



Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 8, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. / 11:00 a.m.

THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Aria on *Jewels*

Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Introit (11:00)

Come with a Grateful Heart
Cherub Choir

Bailey and Mayo

*Call to Worship

Leader: God chose to step down into our experience,
to live among us, as one of us,
with all the struggle and suffering
that goes with being human.

People: **More than that, as Jesus,
he humbled himself and
gave himself completely to us.**

Leader: God calls us to belong to one another through Jesus.

People: **We give ourselves in complete praise.**

***Opening Hymn No. 687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
verses 1, 2, 3, and 4

ST. ANNE

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,
give us the same attitude as Jesus,
who emptied himself of ego and pride,
and was obedient to you.

We pray for mercy for all the ways
we turn away from you for our selfish gain.
Humble us. Fill us with your spirit.
Make us eager to let you work in our lives.

(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. 300)**

We Are One in the Spirit
verse 1

Anthem (11:00)

You Are Welcome Here
Junior Choir

Mark Burrows

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Prayer 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

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

New Testament, page 197

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

Sermon

Muscle Memory

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.

Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.

O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.

In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.

O God, remind us we are not alone.

Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.

We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.

Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow.

Give us life, Lord, make us one.

*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. 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
verses 1, 2, and 3

DENNIS

*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

Postlude on *St. Anne*

Gordon Young

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Debb Egli, Faith Kemmler, Beth Ketterman, Chris Hestwood, Holly Jones, Jim Burns, the Quartet, Cherub, Junior, and Chancel Choirs.

Congratulations to the following children as they receive their Bibles and take the next step in their journey of faith:

Josephine Grace Lazor
Kylan James Moore
Max Senge

Amelia Joye Wilkinson
Adelaide Miette Sutter
Layla Boone

Maddie Stedor
David Allan Lamborn Davis
Brooklynn Gasher

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Jim Douglass, Dick Hestwood, and Betty McMillan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars

Everyday Saints: Keeping the Faith in Hard Times

Sundays, October 8 – November 12 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

The series explores the stories of ordinary Christians who have kept—and even deepened—their faith in resistance to earthly “powers and principalities” (such as communism, racism, bureaucratic indifference). How do their examples inspire us to live with integrity today in the face of the social and political ideologies that try to control us?

Read more and find the Zoom link on the church website.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation & Workshops

Bible Sunday, TODAY, all three worship services.

Kids' Connection Workshops, Wednesdays, October 11-25 | 6:00–7:30 p.m. | Room 176

Children in 3rd grade and those who have not yet received Bibles will be presented with their very own Bible. In addition, children are also invited to attend Kids' Connection on Wednesday evenings to learn all about their new Bible. **If you wish for your child to receive a Bible, contact Faith Kemmler.**

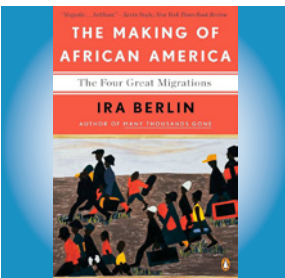




Blessing of the Pets

Today | 2:00 p.m. | North Parking Lot

All people-friendly pets and their owners are invited to a designated celebration that both acknowledges and pays tribute to the loyal animal companions that love us unconditionally. Join us as we give thanks for these special family members, and we bless 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.



Grace-Westminster Book Club

Mondays | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom

Join the Grace-Westminster Book Club in reading *The Making of African America: The Four Great Migrations* by Ira Berlin. In this masterful account, Ira Berlin, one of the nation's most distinguished historians, offers a revolutionary view of African American history. Contact Bobbie Hartman for Zoom connection at hartman1967@verizon.net.



THS TOWN HALL *South* SPEAKER SERIES | **2023 | 2024** DAYTIME SPEAKER SERIES

 Lynsey Addario November 7, 2023	 Ruth Reichl December 5, 2023	 Kobie Boykins February 6, 2024	 Henry Winkler March 19, 2024	 Douglas Brinkley April 9, 2024
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The 2023-2024 season of the Town Hall Speaker Series begins Tuesday, November 7, 2023, with Pulitzer Prize-Winning Photojournalist Lynsey Addario.

Additional speakers include: Ruth Reichl (James Beard Award-Winning Writer and Culinary Icon); Kobie Boykins (NASA Lead Principal Engineer); Henry Winkler (Actor, Producer, Director, Best Selling Author); Douglas Brinkley (American Historian, Best Selling Author, CNN Presidential Historian).

Lectures begin at 10:00 a.m. at the USCHS Theater. Please visit townhallsouth.org to purchase tickets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Fall Festival

Sunday, October 15 | 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. | Gilfillan Farm

Join us for an afternoon of fall fun featuring pumpkins, crafts, games, and more! Enjoy the grounds at Gilfillan Farm as you decorate pumpkins, play fall games, adventure through a scavenger hunt, and delight in the fall season with family and friends.



Faith Transitions Small Group

Wednesdays, October 11, 18, 25 | 7:00 p.m. | Room 238

Are you a former Catholic, or were you of another faith, and now come to Westminster? If you would like to share your experiences with others who have also made that transition, we would love to have you join our discussion group. Contact John Hayes at jhayesesq@outlook.com.



Parent & Caregiver Group

Wednesdays, October 11 and 18 | 6:00–7:30 p.m. | Room 284

What does it look like to nurture your child's faith at home? How can your family participate in spiritual practices together? This group is for parents of children of all ages to gather, learn, connect, and explore what faith formation can look like for their family. Contact Faith Kemmler for questions.



Grief Care

Wednesdays, October 18 - November 15 | 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 Anna Hiner at hiner@westminster-church.org if you have any questions. To register and for more information, visit: <https://westminster-church.org/events/event-list/grief-care>.



Women Belonging Retreat

November 10–11 | 6:30 p.m. Friday to 3:00 p.m. Saturday (overnight)
Spiritan Center in Bethel Park | Register at bit.ly/WomenBelongingRetreat

Join an intentionally intergenerational group of women reigniting, reviving, and reimagining women's ministry at Westminster. Stay overnight for a retreat at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park to pray over Acts 2:42–47. Come take your seat at the table as we pray, eat, walk, talk, and work to discern where God is calling us as the women of Westminster.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

OCT 8-14, 2023



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard <i>(weather permitting)</i>
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
	Bring Your Own Bible (BYOB)	Yahweh Café
	Confirmation Class 2023-2024	Rm. 283
2:00	Blessing of the Pets	North Parking Lot
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, OCTOBER 9

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Rm. 190
7:00	Grace Westminster Book Club	Zoom
	Troop 366 Adult Committee Meeting	FH Kitchen Serving Area

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men’s Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
5:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

1:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
4:30	Poetry and Prayer of the Psalms	Rm. 231
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
	Cherub Choir (Grades K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Grades 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.
	Parent & Caregiver Group	Rm. 284
6:30	Faith Transitions Small Group	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, OCTOBER 12

7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	Ladies' Night Small Group	Rm. 283
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:00	Carol Sutherland Memorial Service	Sanctuary
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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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