



FALL  
SERMON  
SERIES



# The GOOD NEWS

THE  
Celebration  
OF  
Worship

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

### Prelude

How Great Thou Art  
*The Quartet*

arr. Dan Forrest

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Share the Peace of Christ

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: In a broken and fearful world,  
the spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing.

People: In a broken and fearful world,  
Christ calls us to witness among all peoples,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: In a broken and fearful world,  
God remains present with us.

People: With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Presentation of Bibles

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.

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

\*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from your son. Forgive us for the times we neglect to include and welcome others into his church. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you and receive your grace.

*(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

Change My Heart, O God

*Refrain* Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

*Verse* You are the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. *(Refrain)*

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

Mark 9:38-50

New Testament, page 45

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Good News: We Saw Someone

Jo Forrest

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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### Offertory Anthem

In the Name of the Lord

arr. Mary McDonald

Crowds have lined the narrow street to see this man from Galilee; just a carpenter some say, leading fools astray, yet many kneel to give him praise. And in his eyes they glimpse the power that sees the heart of all men, and he knows the Father's mind, he speaks the Father's words, for he comes in the name of the Lord.

There is strength in the name of the Lord. There is power in the name of the Lord. There is hope in the name of the Lord. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

When my plans have fallen through and when my strength is nearly gone, when there's nothing left to do but just depend on you and the power of your name. And when we call upon your name, your strength through weakness to show, we can know the Master's plan, extend the Master's hand when we come in the name of the Lord.

His name will be worshiped forever: Creator, Redeemer, and King!

### \*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 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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### \*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

Recessional in G

Fanny Mendelssohn

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Faith Kemmler, Debb Egli, the Quartet, Chancel Choir, Christine Hestwood, and Jim Burns.

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## FALL SERMON SERIES: **The Good News**

At a time when our political process clouds our ability to see the humanity of those who do not conform to our ideas, our church will proclaim the good news of Christ Jesus. In a fractured culture with deep divisions, Jesus creates the good news. He teaches us to hear, to speak, and be in this world without the limits we place upon one another and ourselves. Each week we will follow the lectionary through the Gospel of Mark to ground ourselves in the truth of the one who invites us to follow in his ways.

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## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

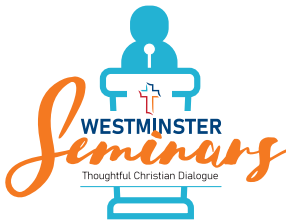
We celebrate with joy the marriage of Demi Blair and Matthew Copeland on September 21.  
We celebrate with joy the birth of Paige Virginia Certo, daughter of Carolyn Boucek and Michael Certo, granddaughter of Lynn and Charles Boucek.  
Recent hospitalization: Colin Green

**Congratulations** to the following children as they receive their Bibles and take the next step in their journey of faith:

**Claudia Leigh Bowser**  
**Sammie Ferris**

**Caroline Diana McCormick**  
**Rowan Evelyn Policz**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Westminster Seminars

**Faith and Politics: Insights from the Barmen Declaration**

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

**John P. Burgess**, Professor of Systematic Theology,  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



*Jim Davison is retired from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He was Minister of Education at Westminster for 17 years. Sandy Conley is an artist and longtime member of Westminster. For seven years, Jim and Sandy worked together on the staff of WPC.*

### Coming Up Next:

**Four Gospel Stories through Rembrandt's Eyes**

**October 6, 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>.



### Inquirers' Gathering

**Wednesday, October 2 | 6:15-7:30 p.m. | Rm. 283**

Learn more about becoming a member at Westminster Church at an informal gathering of sharing, teaching, and exploring what it means to be a follower of Christ in the Presbyterian tradition and here at Westminster.

All are welcome. Please **RSVP** to Anna Hiner at [hiner@westminster-church.org](mailto:hiner@westminster-church.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Westminster is hosting a new series called **One Hit Wonders**. Implied in the name, each topic will be contained to *one* evening. We hope you will *hit* it off (pun intended) with other participants around the topic. And we will *wonder* together. We emphasize wonder since these topics never lend themselves to easy answers.

Read more at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/one-hit-wonders>.

Every Wednesday  
6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

### October Schedule

October 2 – “Grief, A User’s Manual”

October 9 – “Common Ground for  
the Common Good”



### Churchwide Bike Ride

Saturday, October 5 | 9:30 a.m. | Panhandle Trail in McDonald, PA

Young and old are invited to join us for a bike ride at the trailhead in McDonald by the old train station on SR 980. Come enjoy the fall weather and good company. Friends and neighbors are welcome, too. Bring your snacks and water. No rain date. Contact Sue Davis for more information at [planetsue66@gmail.com](mailto:planetsue66@gmail.com).



### Mark Your Calendars! Westminister Quartet Concert

Sunday, October 6 | 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 - Pittsburgh

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 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.



### Catacombs

Sunday, 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 to! Register online by October 13. Contact Laura Ecklin at [ecklin@westminster-church.org](mailto:ecklin@westminster-church.org) with any questions.



### PHISHING ALERT

## DANGER: Phishing

Phishing is the fraudulent practice of sending emails or other messages claiming to be from reputable people to get individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.

Unfortunately, pastors, members, and church staff can be impersonated in texts and email. Therefore, if you receive a text or email from someone on staff asking for your assistance or money, please be careful about opening any links or replying. If there is a churchwide campaign, it will be included in an email from the church, not from an individual staff member. If you're not sure, please call the church to verify.

## 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](mailto:recruiting@westminster-church.org).



# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

SEPT 29-OCT 5, 2024



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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

- 12:00 AA Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting Rm. 107
- 7:00 Children's & Family Ministry Commission Meeting Zoom
- 8:00 Westminster Quartet Rehearsal Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 7:00 Tuesday Morning Men's Group Rm. 238
- 9:00 Staff Meeting Rm. 238
- 7:30 Scout Troop 366 Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 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  
Inquirers' Gathering
- 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 3

- 10:00 Women2Women 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 4

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

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 9:30 Churchwide Bike Ride Offsite



Children's & Family Ministry



Wednesdays @ Westminster



Music & Choirs

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