

BLESSED are the peacemakers

BLESSED are those who mourn

BLESSED are the poor in spirit

**BLESSED** 

BLESSED are the meek

BLESSED are the pure in heart

Westminster Presbyterian Church



February 19, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Preludes on African American Spirituals

Steal Away  
Balm in Gilead

Gilbert Martin  
Robert Hebble

Welcome and Announcements

\*Share the Peace of Christ

\*Introit

For the Beauty of the Earth  
*The Quartet*

Conrad Kocher

\*Call to Worship

Leader: God of love, God of peace, this fractured world cries out in pain and challenges us to make a difference.

People: **God of love, God of peace, soften hearts of stone and begin with mine. Create within us a heart for people a desire for change to start this day.**

\*Opening Hymn No. 756

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

1 O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand. Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

- 2 From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,  
 from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,  
 from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,  
 deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.
- 4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,  
 when hatred and division give way to love and peace,  
 till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign  
 and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**God of life, every act of violence in our world destroys a part of your creation.  
 Forgive us. Stir in our hearts a renewed sense of reverence for all life.  
 Give us the vision to recognize your spirit in every human being.  
 Make possible the impossible by nurturing the fertile seed of healing love.  
 May we play our part by realizing that peace begins with 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, Hymn No. 423** Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

SARADAY

Create in me a clean heart, O God; *(3 times)*  
 And renew a right spirit within me.

**Prayers of the People 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.**

**Response**

Sevenfold Amen

Lutkin

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

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**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 5:1-9

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

BLESSED: Increased Risk

Jo Forrest

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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Offertory

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith.  
Where there's despair let me bring 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, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
And it is in dying that we are born to 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

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## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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\*Closing Hymn No. 373

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

- 1 O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.
- 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

A Prayer of Saint Patrick

John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me. Amen.

Postlude

Improvisation on *We Shall Overcome*

Carl Haywood

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Doug Shuck, the Quartet,  
and the Chancel Choir

**Congregational  
Annual Meeting**

Session has called the annual congregational meeting to present the 2022 Annual Report as well as the 2023 financial budget. Please join us Sunday, February 26, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary.

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Emery Ruth O'Leary, daughter of Kelsey and Mike O'Leary; granddaughter of Louise and Bill Rogers; great-granddaughter of Hester Joseph.

The congregation extends condolences to family and friends of former member and Westminster soloist, Yvonne Wunderlich who died on January 12;

The congregation extends condolences to family and friends of longtime member Howard Bower who died on February 11.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today



### Westminster Seminars

*Being Police/Being Policed: The History of Crime and Control in Pittsburgh*  
Sundays, February 19 and 26  
9:45 a.m.  
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

As Pittsburgh grew from its 18th-century origins to the thriving industrial city of 1945, so did efforts to keep law and order among the people. Historian Elaine Frantz will guide us through the fascinating history of crime and control in our city. Learn more at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.



### Deacons' Blood Drive

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

Westminster Deacons are hosting our first blood drive of the year. 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>.



### Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tuesday, February 21  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Memorial Parlor

Caregivers and family members will find support, encouragement, and comfort from others through the sharing of experiences. The group offers a safe place where you can get information that's practical, constructive, and helpful. No registration is required. Contact Kathy Long at [long@westminster-church.org](mailto:long@westminster-church.org) for details.

## Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



### Ash Wednesday Prayer Stations and Worship

February 22

Join us on Ash Wednesday for intergenerational prayer stations, including the indoor labyrinth, followed by worship with the imposition of ashes. Prayer stations will be set up in the WROC beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by worship in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. There will be no PreK-2nd Grade Kids' Connection. Instead, families are encouraged to journey through the prayer stations together.



### Seeking: A Lenten Devotional Group Conversation

Begins February 27  
Mondays - 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m.

This weekly group will follow the Lenten Devotional materials "Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith." These casual discussion groups enrich our reflection on God's love for us and our response to God's call. There are several options for groups and times to join and no need to register. For more information, go to <https://westminster-church.org/lent-2023-westminster>.



### Extended Communion

Sunday, March 5  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Deacons will be taking communion to anyone unable to attend Sunday worship. If you would like to receive communion or know of anyone to add to the list, please contact Jo Forrest, [forrest@westminster-church.org](mailto:forrest@westminster-church.org), or call the church office 412-835-6630.



### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Syria and Turkey

We see the suffering in Turkey and Syria from this catastrophic earthquake and its aftermath. Over 40,000 have perished and millions are struggling to meet basic needs. Westminster is giving \$5000 through our Outreach commission to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) directed to serve these needs. We ask that you prayerfully consider a donation to PDA as well.

Gifts can be made online at [pcusa.org/give-STearthquake](https://pcusa.org/give-STearthquake), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "DR999999-ST earthquake" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



## "Love Builds Up" Lenten Family Devotional

Anytime during Lent!

The "Love Builds Up" Family Devotional is the perfect way for families of all shapes and sizes to strengthen spiritual muscles and emotional health during Lent. Print copies can be picked up on Sunday mornings after worship or at Wednesday Food & Fellowship.

Digital copies can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/lovebuildsup>



## Pocket Change Project

February 22 through April 2

Once again, the Cherub Choir is on a mission for the Pocket Change Project this Lenten season. Through Palm Sunday, the Cherubs are leading the campaign to collect as much pocket change as possible to support school children in Haiti. Please consider joining them by collecting your own pocket change and combining it with theirs during a special collection on Sunday, April 2, during all three services.



## JAM Retreat

March 25-26  
Crestfield Camp and Conference Center

Register here by March 10:  
[bit.ly/JAMretreat](http://bit.ly/JAMretreat)

Join us for a fun-filled 24 hours at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center that will include games, food, large group times, small group times, exploring, and even sleeping. We'll have a blast while connecting with God and each other. Participants will meet on Saturday morning at Westminster and return Sunday morning. For more information, contact Faith Kemmler.

## Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for the following opportunities, contact Jan Baumann at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org) 412-559-1034



## Rise Against Hunger

Saturday, February 25

Shifts:  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
In the WROC

Six million children under the age of 5 die every year because of hunger.

We need 300 volunteers to package meal pouches in assembly line fashion. There is a job for everyone ages 4 to 104.

This is your chance for fun and fellowship for everyone. See the website for more details.

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

FEB 19 - FEB 25, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
8:30	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room**	<b>Sanctuary</b> Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	<b>Bridge Contemporary Worship</b> Bridge Sunday School PreK-4th Grade Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminar Sacrament Class	<b>WROC/Lvstrm.</b> Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel Rm. 238
11:00	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room** Sunday School* (PreK-4th Grds)	<b>Sanctuary/Lvstrm.</b> Rm. 239 Rm. 233
7:00	Youth Choir	Rm. 268

\***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, FEBRUARY 20

Church/Office/WECEP Closed  
President's Day

7:00 The Grace - Westminster Book Club Zoom

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	Town Hall South Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Memorial Parlor
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
4:30	Youth Bible Study	Rm. 283
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2) Junior Choir (Grds 3-6) Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 176 Rm. 268 Rm. 194
5:30	Ash Wednesday Prayer Stations Wednesday Food & Fellowship	WROC Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	North Main Entry Rm. 176 Rm. 233 Youth Dept.
6:30	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
7:30	Westminster Ringers	R. 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, FEBRUARY 23

6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir Nar Anon	Rm. 268 Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 Rise Against Hunger WROC



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



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.



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