Beck

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.
And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.
And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
Lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come.
Arise, and come away. Arise!

Congregation, please rise and join us in singing:

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally. Amen!

*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 733

We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS
WALDVOGELEIN

*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 *Built on a Rock*

Gilbert Martin

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Jo Forrest, Richard F. Norris III, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the marriage of Meghan Allwes and Austin Bennett on October 5.

Welcome New Members

Today we welcome the following new members:

Barbara Botkin
Lester Botkin
Anne Marie Christian
Laurence Christian
Norm Dingmore

Norman Dingmore
Christian Lesnett
Kathryn Lesnett
Dennis Loos
Heather Loos

Katelyn McCombs
Sharon Moorcroft
Christopher Salera
Mary Shaffer
Eric Tallon

Valerie Tallon
Ann Thomas
Alison Weiss
Matthew Weiss

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, October 27

The meeting will be immediately following each of the three worship services*, when the Nominating Committee will present the nominations for Session, Board of Deacons, Nominating Committee, and Endowment and Special Gifts Committees. Nominations currently include:

Elders Class of 2027

Christopher Conroy
Brian Eccher
Jerry Malarkey
Richard Ralston
Harry Serene
Deborah Waller

*The congregational meeting will be convened at the end of each of the three worship services so that everyone can participate. A brief town hall will also be offered following each service to provide a financial update.

Endowment & Special Gifts Class of 2028

Richard Allwes
Drew Hauth

Deacons Class of 2027

Christie Jones
David Jones
Catherine Kramer
Miranda Policz
Mark Rhoa
Rebecca Stoczynski
Sandy Thompson
John Van Cleve

Deacons Class of 2025 (Youth)

Nolan Daniele
Colin Green
Lizzie Marsh

Nominating Committee 2025

At-large Members

Bobbie Copeland
Carrie Kushner
Shannon Radinick
Laura Rhoa
Jodi Seftchick
Amy Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Westminster Seminars

Four Gospel Stories through Rembrandt's Eyes

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

Presented by James E. Davison with Sandra Conley

Coming Up Next:

Embracing Mysticism, Near-Death Experiences, and Spiritual Encounters

November 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Graham Standish, *Executive Director, Samaritan Counseling, Guidance, Consulting*

Christianity grew out of incredible spiritual experiences and flourished because of people's God-experiences throughout history. Churches grow when they help people experience God. Do we still nurture God-experiences in our churches? Are churches safe places to share spiritual experiences? This series will help us understand and embrace spiritual experiences so that we can discover God throughout all of life.

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



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THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the *Let There Be Light* campaign. We are grateful to the 158 households who gave or made commitments totaling \$315,000 and the Endowment Committee for the initial \$150,000 grant for this \$500,000 project. We did not reach our goal of \$350,000 and welcome any additional contributions. A hearty word of thanks as well to the Property Commission and custodial staff for their superb work in the actual work. This project proceeded so smoothly! Let the light of Christ shine through Westminster for generations to come.



Give TODAY!

WROC
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Register Now for Fall Fitness Programs at the WROC

For a complete list, and to register for any class, visit wroc.westminster-church.org.

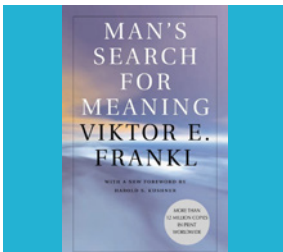
In addition to old favorites, we've added to our fall lineup:

- Cardio Drumming
- Pilates
- Gentle Yoga
- Barre Sculpt

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

Tuesday, November 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

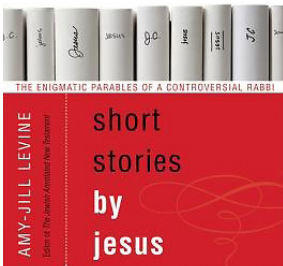
Author Brady J. Crytzer will discuss the history of the Whiskey Rebellion. He teaches history at Robert Morris University. A specialist in the Imperial History of North America with seven books to his credit, Crytzer is a leading voice in his field.



Tuesday Reading Group

Tuesday, October 29 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

Please join us for a lively discussion of Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning*. This classic often tops list of best writings from the 20th century - across all genres. Frankl argues that we cannot avoid suffering but we can choose how to cope with it, find meaning in it, and move forward with renewed purpose.



Westminster Book Group

Adult Spiritual Development

Wednesday, October 30 | Noon - 1:15 p.m. | Church Library

Join us for our next Westminster Book Group where we will discuss *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy Jill Levine. All are welcome!

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College Student Care Packages

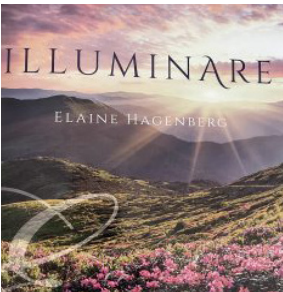
Do you know of a college student in our congregation who could use a fall semester boost? Westminster wants to send them a care package! The deadline to submit a student to receive a care package will be Friday, November 1. Student names and mailing addresses, as well as any questions, can be sent to Harrison Burgess at burgess@westminster-church.org.



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.



Elaine Hagenberg's *Illuminare*

Sunday, November 10 | 11:00 a.m. Worship | Sanctuary

Join us when 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!



Ladies Night Out - Axe Throwing

November 14 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Lumberjaxes 1689 McFarland Rd, Pgh, PA 15216

Register
Today!



The women of Westminster are invited for a fun night out at Lumberjaxes Axe Throwing in Mt Lebanon. Ages 21+ (but no age max!) Please register using the link by October 30. \$35 registration fee covers your axe throwing for 2 hours. Beer and wine bar on site. There is tons of space at this event - we want you there! No need to be a part of any preexisting group.



Reckoning with Anti-Semitism as Christians

Wednesday, November 20 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

The church van will leave from Westminster's north parking lot at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions or wish to ride in the van, contact Dan Paul at dan.paul.42@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

OCT 27-NOV 2, 2024



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:30	Traditional Worship/ Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship/ Congregational Meeting	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.)	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
	Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade)	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 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 28

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Deacon Meeting	Memorial Parlor

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:00	Tuesday Reading Group	Memorial Parlor
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
12:00	The Westminster Book Group	Library
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	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grds)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (3rd-4th Grds)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (5th-6th Grds)	North Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grds)	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, OCTOBER 31

10:00	Women2Women	Rm. 238
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
6:00	Bridge Ladies Night	Offsite
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	Al Anon	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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