



Westminster Presbyterian Church



August 13, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

# THE Celebration OF Worship

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude (8:30)**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. M. Sherrill Kelsey

**Prelude (11:00)**

Adagio from *Sonata da Camera XV*  
Largo from *Xerxes*

George Frideric Handel

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** In this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters.  
The worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

**People:** In this time, we can remember all the ways God graces us  
and is with us when we step into the unknown.

**Leader:** In this community, we will find the courage to turn to God.

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

**\*Opening Hymn No. 393**

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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## \*Prayer of Confession

God, have mercy on us when the storms of life cause us to panic.  
We fumble and falter. We get in over our head. We make wrong turns.  
We sometimes feel as though we are sinking too deep even for you.  
Help us to realize when our efforts lead us away from you.  
Forgive us. Reach for us. Give us another chance.

*(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 (Hymn No. 626)

As the Deer

AS THE DEER

## Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

### 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 LISTEN FOR THE WORD

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

New Testament, page 16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

The Eye of the Storm

Jo Forrest

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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### Offertory Anthem

Come, Ye Blessed

John Prindle Scott

*Rich Williams, tenor*

Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand:  
Come, ye blessed of my father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you  
from the foundation of the world.  
I was hungry and ye gave me meat. I was thirsty and ye gave me drink.  
I was a stranger and ye took me in, naked and ye clothed me.  
I was sick and ye visited me. I was in prison and ye came unto me.  
In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren,  
Ye have done it unto me.

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 No. 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight  
*verses 1,2, and 3*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

\*Benediction

Postlude

Cortege

Gordon Young

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Doug Shuck, Jim Burns, and Rich Williams.

## *Advice from a Raindrop*

By Kim Stafford

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You think you're too small  
to make a difference? Tell me  
about it. You think you're  
helpless, at the mercy of forces  
beyond your control? Been there.

Think you're doomed to disappear,  
just one small voice among millions?  
That's no weakness, trust me. That's  
your wild card, your trick, your  
implement. They won't see you coming

until you're there, in their faces, shining,  
festive, expendable, eternal. Sure you're  
small, just one small part of a storm that  
changes everything. That's how you win,  
my friend, again and again and again. ■

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We rejoice with Caroline and Scott Kovalick as they present William Stephen for the Sacrament of Baptism.

The congregation extends condolences to family and friends of Beatrice Nogar who died on June 30. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 19, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The congregation extends condolences to family and friends of Isobel Steel who died on August 5.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



### Bair Foundation Needs Your Help

August 13 through September 3

The Bair Foundation is currently working with approximately 50 youth, ages 5-18, who are living in facility settings and do not have people who can help them prepare for their first day of school. We would love to surprise them with a back-to-school care package with school supplies and some fun items to show them they are loved!

Scan the QR Code to view our Amazon Wishlist to help!



### Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community Meal

August 15, 4:00 p.m. | Meet in north entry for transportation.

Calling on the Social Justice League! We need people to serve a meal at Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community on August 15. We will leave from the church at 4:00 and return around 7:00. Sign up online to reserve a spot.



### Sundaes, Sundaes, Sundaes on Wednesday

Wednesday, August 16 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall Courtyard

What's more enjoyable in the summer than ice cream? Join your church family; bring a friend. No need to RSVP.



## Children and Youth Volunteer Training

Monday, August 21 | 6-8 p.m. | Yahweh Cafe

Weekly ministry opportunities for all ages are just around the corner and we need your help! Whether you're a longtime volunteer, or are curious for the very first time, you're invited to join and learn more about the upcoming year and the variety of ways that you can support the young people of Westminster. Contact Faith Kemmler or Ed Sutter for more information.



## Grow Living Stones

August 27, 3:00 p.m. | Fairhaven United Methodist Church | Overbrook

Work together with other Westminster volunteers at Fairhaven United Methodist Church to help with setup and serving food – there is a job for everyone. Transportation will be provided from the church's north parking lot. Sign up early. For more information and address, go to <https://growlivingstones.com/>.



## Elder/Deacon Nominations

There are exciting things happening every day in the life of your church. You are invited to share in the future of Westminster by sharing your unique gifts through leadership. The committee that annually nominates the elders and deacons will begin their work in September. Please let Jan Baumann know **by Sunday, August 27**, if you would like to be an elder or deacon or if you know of others who might need a little nudge.



