

MAY 5, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Two Settings of *Jesu, Joy of Mans' Desiring*

Johann Gottfried Walther
Percy Whitlock

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Where shattered hearts are made whole, where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death: there, the stone has been rolled away.

People: **Where the lonely become our friends, where a stranger is welcomed home,
where hope is stronger than despair: there, we find Jesus walking.**

Leader: Where all find enough, where the anxious find serenity,
where love is stronger than hate: there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

People: **The promise of Easter remains within this community of faith.
We come to worship God.**

*Opening Hymn No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*Prayer of Confession

God of new possibilities,
we give thanks for your constant reminder
that you have a vision for our world
that far exceeds our present realities.

Forgive us for the times we linger in cynicism, apathy, or fear
and close our eyes on the life you would have us live
in joyful fellowship with others.

We pray for the courage to begin again,
to open our hearts and lives to your spirit
and be surprised by your grace.

(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)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 15:9-17

New Testament, page 109

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

All the Lonely People

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

The Gift of Love

arr. Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, spirit, come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship, and are freed. Amen.

~ 1 Corinthians 13

*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

Great 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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

*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

Prelude in G Major

J.S. Bach

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Holly Jones, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

Special Communion

Today we recognize Carter Anderson who will be joining the congregation for communion following her attendance in sacrament class. She will be wearing a white carnation. Please recognize her in worship on this special day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars

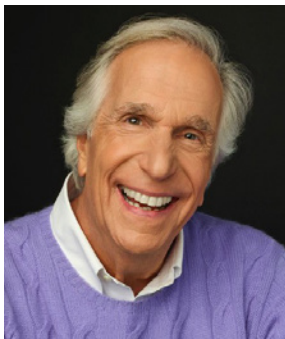
Democratic Faith: The Witness of the Civil Rights Movement

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>.



Town Hall South Speaker Series

Friday, May 10 | 10:00 a.m. | USC High School Theater



The Town Hall South Speaker Series will host its final lecture with guest speaker Henry Winkler. Winkler has enjoyed over four award-winning decades in Hollywood as an actor, producer, and director. He is also a New York Times best-selling author, having written a 28-novel children's book series inspired by his struggle with learning challenges throughout his education, and co-authored 37 children's novels. Join us as Henry Winkler shares his story and new memoir, *Being Henry: the Fonz ... and Beyond*. For more info and tickets, go to www.townhallsouth.org.



Baptism Blankets Needed

Calling all crafters! Did you know that at each baptism we welcome the newest members of God's family with blankets lovingly made by our community? We are in need of additional crafters to make and donate crocheted, knitted, or quilted baby blankets for baptism gifts. For more information contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.



WECEP Spring Arts Festival 2024

Saturday, May 11 | Noon - 3:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a fun family event! Activities include an art show with over 1,000 pieces on display, a bake sale, a balloon artist, a caricaturist, face painting, airbrush tattoos, food trucks, basket raffles, and more!



All are welcome: singles, couples, families, young adults, and retirees!

Get to know others in your church community in a relaxed small group setting with some good food and friendly conversation. Groups of 8-12 are organized and meet-ups are determined by the group with rotating hosts. Activities can range from dinner to an afternoon picnic or Sunday brunch to an evening campfire or restaurant appetizers - whatever works. We maintain groups for about six months and then switch it up again!

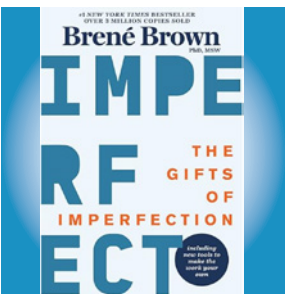
Sign up by Friday, May 10, at <https://www.westminster-church.org/forms/form-forks-fellowship>.



Move Up Night

Wednesday, May 15

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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



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, May 7-June 25, 2:45-3:45 p.m., \$56**

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 opened on May 1! 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, 2023. 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.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAY 5-11, 2024



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SUNDAY, MAY 5

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 6

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club Session Meeting	Zoom Galbreath Chapel
7:30	Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 107

TUESDAY, MAY 7

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
1:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
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-2nd Grd) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry Youth Dept.
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 9

4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, MAY 10

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

SATURDAY, MAY 11

9:00	Seed to Supper Program	Rm. 194
12:00	WECEP Arts Festival	Fellowship Hall



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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