



MAY 12, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Prière à Notre Dame

Léon Boëllmann

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

Introit (11:00)

Mother, a Gift from God

Mark Patterson

*Call to Worship

Leader: Gather round, I have a story to tell of one who reached inside himself and took a handful of love, like a pile of stardust, and said: this is for you, there is enough here to change the whole world. Take it.

People: Many laughed at him, mocked him, and ignored the invitation.

Leader: Some dared to take it and those who did noticed something about this love. They found they could do what the gift-giver could do: give something of themselves.

People: Others took the invitation, and many still do, and many still trust it is enough to change the whole world.

*Opening Hymn No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God

May we leave in the tomb all the emptiness we have
the stuff of death
the hurt we bring
the pain we cause
the silence we keep.

Forgive us for bad choices we have made the decisions that hurt others.
Renew us with the whispers that speak
of hope
of rebirth
of resurrection.

(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. 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

(Refrain)

Anthem (11:00) He's Got the Whole World with This Is My Father's World arr. Raney

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.

Choral Response

SEVENFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 17:6-11

New Testament, page 111

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Stuff We're Made Of

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

~ George Matheson (1842-1906)

***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. 839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

***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 we might live
will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world.

Postlude

Minuet Gothique

Boëllmann

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Holly Jones, Beth Ketterman, the Quartet, Cherub, Junior, and Chancel Choirs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars

Democratic Faith: The Witness of the Civil Rights Movement

Sundays through May 26 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Derek Woodard-Lehman, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

The Civil Rights Movement embraces thousands of ordinary citizens and Christians who did the hard work of grassroots organizing that made possible King's mass mobilizing. This series revisits the movement's history, reflects on its larger witness, and reveals a mode of Christian faith that is inherently political and intrinsically democratic.

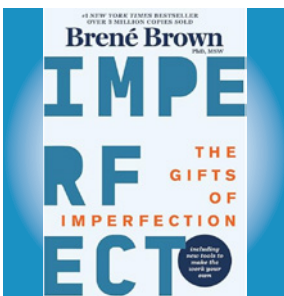
For more information and the Zoom link, go to <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.



Move Up Night

Wednesday, May 15

On this night, 2nd, 4th, and 6th graders are invited to move up to new programs and 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 June 5. Contact Faith Kemmler with questions kemmler@westminster-church.org.



LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Book Group

Thursdays, May 16 - June 20 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | Rm. 283

The LIFT book group will start a new session with Brené Brown's NYT Best Seller, *The Gifts of Imperfection*. What transforms this book from words on a page to effective daily practices are the ten guideposts to wholehearted living. The guideposts not only help us understand the practices that will allow us to change our lives and families, they also walk us through the unattainable and sabotaging expectations that get in the way. This is a group for women of all ages to come together and share the realness of life. Drop in as you are able, even if you are behind on reading. For questions, contact Kristy Berrott at kristy@berrott.com.



Register Now for Summer Fitness Classes Cardio Drumming



So much fun you won't even know you're burning calories and training your balance and coordination! This is a moderate to high intensity workout that can be easily adapted to all fitness levels and done sitting or standing. Instructor Eric Horton, a physical therapist, leads this unique, rhythm-based exercise class. **Tuesdays, 2:45-3:45 p.m.**

Register at wroc.westminster-church.org.



Gentle Yoga

Mondays, May 13 - June 10 | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



This class will move slowly and mindfully, emphasize staying in a pose with proper alignment and breath to build joint and bone strength, core balance, as well as flexibility. Instructor Kimberly Manns is a certified yoga teacher with 24 years of teaching experience.

To register, go to wroc.westminster-church.org.



Barefoot School VBS - Time to Register!

Children's & Family Ministry | June 17 - 21 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Registration for Barefoot School participants and volunteers is open! Cokesbury's Camp Firelight VBS invites children of all ages to trust God in the face of their own fears and do great things in God's name. Barefoot School will run June 17-21, 2024. Register online here:

bit.ly/wpcBFS. Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.



Deacons' Blood Drive

Sunday, May 19 | 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Please pre-register for your appointment by using sponsor code **UG0010171** to secure a time slot. Registration is easily done by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or online at www.vitalant.org. The Westminister Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this worthy mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



The Writers of Westminster Looking for More Writers – Everyone has a story!

Wednesday, May 22 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Jim O'Brien's house:
512 Hunt Club Drive, McMurray, PA 15317

The Writers of Westminster are calling all writers as they begin gathering stories for Westminster's 6th Christmas book of inspiring stories. Come listen to stories and perhaps share one. Please RSVP to 412-221-3580.



Living Stones

Sunday, May 26 | 3:30 p.m.

Fairhaven United Methodist Church, Overbrook

Please help us feed those in need at a neighborhood church in Overbrook. Volunteer to serve food at the buffet line, 3:30 p.m. until approximately 6:00 p.m. Transportation provided from the church's north parking lot. For more information and address, go to <https://growlivingstones.com/>.



Sign Up TODAY!



One Service Sunday and Lunch

Sunday, June 2 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Join us as we celebrate our youth on Sunday, June 2, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will blend both traditional and contemporary styles. It will also be livestreamed. After worship, join our church family for lunch in Fellowship Hall at 11:00.



Food-to-Go Donations Needed

You can be part of the solution. Many kids rely on school for breakfast and lunch. In the summer, they miss these meals. Purchase any of the following and bring to worship on any Sunday through June 2: Pop Tarts, individually wrapped • Cereal, individual serving packages • Fruit Roll Ups, individually wrapped • GoGo Applesauce • Tuna, single serving foil pouches • KRAFT Mac-n-Cheese Cups.

Food donations, in addition to the money you so generously gave in February, allow us to increase our commitment to feed more kids this summer!

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAY 12-18, 2024



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SUNDAY, MAY 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)	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233

***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 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 13

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club Session Meeting	Zoom Galbreath Chapel

TUESDAY, MAY 14

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
5:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 238
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones Cherub Choir (Grds K-2) Junior Choir (Grds 3 - 6) Youth Choir (Grades 7 - 12)	Rm. 194 Rm. 176 Rm. 268 Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (PreK-1st Grd) Kids' Connection (2nd/3rd Grds) JAM - Youth Group (Grds 4-5) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 6-12)	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry Youth Dept.
6:30	Dismantling Antisemitism	Rm. 238
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 16

10:00	W2W - Emerald Group	Rm. 238
12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Memorial Parlor
4:00	Farmers' Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	Chancel Choir LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Book Group	Rm. 268 Rm. 283
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, MAY 17

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

SATURDAY, MAY 18



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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