## Washington Wild Things Faith & Family Night

September 2 | Gates open: 6 p.m. - First Pitch: 7:05 p.m. | Wild Things Park

Join the Wild Things for some summer fun with a baseball game where you can hear testimonials from the players after the game. We have 50 FREE tickets to share with the congregation. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Contact Faith Kemmler to reserve tickets for your family.

**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.

# Wednesdays @WESTMINSTER

**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.

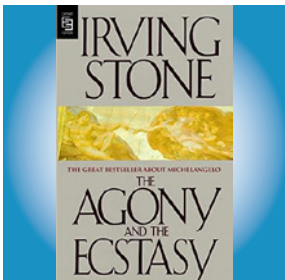
Go to [westminster-church.org/wednesdays-westminster](https://westminster-church.org/wednesdays-westminster) for more information and dates about each program.

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| <b>Poetry and Prayer of the Psalms</b>   Adult                        | 4:30 p.m.   Rm. 231   |
| <b>Little Ones &amp; Loved Ones (LOLOs)</b>   Birth through Preschool | 4:45 -5:30 p.m.   Rm. 194   |
| <b>Children's Choirs</b>   K - 6th Grade                              | 4:45 -5:30 p.m.   Cherub Choir, Rm. 176   Junior Choir, Rm. 268     |
| <b>Wednesday Food &amp; Fellowship</b>   Everyone                     | 5:30 -6:30 p.m.   Fellowship Hall                                   |
| <b>Kids Connection</b>  | 6:00-7:30 p.m.   PreK-2nd Grade, Rm. 233   3rd & 4th Grade, Rm. 176 |
| <b>Jesus and Me (JAM)</b>   5th & 6th Grade                           | 6:00-7:30 p.m.   Rm. 257  |
| <b>Veritas</b>   Youth Group for Grades 7 to 12                       | 6:00-7:30 p.m.   Youth Dept.  |
| <b>Westminster Ringers</b>   Adult                                    | 7:30 p.m.   Rm. 268   |



## STAY CONNECTED!

Fall into fall and join us for many exciting events and opportunities. Are you receiving an email from the church each Tuesday and Friday? If not, please visit our website at [www.westminster-church.org](https://www.westminster-church.org) and complete the Join Our Email List or contact Anna Hiner with your name and email address. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Westminster.Pittsburgh/>. Look for our Fall Programming Guide in your mailbox at the end of August.



## 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](mailto:callingnana@gmail.com).

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

AUGUST 13 - 19, 2023



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

|       |                                      |  |
|-------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 8:30  | Traditional Worship                  | North Courtyard<br><i>(weather permitting)</i> |
| 9:00  | Welcome Center                       | North Main Entry                               |
| 9:45  | Bridge Contemporary Worship          | WROC/Lvstrm.                                   |
|       | Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.) | Rm. 176  |
|       | Wiggle Room - The Bridge**           | WROC Fitness                                   |
|       | Westminster Seminars                 | Galbreath Chapel                               |
| 11:00 | Traditional Worship                  | Sanctuary/Lvstrm.                              |
|       | Wiggle Room**                        | Rm. 239  |

\*Sunday School – 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message. 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, AUGUST 14

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

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

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| 10:00 | Staff Meeting                          | Rm. 238 |
| 1:30  | ASD Commission Meeting                 | Rm. 238 |
| 4:00  | Social Justice League/Hot Metal Bridge | Offsite |
| 7:30  | Scout Troop 366                        | Rm. 107 |

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

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| 6:30 | Sundaes on Wednesday | North Courtyard |
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Wednesdays @ Westminster are on summer break. Programs resume August 30.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

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| 12:00 | Dementia Caregiver Support Group | Rm. 290           |
| 4:00  | Farmer's Market                  | South Parking Lot |
| 7:30  | NA                               | Rm. 107           |
|       | Nar Anon                         | Rm. 131           |

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

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

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

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| 2:00 | Beatrice Nogar Memorial Service | Sanctuary       |
| 2:45 | Beatrice Nogar Reception        | Memorial Parlor |



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.



## Westminster Staff Contact Information

We would love to hear from you. Give us a call, drop us an email, or stop by the church office.

## GET CONNECTED!



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