

APRIL 21, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Christ Arose
Acclamation of Praise arr. Joel Raney

Lowry/arr. Eithum

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as God's beloved children –
People: **however glad we are, however out of sorts we are.**
Leader: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –
People: **so this becomes a place where all are welcome.**
Leader: We come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with one another.
People: **Let us worship the Lord!**

*Opening Hymn No. 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want.
We lie down when we could act,
we stir the pot when we could offer peace, and
we wander tempting paths instead of following you.
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them.
We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.
Forgive us, and help us to abide in your grace and love.

(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)

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

Unison Reading of Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Love Does

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Yours Are the Hands

Mark Burrows

Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
 Yours are the feet. Yours are the eyes. Yours are the hands.
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.
 Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
 Yours are the hands with which he blesses the world.
 You are Christ's body now.

~ *Teresa of Avila*

Katy Williams, soloist, and Isaac Bernstein, percussion

*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. 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak
Verses 1-4

CANONBURY

*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

Carillon

Herbert Murrill

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, Randy Langlois, Maureen Ludwig, Christine Hestwood, Jim Marshall, The Quartet, Chancel Choir, Westminster Ringers.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

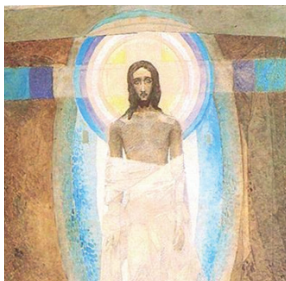
We celebrate with joy the birth of Keira Devi Allebrand, daughter of Maya and Sean Allebrand, granddaughter of Vidya and Lou Craig.

Baptisms

We rejoice with Laura Bentley and Ed Nusser as they present Oscar Ellis; and Jill and Brooke Kern as they present Jackson George, Everett Levi, and Elliott Baker for the Sacrament of Baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars

Author of Life: The Resurrection of the Dead and the Origins of Christianity

TODAY | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Coming Up Next

The Puritan Vision for New England

Sunday, April 28 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

John E. Wilson, Professor Emeritus of Church History,
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

John Winthrop's famous sermon of 1630 aboard the "Arabella" expresses not only Puritan hopes and expectations for New England but also ideals that were to become characteristic of American Christianity.

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



FILL the VAN! The SHIM Food Drive

TODAY | 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Front driveway

Drop off your donations at the SHIM van on your way into church. Thank you for your continued generosity. Email Jan Baumann for questions at baumann@westminster-church.org.



Parking Lot ReSealing

Thank you to those who gave so generously to our **Pave the Way** parking lot resealing campaign last summer. The work to patch, seal, and restripe our parking lots has begun, and is dependent upon the weather for completion.



Sacrament Class

Wednesdays, April 24 & May 1 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Room 238

Special Communion: Sunday, May 5

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 parents/caregivers are invited to attend together. The children will join the congregation for communion on Sunday, May 5. For more information or to register before April 23, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.



The Writer's of Westminster

Looking for More Writers – Everyone has a story!

Wednesday, April 24 | 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.



WROC Talk: Free Speaker Series

Letting Go With Grace: How Swedish Death Cleaning Can Bring You Joy

Tuesday, April 30 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Declutter and organize your belongings now so that your loved ones won't have to when you're gone. While that may feel like end-of-life planning, it really is about living a more intentional and fulfilling life today. Join Professional Organizer Mandy Thomas as she guides you through the letting go of stuff. For more information and to register, go to <https://wroc.westminster-church.org/wroctalk.html>.



Small Group Facilitator Training

Tuesday, April 30 | 7:00 p.m. | via Zoom

This is a training session for new or prospective small group facilitators. You will be provided information and support about how to get started, arrange for a space to meet, and publicize your group, as well as tips for creating community and leading your group. For more information, contact Laura Ecklin at ecklin@westminster-church.org.



SIGN-UPS: 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 11, at <https://www.westminster-church.org/forms/form-forks-fellowship>.



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 Westminster Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this worthy mission.



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.



English Tutors Needed!

The parents of our refugee family need to learn English. Literacy Pittsburgh is short on tutors. A knowledge of Spanish is not necessary. We are looking for someone to be trained as a literacy Pittsburgh tutor. This would be a wonderful volunteer opportunity for a retired teacher, or just anyone who wants to help this lovely family thrive in the United States. Contact Chris Hestwood at hestwood@westminster-church.org if you would like to help!

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

APR 21-27, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:15	SHIM Food Collection	Front driveway
8:30	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.)	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
	Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade)	Rm. 233
	Confirmation Class 2023-2024	Rm. 283
12:00	Confirmation/Session Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Youth Choir (Grades 7 - 12)	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 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, APRIL 22

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
1:00	Outreach Commission/Baby Bundles	Rm. 231
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club	Zoom
	Deacon Meeting	Memorial Parlor

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:00	Primary Election Day	Elevator Lobby
	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
5:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Grds 3 - 6)	Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6)	North Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Youth Dept.
	Sacrament Class	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, APRIL 25

6:30	Single Women's Group - SPLAT Art Studio	Offsite
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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