

Westminster Presbyterian Church



March 13, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Weepin' Mary Tom Drake, soloist arr. Dale Wood arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (11:00) Forty Days and Nights Michael Bedford

Cherub Choir

*Call to Worship (adapted Ps 27)

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation;

People: Whom shall we fear?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives;

People: Of whom shall we be afraid?

We will be strong and have courage.

*Hymn No. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

Our Mission: We seek to be a caring community of faith committed to bringing people to Christ and developing their faith through worshiping God together, teaching the faith, and serving in mission.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

*Prayer of Confession

God, we thank you for this extraordinary world and its reminders of resilience, grace, hope, and life: when grass shoots break through concrete when the sun emerges after storms.

In these moments we see glimpses of who you are – and we are grateful.

Forgive us God when we do not trust you, when we seek shelter in places of our own creation, when we turn to follow our own desires.

(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

O How He Loves You and Me

O how he loves you and me! (repeat) He gave his life. What more could he give?

O how he loves you: o how he loves me: o how he loves you and me!

Anthem (11:00)

Zum Gali Gali

arr Dan Schwartz

As we work together for peace, let all war and hatred cease. Let us live as one on this land, and lend each friend a helping hand.

Junior Choir

Children's Message (11:00)

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.

Sevenfold Amen

Gospel Lesson Luke 13:31-35 NT 77

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Mother Hen Jo Forrest

Sing praise to God who reigns above. The God of all creation, the Lord of love.
Sing praise to God, my strength and salvation, I'm lifted high upon a rock.
The Lord is my refuge in times of trouble, my strength, my shelter from the storm.
My head is lifted up above my enemies, I will sing and make melodies
to the Lord of love!

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then, shall I fear?

I will dwell in the house of the Lord forevermore.

I'll dwell in the house of God all the days of my life.

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.

*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

*Hymn No. 837

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

SHOWALTER

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

- 2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

*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.

Postlude

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

arr. E. Power Biggs

Leading in worship: Emma Barry (chimes), Jim Burns, Tom Drake, Jo Forrest, Christine Hestwood, Faith Kemmler, Catherine Radinick (chimes), Louise Rogers, Parker Seftchick (chimes), the Quartet, and the Cherub, Junior, and Chancel choirs.

^{*}Please stand if you are able.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness Don Blasche

We celebrate with joy

the birth of Lainey Rae, daughter of Kirsten Vietmeier and Andrew Egli; granddaughter of Debb and Dick Egli.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week



Sacrament Education

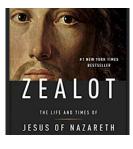
Sundays, March 20 & 27 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall Sacrament Class is for children in 2nd grade and older who have not yet participated in this series of classes that includes Baptism and Communion. Children and a parent are invited to attend. The children will join the congregation for communion on Sunday, April 3. For more information or to register before March 18, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@ westminster-church.org.



Grief Care

Wednesdays March 23 – April 27 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. Memorial Parlor Grief Care is a faith-based grief support group that can help you face the challenges of loss and move toward rebuilding your life. Contact Louise Rogers at rogers@westminster-church. org if you have any questions. To register and for more information, visit here: https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/grief-care

This Month



Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, March 30 Noon – 1:15 p.m. Rm. 238 Bring a brown bag lunch and join us! At the next meeting of the Westminster Book Group we will discuss Zealot: Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth by Reza Aslan.

"From the internationally best-selling author of No god but God comes a fascinating, provocative, and meticulously researched biography that challenges long-held assumptions about the man we know as Jesus of Nazareth." – Amazon

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



Veritas Summer **Mission Trip** July 10-16, 2022 Elkview, WV Space is limited! Sign up today!

Westminster's youth are headed to West Virginia for a week of service to join other groups from all over the country and work on different types of home repair projects. Beyond the physical transformation that happens in communities, teenagers bring the hope and light of Jesus to the residents they serve. Cost is \$150 per student. Registration is available online. Contact Ed Sutter at sutter@ westminster-church.org with any questions.

volunteer opportunities

Ongoing



Membership Commission Volunteers

Westminster's Membership Commission is seeking additional members of the congregation to join this group to help plan events and activities for this calendar year. All are welcome - young and old, new to the Westminster community and longtime members.

Please contact Susan Castelli at spcfic@ comcast.net to learn more about this commission and monthly meeting dates.

For more information about this or other important volunteer opportunities, visit our website or contact Jan Baumann at 412-835-6630x205 or 412-559-1034 or baumann@westminster-church.org.

Word Cloud Question for Lent

As the Lenten season has begun, the Membership Commission would like to ask for your input for a Lenten Word Cloud. Submit your one or two-word answer to this guestion, "Where do you feel close to God?" to the Membership Commission via email at membership@westminster-church.org. Contact Sue Castelli with any questions at spcfjc@comcast.net. We hope to hear from you!

