



# THE HEART OF GENEROSITY

Westminster Presbyterian Church



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

## THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

#### Prelude

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come  
Outbursts of Joy  
*Westminster Ringers*

Elvey/arr. Dobrinski  
Cynthia Dobrinski

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

#### \*Living Our Faith

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is not just the interior of these walls: but within each of us.  
We are Christ's body.

People: **If every wall should crumble, and every sanctuary decay,  
Christ's church lives on.**

Leader: Give thanks that God has brought us together again  
to be one with each other and God in this sacred time.

People: **We come to receive God's word and  
become rooted and grounded in love.**

#### \*Opening Hymn No. 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High  
*verses 1, 4, and 5*

DEO GRACIAS

### \*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,  
Our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be  
rooted and grounded in your love.  
Hear our silent prayers.

*(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

Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
make me a servant today.

### Sacrament of Baptism

#### 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.

#### Congregational Response

THREEFOLD AMEN

#### Anthem (11:00)

Shut De Dō

Stonehill/arr. Hayes

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-19

New Testament, page 193

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

#### Sermon

Rooted and Grounded

Jo Forrest

## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

### Offertory Anthem

All Good Gifts

David Schwoebel

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
so thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

He only is the maker of all things near and far,  
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;  
the wind and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us his children, he gives our daily bread.

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;  
accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,  
and what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

### \*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. 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission  
*Verses 1, 4, and 5*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

A Closing Prayer

Don Besig

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place.  
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.  
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways,  
help us share with others the things we've shared today.  
May the peace of God, the Father, and the love of Christ, his Son,  
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us each one.  
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;  
God bless us and return us to the fellowship once again. Amen.

### Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Bach/Fox

**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Rick Ralston, Karen Williams, Kristy Berrott, John Van Cleve, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Holly Jones, the Quartet, Westminster Ringers, Chancel and Youth Choirs.

### Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We rejoice with Suzanne and Adam Wynne as they present Julia Gail; Laura and Jerome Ecklin as they present Allison Mia; and Prashanti and Brian Behers as they present Emily Salomi for the Sacrament of Baptism.

The congregation extends condolences to Von and Suzanne Campanella upon the death of Suzanne's father, Kenneth J. Thompson.

We celebrate with joy the birth of Hazel Vivian, daughter of Maggie and Ryan Harvey, granddaughter of Kris and Keith Overstreet.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



The Heart of Generosity stewardship campaign has received 124 pledges that have us at 41% of our goal for the campaign. Thank you for your pledges! Please return completed pledge cards to Anna Hiner in the church offices or place them in the offering plates at any Sunday service. You may also submit your pledge online at [www.westminster-church.org/give](http://www.westminster-church.org/give)



### Westminster Seminars

#### Christ and Humanity's Cosmic Future

TODAY & November 26 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

The diversity of life on Earth is facing a profound threat - many species are dying off. So, humanity has a great moral challenge. How do we respond? The Bible helps us see humans as creatures alongside others and shows how Christ teaches us about living lives oriented to the good and gracious God in the midst of global suffering and communal death.

Speaker: Tanner Capps, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



### Sacrament Class

TODAY & November 26 | 11:00 a.m. | Room 238  
Special Communion: December 3

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. Classes will be held again in the spring on Wednesday, April 24 and May 1 with special communion on Sunday, May 5.



## THANK YOU!

### Veritas' Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Veritas Thanksgiving Food Drive. We collected 2,239 items to help feed our neighbors this holiday season!

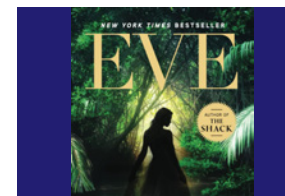


### Living Stones

Sunday, November 26 | 3:00 p.m.  
Fairhaven United Methodist Church, Overbrook



Please give a couple of hours of your time to help a neighborhood in Overbrook. Serve food on Sunday, November 26, 3:00 p.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m. Transportation provided from the church's north parking lot. Sign up early. For more information and address, go to <https://growlivingstones.com/>.



### Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, November 29 | 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. | Library

For the next meeting of the Westminster Book Group, we will be discussing William Paul Young's book *Eve*. Please join us, all are welcome! For questions contact Nana Wilson at [callingnana@gmail.com](mailto:callingnana@gmail.com).



### Teen & Parent Mental Health Speaker Series

Wednesday, November 29 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

This month: Eric McElvenny - Embracing Challenges and Resilience. All are welcome and are highly encouraged to invite anyone who may benefit from valuable conversation and support for both young people and families. Contact Ed Sutter.



### Bair Foundation Christmas Gift Drive

Unwrapped gifts Due Friday, December 1

Westminster is once again partnering with the Bair Foundation to provide Christmas gifts for 300 foster children in the local Pittsburgh area. Tags are back on the trees in the north and south entries of the church or visit our Amazon list at [www.westminstergiftingtree.com](http://www.westminstergiftingtree.com) to ship your gift to us. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/bair-foundation-christmas-gift-drive>





## Extended Communion

Sunday, December 3 | 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 Ann Morris, [morris@westminster-church.org](mailto:morris@westminster-church.org), or call the church office 412-835-6630.



## 2023-2024 Season of the Town Hall South Speaker Series



Tuesday, December 5 | 10:00 a.m. | USC High School Theater

Join THS on Tuesday, December 5 for speaker Ruth Reichl, James Beard Award-Winning Writer and Culinary Icon. The Seattle Times calls Reichl "one of the nation's most influential figures in the food world." Reichl will discuss our broken food system, the topic of her film *Food and Country*, and new novel to be released in April, *The Paris Novel*. For information about this presentation and to purchase tickets, please visit [townhallsouth.org](http://townhallsouth.org).



## Advent @ Home Workshop

Sunday, December 3 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Yahweh Café

This workshop is for parents and caregivers of children and youth of all ages who are looking for practical, simple resources to incorporate Advent practices at home with their families. Come to learn more about why we should include Advent conversations in our family Christmas preparations and walk away with practices you can use with your family even during the busiest days. This event will also be recorded and available online.



## Family Gingerbread Night

Wednesday, December 6 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a casual evening as a family as you build a gingerbread house together. Please bring a donation of women's hats and gloves and hand warmers to benefit Street Moms. There will be no JAM or Kids' Connection this evening. Registration is not required, but greatly appreciated as it aids us in planning for a night of family fun! Go to [bit.ly/wpcgingerbread23](http://bit.ly/wpcgingerbread23) to register.

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

NOV 19-25, 2023



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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) Bring Your Own Bible (BYOB) Confirmation Class 2023-2024 Sacrament Class	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233 Yahweh Café Rm. 283 Rm. 238
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 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, NOVEMBER 20

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club Zoom	

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

All Day WNSK Closed

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

All Day Happy Thanksgiving - Church/Office/WECEP Closed

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

All Day Happy Thanksgiving - Church/Office/WECEP Closed

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25



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.



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