

June 30, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



THE Celebration OF Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Amazing Grace
Vinay Thomas, baritone

arr. John Ness Beck

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Strength is seeing the possibility in the young and those discounted.

People: **Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging oppression.**

Leader: Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.

People: **We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength.**

*Opening Hymn No. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God, sometimes we are like David, and sometimes Goliath:
forgive us for our two-sided nature.
We face the powerful with righteous anger,
but cling to any sense of power that we attain.
We are grateful when grace is extended to us;
yet we remain absent-minded of this when others have wronged us.
As people of paradox, we long for peace within ourselves.
Forgive 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

1 Samuel 17:1-51 *selected verses*

Old Testament, page 260

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Champions Among Us

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chisholm and Runyan/
arr. Schrader

*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. 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

*Benediction

*Congregational Response (Hymn No. 748)

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 our gift to you.

Postlude

Invention #8

Hermann Schroeder

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Faith Kemmler, Vinay Thomas, and Jim Burns.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness

Charley Richardson

Silas Charles Tzeng Wolfe, son of Karis and Erik Wolfe, grandson of Karen and Chuck Wolfe, born prematurely on June 23.

The congregation extends condolences

Debb and Dick Egli on the death of Debb's mother, Eve St. Clair

Ted and Sara Kyle on the death of Ted's mother, Freda Kyle



Congratulations to Laura Bentley

Laura will continue her ministry at Westminster with a new title and an expanded role as Associate Pastor. Laura joined the staff in late February as Parish Associate and immersed herself in pastoral care. She will continue to oversee the Board of Deacons, the newly formed Care Team, and the Bridge. In addition, Harrison Burgess, our Associate Director of Youth Ministry, will now report to her.



Medical Debt

Westminster Seminars

Undue Medical Debt

TODAY | 9:45 a.m. Galbreath Chapel

Jean Miewald, *Bower Hill Community Church*

In 2023, Jean Miewald spearheaded an online campaign to abolish medical debt for residents living in the geographic area of the Synod of the Trinity, PCUSA. She will discuss that campaign, the problem of medical debt in the U.S., and current legislation to help alleviate some of the difficulties that occur when people are unable to pay their medical bills.

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



Veritas Mission Trip Donations Needed

Through prayer, storytelling, volunteering, and more, this church has modeled to our youth what it means to be a disciple. Now our youth have heard the call to service and need your help. We are seeking donations of tools and food items to support us on our upcoming mission trip to Logan, West Virginia. View our wish list and donation details here:

bit.ly/VeritasServes. Contact Faith Kemmler for more information.



DONATE TODAY!



Let There Be Light Project

The project to update the church's electrical system continues outside Galbreath Chapel. There will be no work inside the building for the time being. There will be times during the week when the front driveway will be closed for work activities.

Read more about this project including FAQs and how to donate at <https://www.westminster-church.org/let-there-be-light-project>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2024 Organ Summer

Thursdays, through July 25 | 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
No concert July 4.

Plan now to take a refreshing musical break to enjoy thirty minutes of exceptional organ music featuring *Mitchell Stecker* on July 11, *Jim Burns* on July 18, and *Jacob Gruss* on July 25. Musicians donate their time and talents; a freewill offering is welcome.



Street MOMs Lunch Preparation

Saturday, July 13 | 10:00 a.m. - Noon | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Street Moms is a wonderful non-profit organization based in Wheeling, West Virginia, dedicated to supporting women in the community who are experiencing homelessness. Please join us in preparing lunch to nourish and uplift these women. All ingredients and instruction will be provided. To register, scan the QR code above. For more information, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.



TO REGISTER



Family Pool Party

Thursday, July 18 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Montclair Pool (1220 Sherbrook Dr.)

The whole church family is invited for fun in the sun at the Family Pool Party! Join us for swimming, pizza, refreshments, and fellowship. All children and youth must have an adult present with them. Questions? Contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org. RSVP not required but will aid in planning: bit.ly/wpcpoolparty.



Veritas Youth - Charlie (Week of Fun)

July 29 - August 1 | Times and locations vary

Charlie (randomly named by the youth) is a few days of straight FUN! Each day looks a little different. We will be going to Puttshack, doing an escape room, participating in a hands-on mission project, and going on a mystery trip! Details and time estimates available online. You can come to one day or come to all - whatever works! Cost: \$75 for whole week (price is broken down by day in registration portal) Registration deadline is July 1. This trip is available to kids who have completed sixth grade - graduated high school seniors. For questions or more information, contact Laura Ecklin.

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Worship & Picnic in the Park

Sunday, July 28 | Worship: 11:00 a.m. Lunch: 12:00 p.m.
East Rise Pavilion - South Park

Let's enjoy summer fun as a whole church family! Join us on Sunday, July 28, at 11:00 a.m. for a combined, casual, outdoor worship service at the East Rise Pavilion in South Park. Come and stay for the All Church Picnic Lunch that will be served at noon, then enjoy the fun summer activities for all ages. Please bring a camping chair. Contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.

8:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship and Livestream in the Sanctuary.



Extended Communion

Sundays, September 1, December 1, 2024, and March 2, May 4, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." -Ephesians 2:10. The Westminster Deacons have the privilege of serving communion to our homebound congregation four times a year. The Deacons will contact the recipients the week before and schedule a time to visit and serve communion. Please contact Laura Bentley to confirm or add yourself or a loved one to the list of recipients.



Looking for a Part Time Job?

KITCHEN MANAGER

Like working in the kitchen? Enjoy working with great volunteers and serving an amazing community? This could be the job you are searching for. Approximately 10 hours a week. Complete training provided.

Contact Jan Baumann with questions or to apply,
baumann@westminster-church.org



**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.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JUNE 30-JULY 6, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



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SUNDAY, JUNE 30

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**	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239

*Sunday School - Dismissed from worship after the children's message. Pickup after worship in Room 176. 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, JULY 1

12:00 AA Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 2

7:30 Scout Troup 366 Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

12:00 Preacher Read Along Rm. 238

Wednesdays @ Westminster are on summer break. Programs resume August 28.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

All Day Church/Office/WCDC Closed - Independence Day

FRIDAY, JULY 5

All Day Church Office Closed
7:00 AI Anon Rm. 231
AA Rm. 107

SATURDAY, JULY 6



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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