



Westminster Presbyterian Church



September 18, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

— WE GATHER TOGETHER —

Prelude (8:30)
(11:00)

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Adagio

arr. Mark Hayes
Frank Bridge

Introit

I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

Welcome and Announcements/Living our Faith

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We know that doubt, fear, and hatred
can shake even the strongest among us.

People: **We come to worship today to hear the good news,
to hear of faith, hope, and love overflowing from God to us.**

Leader: Praise God for the lessons he teaches us through Jesus' life.

People: **May we be shaped by him into faithful, hopeful people,
who will share this love and good news.**

***Opening Hymn No. 4**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT
WIR LOBEN DICH

1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

4 Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

***Prayer of Confession** *(adapted from Ted Loder)*

Dear God, thank you for all that you provide; gifts not rights. Forgive us for the grievances we remember too well. Save us from the self-pity and the true poverty of living for ourselves. Dull the envy which criticizes and complains life into a thousand ugly bits.

Make us wide-eyed for the beauty, to see our neighbors' goodness and respond to their needs. Make us wide-willed for peace-making and to confront power that oppresses. Breathe into us the restlessness and courage to be shrewd, to please you.

(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 No. 555**

Lamb of God

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

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.

Congregational Response

Threefold Amen

— WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

— WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE —

Offertory Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Jack Schrader

*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. 733

We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS
WALDVÖGELEIN

- 1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

God Be in My Head

Robert A. Hobby

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking. Amen.

Postlude (11:00)

Allegro Marziale

Bridge

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Leading in worship: Jim Burns, Jo Forrest, Christine Hestwood, Carolyn Kerr, Rick Ralston, Louise Rogers, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Baptism: We rejoice with Katharine and Charles Zuzak as they present Caroline Rose for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Jim Boustead

Memorial Service: for Jack and Helen Watson, Sunday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m., sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Deacons Blood Drive

Sunday, September 18, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Read details about today's blood drive here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/blood-drive> or stop in to Fellowship Hall.

Westminster Seminars

Sunday, September 18, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Part two of *What Inheritance Awaits You: Studying the Book of Hebrews* with Professor Jennifer Kaalund. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>

This Week



Usher Safety Training

Wednesday, September 21
Room 194
6:00–6:45 p.m. *Usher Training*
6:45–8:30 p.m. *Safety Training*

All ushers and those considering becoming ushers are encouraged to attend. Usher safety training will include CPR certification, AEDs, tourniquets, epi-pens, and more, conducted by Tri-Community South Emergency Medical Services. Details and registration here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/usher-safety-training>

Veritalk: A Podcast from the Youth Department – It's time for Season 2! Review the scripture lesson and discussion questions from Veritas, Westminster's youth group, the prior week. Join us if you're a student and missed a week, a parent who would like to be included in our faith discussions, or if you've always wondered what the next generation talks about on Wednesday nights. **Visit [veritalk.podbean.com](https://www.veritalk.podbean.com)**



Sing with the Chancel Choir!

Thursday, September 22
8:15 – 9:00 p.m.
Room 268

On Sunday, November 13, the Chancel Choir will present Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living*, a gorgeous and meaningful work for choir and chamber orchestra. Want to join us? If so, let Eileen Murray or Chris Hestwood know. We will begin rehearsals for this special work this Thursday, September 22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Next Week



Westminster Food Drive for SHIM

Sunday, September 25
8:15 a.m. – noon
Parking Lots

Plan to bring food for the SHIM food pantries to Westminster on Sunday, September 25. Vehicles will be stationed in our parking lots for you to drop off items. If you'd like to help, contact Rob Wagner at rowagner127@gmail.com. Details and a list of preferred items here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/food-drive-for-shim>



Monday Meditations

Monday, September 26
10:30 a.m.
Room 231
(Zoom by request)

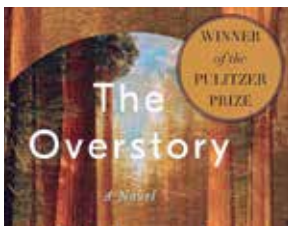
Monday Meditations allow us to read and wrestle with scripture as we discover the good news in difficult teachings of Jesus. Videos from Dr. Amy-Jill Levine will guide our class, led by Louise Rogers. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/monday-meditations>



Single Women's Group: Dinner @ Mitchell's

Tuesday, September 27
4:30 p.m.
Mitchell's Fish Market,
Galleria

Our last trip to Mitchell's was so much fun we're doing it again! Join us on Mitchell's Fish Market outside patio (weather permitting) for wonderful fellowship as we enjoy their reduced-price menu. Registration required at [wroc.westminster-church.org](https://www.westminster-church.org). Space is limited to 15.



Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, Sept. 28
Noon – 1:15 p.m.
Library

The September meeting of the Westminster Book Group will discuss *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us! Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-book-group>

Visit the church's website at www.westminster-church.org for additional details on any event or activity listing and to view a complete church calendar, located under the "Events" menu item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Coming Soon



Bread for the World Letter Offering

Sunday, October 2
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Welcome Center/
WROC

Help Westminster in the fight to end hunger by writing a letter to congress. We'll have sample letters available, background information, your congressperson's name, addressed envelopes, and stamps! Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/bread-for-the-world-offering-of-letters-to-end-hunger>



Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 2
2:00 p.m.
North Parking Lot

All people-friendly pets and their owners are invited to join pastor Louise Rogers as she gives thanks for these special family members, and as she blesses the people who love and care for them deeply. Please be sure your pets are on non-retractable leashes or in carriers, and have proof of up-to-date vaccinations.



Churchwide Bike Ride

Saturday, October 8
9:30 a.m.
West Newton, PA

Come enjoy the fall weather and fellowship with Westminster people of all ages as we bike along the Great Allegheny Passage of Western PA. Bring your snacks and water and meet us in the parking lot by the restored train depot, just off Rt.136. Contact Sue Davis at planetsue66@gmail.com for more information.



THS Speaker Series

Tuesday, October 11
10:00 a.m.
USC HS Theater

The 2022-2023 season of the Town Hall South Speaker Series will begin on Tuesday, October 11, with veteran reporter Dan Rather.

Please visit www.townhallsouth.org for details about this season's speakers and to purchase tickets.

Volunteer Opportunities

Ushers for October

Help make those who come through the doors of Westminster feel at home and welcome on Sunday morning as an usher for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Greet people, hand out the bulletins, and seat worshipers. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/serving/opportunities-to-serve#church> or contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

SEPTEMBER 19 -25, 2022



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:00p Cub Scout Den Meeting Rm. 107
7:00 Session Meeting w/ Deacons Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 Tuesday Morning Men's Group Rm. 238
8:45 Town Hall South Yahweh Café
10:00 Staff Meeting Rm. 238
6:00 Pittsburgh Youth Chorus Rm. 268
6:30 Caregivers Support Group Rm. 176
Centering Prayer Zoom
7:30 Boy Scouts Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry Galleria
4:30 Bible Read Along Rm. 231
4:45 Cherub Choir (Gds. K-2) Rm. 176
Junior Choir (Gds. 3-6) Rm. 268
Little Ones & Loved Ones Rm. 194
5:30 Wednesday Food & Fellowship Fellowship Hall
6:00 JAM Youth Group (Gds. 5-6) North Entry
Kids' Connection (Gds. 3-4) Rm. 176
Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Gd.) Rm. 233
Usher Training Rm. 194
6:00 Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 7-12) Youth Dept.
6:45 Usher Safety Training Rm. 194
7:30 Westminster Ringers Rm. 268

Wednesdays @ Westminster

Wednesday evenings at 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 on Wednesday. Visit our website or scan the QR codes below for details.



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship fall menu



Music & Choirs

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00 W2W - Emerald Group Rm. 231
4:00 Farmers Market S. Parking Lot
6:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting Rm. 176
7:00 Chancel Choir Rm. 268
Nar Anon Rm. 131
7:30 NA Rm. 107

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

no events scheduled

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:15 SHIM Food Collection Narthex/Parking Lot
8:30 **Traditional Worship** North Courtyard (weather permitting)
9:00 Welcome Center North Entry
9:45 **Contemporary Worship** WROC/Lvstrm.
Wiggle Room** WROC Fitness
Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd. Rm. 176
Westminster Seminars Galbreath Chapel
11:00 **Traditional Worship** Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
Wiggle Room** Rm. 239
Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd. Rm. 233
Confirmation Class Yahweh Café
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; 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.

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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.*



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