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Ongoing Activities & Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Wiggle Room

8:30/11:00 a.m. in Room 239
9:45 a.m. in WROC Fitness Room
Children are always welcome
and encouraged to participate
in worship, yet we realize
sometimes families need a little
wiggle room in their worship
experience. The Wiggle Room
is available to families with
children from birth through age 3
who prefer a separate space to
step away while listening to the
worship service.

Westminster Seminars

9:45 a.m. in Galbreath Chapel or on Zoom

The Lenten series: History of Biblical Interpretation, presented by Kenneth J. Woo, continues this week. Interpreting the Bible is always something that can stir people up. What can we learn from past efforts? What does history reveal about how the Bible speaks to us today? Read more here: https://www.westminsterchurch.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School

9:45 a.m. in person after the Children's message; 11:00 a.m. in person & online at the start of the service. Zoom Link: bit.ly/wpcvirtualss Passcode: 15241 A time for children in PreK through 6th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Bible Read Along

4:30–5:30 p.m. in Room 231 Join us during Lent to explore Jesus' journey to the cross according to the Gospel of Luke. No homework. Drop in as you are able.

Children's Choirs

4:45-5:30 p.m. in Galbreath Chapel (grades K-2) and sanctuary (grades 3-6) Open to all children K-6th grade. Join us and make some music to glorify God!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday Food & Fellowship

5:30-6:30 p.m. in
Fellowship Hall
Join your church family for
food and fellowship! This week's
menu is beef, veggie, mac &
cheese. Let Westminster do the
cooking tonight and join us!

JAM (Jesus & Me)

6:00-7:30 p.m. Meet in the north entry. A youth group for 5th & 6th graders, JAM offers opportunities for fun, fellowship, and faith as students participate in Bible study, discussion, games, activities, mission projects, and more.

Veritas

6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Dept. A youth group for grades 7 to 12, Veritas maintains the goal of bringing Christ to kids in a way that inspires their minds and fills their hearts with the love of God in a fun and exciting way.

STAFF PROGRAM/MINISTRY CONTACTS

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CALENDAR

Please check our website calendar for the most up-to-date listing of events and activities: https://www.westminster-church.org/events/calendar.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
9:30	PACC Movie Matinee	Yahweh Café
10:20	Parkinson's Level 2 Workout	WROC
12:00	AA	Rm. 176
5:30	Cardio Kickboxing	WROC
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
6:45	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
7:00	WECEP Board Meeting	Zoom
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

7:00	Men's Discussion Group	Rm. 238
	WCDC	Rm. 152
9:00	Flow Yoga	Fellowship Hall
9:30	Town Hall South	Yahweh Café
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Centering Prayer	Zoom
	Flow Yoga	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Al Anon	Rm. 131
8:00	Adult Pickup Volleyball	WROC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
10:20	Parkinson's Level 2 Workout	WROC
4:30	Bible Read Along	Rm. 231
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grades K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Grades 3-6)	Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM Youth Group (Gds. 5-6)	North Entry
	Kid's Connection (PreK-4th Gd.)	WROC
	Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 7-12)	Youth Dept.
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
9:15	Parkinson's Level 1 Workout	WROC
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	Al Anon	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 Piano Festival Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

8:30 Traditional Worship

	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Entry
9:45	Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestrm.
	Wiggle Room	WROC Fitness
	Sacrament Class	Fellowship Hall
	Sunday School PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 194
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestrm.
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239
	Sunday School PreK-2nd Gd.	Rm. 121
	Sunday School 3rd-6th Gd.	Rm. 131
	Virtual Sunday School	Zoom
	Confirmation Class	Yahweh Café

Calendar/Scheduling Reminder: To schedule an event or make a room reservation, please contact Kathy Long at 412-835-6630x200 or long@westminster-church.org for current availability.

Sanctuary

Easter tlowers

Spring is just around the corner. The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial/honoree contributions for Easter flowers. If you would like to participate in this Westminster tradition, please make checks payable to "Westminster Presbyterian Church," and write "Easter flowers" on the memo line. Checks and forms can be mailed, dropped off at the church office, or placed in the Sunday collection plate.

Your contribution and completed form must be received by Monday, April 11, so that your gift can be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please indicate on the form if you will pick up your Easter flower following the Bridge or 11:00 service on Easter Sunday, or if you would like the deacons to deliver your flower to a shut-in.

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

□ I	n memory	☐ In honor		
Name	e of memorial/honor	ee (PLEASE PR	INT)	1
☐ F	Please deliver flower	r to a shut-in	□ I wil	pick up the flower
My na	ame			

Please return this form to the church office by Monday, April 11.

