



Easter tide

50 Days of Easter

Westminster Presbyterian Church



May 21, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

THE Celebration OF Worship

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Simple Gifts Abound

J. Brackett and W. Moore
arr. Karen Buckwalter

Battle Hymn of the Republic
Westminster Ringers and Jim Burns, organ

Traditional
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

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 (from Psalm 68)

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful;

People: Let them exult before God;

Leader: Let them be jubilant with joy.

People: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

Leader: Lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—

All: His name is the Lord—be exultant before him.

***Opening Hymn No. 394**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.
- 2 To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness; hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.
- 4 Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we confess that we have pursued comfort and ease above all else. We have made idols of success and reputation. We have chosen familiarity over justice. You, Lord, call us to grace and compassion, yet our actions foster division and strife. Place your will upon our hearts, that we might live for your Kingdom, and not our own.

(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*

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.

Sung Response

Threefold Amen

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14 & 5:6-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Family Resemblance: Suffering

Ed Sutter

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

Howard Helvey

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, let there be pardon; where there is doubt, let there be faith;
where there is anguish, let there be hope; where there is darkness, let there be light;
where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born into eternal life.

*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. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN 'FESTE BURG

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
- 2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.
- 3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

*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 A *Mighty Fortress*

Helmut Walcha

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Leading in worship: Ed Sutter, Chris Conroy, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Jim Marshall, the Quartet, Chancel Choir, Westminster Ringers

Today's offertory anthem text is the Prayer of St. Francis. When I was pledging a sorority in college, we had to memorize this prayer. What a blessing it has been to me throughout my life. I also love the morning prayer of St. Francis: Lord, help me to live this day. quietly, easily. To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully, joyously. —Christine Hestwood

Special thanks to Jim Marshall and the Westminster Ringers for enhancing our worship this past church year with their glorious ringing. We look forward to hearing you again in the fall!

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the 50th wedding anniversary of Debb and Richard Egli on May 19; and the marriage of Elizabeth Allwes and Hayn John on May 5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars: Four Women You Should Never Forget

Today and May 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.



Deacons' Blood Drive

Today
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.



Pet Remembrance Service

Today
2:00 p.m.
North Courtyard

It's common to have a memorial service to celebrate the life of a loved one who has died. So why wouldn't we do the same for our beloved pets? If you have recently lost a pet, please join us to share memories and pay tribute to these cherished members of our families. All are invited and welcome.



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>.



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.



Grow Living Stones Setup

Sunday, May 28
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://growingstones.com/>

Westminster Single Women's Group Upcoming Events

Pittsburgh Botanical Garden Guided Tour

Friday, May 26 | 9:45 a.m. | Botanic Garden Main Entrance
Tour time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$17; Advance purchase required.
Come and enjoy the beautiful display gardens, woodlands, and exhibit area at the Botanic Garden. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 22; no refunds after May 22.



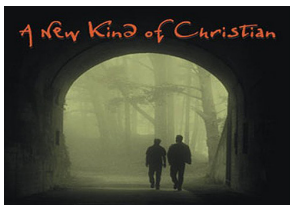
Dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market

Tuesday, May 30 | 4:30 p.m. | Galleria
Mark your calendars for the last Tuesday of every month!
Registration is recommended. Space is limited to 15.



For more information and to register for any event, go to <https://wroc.westminster-church.org>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, May 31
Noon
Library

The next meeting of the Westminster Book Group will be on Wednesday, May 31, from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the church library. We will be discussing *A New Kind of Christian: A Tale of Two Friends on a Spiritual Journey* by Brian McClaren. All are welcome!



Churchwide Bike Ride

June 3 (NO rain date)
9:30 a.m.
Panhandle Trail in
McDonald, PA

Come join your church family for a fun spring bike ride on the Panhandle Trail. All ages are welcome, as well as your friends and neighbors. We will meet at the trailhead in McDonald by the old train depot. Bring your water and snacks. Contact Sue Davis for more information.



Family Bonfire Night

Wednesday, June 7
6:00 p.m.
Gilfillan Farm

Let's gather around the fire to celebrate the end of a school year and the start of summer! Enjoy s'mores and fellowship at Gilfillan Farm. Please bring a camping chair. Park in the north parking lot and follow the signs across Orr Rd and to the firepit area at Gilfillan. Contact Faith Kemmler with questions.

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

with Food and Fellowship

WHY: Celebrate Pentecost and Youth Sunday

WHEN: Sunday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Sanctuary

Plan to stay after worship for food and fellowship in Fellowship Hall.

Jesus said, "**YOU FEED THEM.**"

Westminster Food Drive For SHIM

June 4 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Drive in front of church

SHIM serves 2,500 individuals monthly through three food pantries in Bethel Park, Whitehall, and Baldwin. Bags will be handed out Sunday, May 28, at all services, and also are available in Jan Bauman's office.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAY 21 - MAY 27, 2023



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:00	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center/ Bread for the World Letter Offering	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**	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239
2:00	Pet Remembrance Service	North Courtyard

***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 22

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
7:00	Deacon Meeting The Grace - Westminster Book Club	Rm. 238 Zoom

TUESDAY, MAY 23

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:00	Al Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	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. Rm. 231
6:30	The Artist's Way	Rm. 231

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 25

4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	Westminster Men's Softball vs. St. Valentine's	Chartiers Park
7:30	Nar Anon NA	Rm. 131 Rm. 107

FRIDAY, MAY 26

6:30 a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
10:00	Single Women's Group - Botanic Gardens	Rm. 231
7:00	Al Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107

SATURDAY, MAY 27



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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Giving to Westminster

ONLINE: <https://www.westminster-church.org/give>

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