



Easter tide

50 Days of Easter

Westminster Presbyterian Church



May 7, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

THE Celebration OF Worship

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Preludes on Welsh Hymns Tunes
The Ash Grove
Aberystwyth
Llanfair

Wilbur Held

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Introit

Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ

Praetorius

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Call to Worship

Leader: God called us to this place,

People: **where we hear those stories
about living in God's house.**

Leader: God summons us to this place,

People: **where we can learn how to serve God
without reservation, or hesitation.**

Leader: God will send us from this place,

People: **to tell others of God's hopes and dreams,
so they, too, can experience God's goodness.**

***Opening Hymn No. 33**

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

- 1 Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!
saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!
- 2 Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!
- 3 Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!
in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!
singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

***Prayer of Confession**

God, we come with hesitant steps and ask you to sweep out the corners where sin has accumulated, and uncover the ways we have strayed from your truth.

Expose the empty and barren places where we don't allow you to enter.

Reveal our half-hearted struggles where we have been indifferent to the suffering of others.

Nurture the faint stirrings of new life, where your spirit has begun to grow.

(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**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Verse: Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

The Gospel of John 14:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Now It Makes Sense

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

We Remember You

Harrah/arr. Larson

We remember you; by your sacrifice of love all glory now is due.
At this table here mercy hovers near. Thanks is offered up;
In this bread and cup we remember you.
Precious risen Lamb, Jesus who was slain, now enthroned in glory,
forever you will reign. Gladly we embrace both these signs of grace.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal (page 35)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Communion Meditation

The Call
Vinay Thomas, baritone

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Sending

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

—Continued

2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

***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 you might live will never
leave you lost and alone in His beloved world. Go ye now in peace.

Postlude

Postlude on *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

Healy William

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Barb Myers, Christine Hestwood, Jim Burns, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to family and friends of Joan Oliver who died on May 1.

We rejoice with Chris Hestwood and Lorraine Milovac as they retire from long, successful careers with Upper St. Clair School District. Lorraine's final school concert is on Wednesday, May 10, and Chris's final concert is on Wednesday, May 24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars:
Four Women You Should Never Forget

Sundays, May 7, 14, 21,
and 28
9:45 a.m.
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

We welcome back Dr. Jack Aupperle for a series focused on the stories of four remarkable women of faith. Hear the stories of four remarkable women of faith—Harriet Tubman, Corrie Ten Boom, Rosa Parks, and Mother Teresa—whose unflinching courage and strength continue to inspire us today. Read more on the church website under Events.

Sunday School Unplugged

Sunday, May 14
9:45 a.m.
Room 283

Join us over a cuppa while we talk about faith, scripture, and life, and let the spirit move within us. No homework or lecture! Contact Jo Forrest for more information.



2nd, 4th & 6th Grade Move Up Night

Wednesday, May 10

On this night, 2nd, 4th, and 6th graders are invited to move up to new programs for a chance to learn more about their classrooms and friends for next year. After move up night, students will attend their new classes until the completion of the program year, which meets for the last time on May 31. Contact Faith Kemmler with questions kemmler@westminster-church.org



Organ Concert: Amanda Mole

Friday, May 12
7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Co-sponsored by the Organ Artist Series of Pittsburgh and Westminster Music & Arts. For tickets and more information, <https://organseries.com/>.



Complimentary tickets for WPC members here:



Treasures for Troops

May 13-28
Collection boxes in North, South, and WROC entries

To honor our troops for Memorial Day the Deacons are hosting a donation drive for Treasures for Troops. All donations are used for OTA's Active Duty "Wish list" and Veteran "Welcome Home" Programs. For a list of needed items click the link <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/treasures-for-troops>.



Mothers' Day Musical

Sunday, May 14
11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

Please join the Cherub Choir and the Junior Choir as they present the musical *Faith News Network* during the 11:00 service on Mothers' Day, May 14. With heavenly news anchors Cameron Flowers and Summer Showers, angelic reporters explore the stories and songs of faith through Mrs. Noah, Esther, Joshua, and Sarah!



Barefoot School VBS

Registration now open!

Registration is now open for Westminster's Vacation Bible School! Cokesbury's Hero Hotline VBS invites children of all ages to answer the call to serve God together. Barefoot School will run June 19-23, 2023. Register online here: bit.ly/wpcBFS2023. Contact Faith Kemmler with questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Deacons' Blood Drive

Sunday, May 21
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Westminster Deacons are hosting a spring blood drive. Please pre-register for your appointment by using sponsor code G0010171 to secure a time slot. Registration is easily done by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or online at <http://www.vitalant.org>. The Westminster Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this worthy mission.



Offering of Letters

Sunday, May 21,
following all three services
at the Welcome Center
and Bridge.

Help Hungry Neighbors: Join in an Offering of Letters! Ask Congress to renew the Farm Bill. 75% of the Farm Bill funding goes to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). In Pennsylvania, SNAP lifted 330,000 people above the poverty line. Our own refugee family receives SNAP benefits.



WROC Summer Fitness Registration

Try your first class FREE!

Check out these new additions to the lineup!

- **Tai Chi** returns this summer with instructor Rick Catizone. Rick has been studying and practicing the art of Tai Chi for more than 20 years.
- We've added **Burn and Sculpt** with Jennifer Alexander. She is a certified instructor with extensive experience. Every muscle will be targeted in this class!

Visit wroc.westminster-church.org for details and registration.



Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for the following opportunities, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org 412-559-1034.



Receptionists Needed

Weekdays; choice of shifts
9:00-noon or noon-3:00

Would you like to hang out with the staff during the week? Join the team that works at the front desk greeting and answering the phone. Flexible shift options available. For more info, contact Jan Baumann.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAY 7 - MAY 13, 2023



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, MAY 7

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 Grade Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminar	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School* (PreK-4th Grds) New Wineskins for a Changing Life	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233 Rm. 283
5:00	The Event - Veritas	Offsite

***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, MAY 8

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	WECEP Board Meeting The Grace - Westminster Book Club	Zoom Zoom

TUESDAY, MAY 9

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
7:00	AI Anon Outreach Commission Piano Recital	Rm. 131 Rm. 176 Sanctuary
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

11:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
4:15	Mothers' Day Musical Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Move Up Night Kids' Connection (PreK-1st Grd) Kids' Connection (2nd/3rd Grd) JAM - Youth Group (Grds 4-5) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 6-12)	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry Youth Dept.
6:30	The Artist's Way	Rm. 231
7:00	Westminster Men's Softball vs. Chapel Blue	Chartiers Park
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, MAY 11

4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	Nar Anon NA	Rm. 131 Rm. 107

FRIDAY, MAY 12

6:30 a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AI Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107
7:30	Organ Artist Series	Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MAY 13

10:00	Mothers' Day Musical Rehearsal	Sanctuary
2:00	WECEP - Arts Festival	Fellowship Hall



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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