



# THE HEART OF GENEROSITY

Westminster Presbyterian Church

November 12, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.



## THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

#### Prelude

Elegy  
*Nicole Myers, cello*

James Biery

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

#### \*Introit

Thanks Be to God  
*Cherub Choir*

Michael Bedford

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.  
And who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

People: **Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves,  
who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.**

Leader: Blessed is God, who gives us compassion  
to share with every single person,  
even people we do not know.

People: **We come to worship God.**

#### \*Opening Hymn No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
*verses 1, 3, and 4*

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### \*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,  
we come before you today  
knowing that we often fall short of your call  
to love one another.  
We allow ourselves to be blinded  
by wealth and power.  
We ignore those around us  
who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection.  
We tune out the cries of the poor  
and those on the edges of our communities.  
Help us to see your great generosity,  
hear your word of mercy,  
and feel your great love  
for all who need your redemptive 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

Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
make me a servant 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

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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### Offertory Anthem

Three Gifts, Faith, Hope, Love  
*Junior Choir*

Pauline Delmonte

### \*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

**Requiem John Rutter**

***Requiem Aeternam***

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine:  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.  
Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion:  
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.  
Exaudi orationem meam,  
ad te omnis caro veniet.  
Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:  
and may light perpetual shine upon them.  
Thou, O God, art praised in Sion:  
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in  
Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the  
prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.*

***Out of the Deep***

Nicole Myers, cello

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with thee. Therefore shalt thou be feared. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; and in his word is my trust. My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

***Pie Jesu***

Katy Williams, soprano

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.  
Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis  
sempiternam requiem.

*Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them rest.  
Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest.*

***Sanctus***

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus  
Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra, Gloria tua. Hosanna in  
excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
the heavens are full of thy glory; hosanna in the  
highest.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the  
Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

***Agnus Dei***

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona eis requiem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world, grant them rest.*

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow. In the midst of life, we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour? I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

## The Lord Is My Shepherd

Stefani Wilkinson, oboe

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me, Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## Lux Aeterna

Katy Williams, soprano

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors. Even so saith the Spirit.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:  
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,  
quia pius es.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine:  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord;  
with all thy saints for evermore,  
for thy mercy's sake. Rest eternal  
grant unto them, O Lord: and may light  
perpetual shine upon them.*

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

Chorale Prelude on *Alle Menschen müssen sterben*

J. S. Bach

Hark! a voice saith, all are mortal,  
Yea, all flesh must fade as grass,  
Ere it rise in glorious might,  
Fit to dwell with saints in light.

**Leading in worship:** Jim Burns, Tom Drake, Christine Hestwood, Chancel Choir, the Chamber Orchestra, Junior and Cherub Choirs.

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Dick Hestwood

## Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



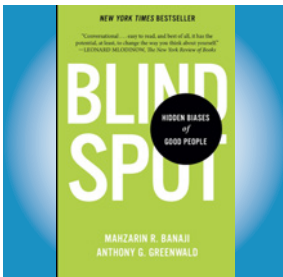
**The Heart of Generosity** stewardship campaign has received 85 pledges totaling \$453,821. Thank you for your pledges! Please return completed pledge cards to Anna Hiner in the church office or place them in the offering plates at any Sunday service. You may also submit your pledge online at [www.westminster-church.org/give](http://www.westminster-church.org/give).



### Violins of Hope Greater Pittsburgh

Monday, November 13 | 7:00 p.m. | USC High School Theater

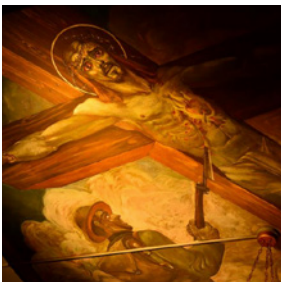
An inspirational evening featuring the Clarion Quartet and local students playing the instruments that were played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust.



### Grace-Westminster Book Club

Mondays starting November 13 | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom

The Grace-Westminster Book Club will start a new book, *Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People* by Mahzarin R. Banaji and Anthony G. Greenwald. Exploring the portion of the mind that houses hidden biases, the authors question the extent to which our perceptions of social groups shape judgments about people's character, abilities, and potential. Contact Bobbie Hartman for Zoom connection at [hartman1967@verizon.net](mailto:hartman1967@verizon.net).



### Maxo Vanka Mural Tour

Tuesday, November 14 | 10:30 a.m. | St. Nicholas Croatian Church

Please join us for a tour of the Maxo Vanka murals at St. Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church in Millvale. The docent led tour will include discussions about the immigrant experience, social justice, history, art, and more. Suggested donation \$10 per person. Lunch (pay on your own) afterward at the historic Grant Bar Restaurant for conversation and homemade pie. Contact Deborah Waller 412-760-7523 for your reservation.



### Writers of Westminster

Wednesday, November 15 | 1:30 p.m. | Room 238

The Writers of Westminster will meet to share new stories, the third Wednesday of each month. Bring a sample of your writing. All are welcome. For more info, contact Jim O'Brien at [jimmyo64@gmail.com](mailto:jimmyo64@gmail.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



### Westminster Seminars

#### Christ and Humanity's Cosmic Future

November 19 & 26 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

The diversity of life on Earth is facing a profound threat - many species are dying off. So, humanity has a great moral challenge. How do we respond? The Bible helps us see humans as creatures alongside others and shows how Christ teaches us about living lives oriented to the good and gracious God in the midst of global suffering and communal death.

Speaker: Tanner Capps, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



### Sacrament Class

November 19 & 26 | 11:00 a.m. | Rm. 238 | Special Communion: December 3

Sacrament Class is for children in 2nd grade and older who have not yet participated in this series of classes that includes Baptism and Communion. Children and parents/caregivers are invited to attend together. For more information or to register before **November 15**, contact Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org)



### Living Stones

Sunday, November 26 | 3:00 p.m.

Fairhaven United Methodist Church, Overbrook

Please give a couple of hours of your time to help a neighborhood in Overbrook. Serve food on Sunday, November 26, 3:00 p.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m. Transportation provided from the church's north parking lot. Sign up early. For more information and address, go to <https://growlivingstones.com/>



### Bair Foundation Christmas Gift Drive

Due Friday, December 1

Westminster is once again partnering with the Bair Foundation to provide Christmas gifts for 300 foster children in the local Pittsburgh area. Tags are back on the trees in the north and south entries of the church or visit our Amazon list at [www.westminstergiftingtree.com](http://www.westminstergiftingtree.com) to ship your gift to us. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/bair-foundation-christmas-gift-drive>

### Extended Communion

Sunday, December 3 | 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Deacons will be taking communion to anyone unable to attend Sunday worship. If you would like to receive communion or know of anyone to add to the list, please contact Ann Morris, [morris@westminster-church.org](mailto:morris@westminster-church.org), or call the church office 412-835-6630.

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

NOV 12-18, 2023



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church  
calendar



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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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.) Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminars	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade) Bring Your Own Bible (BYOB) Confirmation Class 2023-2024	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233 Yahweh Café Rm. 283
7:00	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, NOVEMBER 13

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Deacon Meeting The Grace Westminster Book Club Troop 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Memorial Parlor Zoom FH Kitchen Area
7:30	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
5:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 238
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

1:00	Worship Commission Meeting	Rm. 231
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.
6:45	Grief Care	Rm. 290
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, NOVEMBER 16

10:00	Women to Women	Rm. 238
11:30	Adult Spiritual Development Committee	Rm. 238
12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5:00	Madrigal Dinner	Fellowship Hall
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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.



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