



Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 10, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. / 11:00 a.m.

THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude (8:30)

Amazing Grace

arr. Kartsonakis

Prelude (11:00)

Heraldings

Robert Hebble

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Loving God, may we be found
and may we find a place where we belong.

People: **May this be the place where we are accepted as we are,
where we are taken in and loved unconditionally.**

Leader: Welcome us home, where we belong;
where our souls fit and where our names are known.

People: **May this be that place where we belong to God.**

***Opening Hymn No. 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God, you call us to love one another, as deeply as you love us.
We confess the times when we have failed,
allowing our own desires and interests to overshadow
the needs of others.

You call us to treat one another with respect,
even those who have hurt or offended us;
to work through our disagreements with love and integrity.

We confess the times when we have failed,
finding it easier to simply walk away from hurtful relationships,
or flee from honest conversations.

In your mercy, forgive us.

(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

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

The Gospel of Matthew 18:15-20

New Testament, page 20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Built to Last

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
The congregation is invited to sing on verses 1 and 3.

arr. Dan Forrest

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down. Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, o breathe thy loving spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*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. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*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 blessing of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to the fellowship once again. Amen.

Postlude

Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne

Leading in worship: : Jo Forrest, Chip Staub, Christine Hestwood, Refugee Resettlement Team, Jim Burns, the Quartet, Chancel Choir, and Westminster Brass (11:00): Joe Herndon and Dave Wingenbach, trumpet, Bob Matchett and Julia Nainiger, trombone.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Wyatt Christopher, grandson of Matt and Nicole Baculik.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Super Sunday, September 17

Join us for a time of fellowship and fun immediately following 11:00 worship. There will be something for everyone: food, special music, activities, games, and more.



Ron Tappy, Professor Emeritus of Bible and Archaeology
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Westminster Seminars:

The History of Old Testament Israel: A View from the Bible and the Writing of Israel's Neighbors

**Sundays, September 10, 17, 24; October 1 | 9:45 a.m.
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom**

Professor Tappy will briefly discuss the history of writing and then present a series of major inscriptions about ancient (Old Testament) Israel that were written by scribes and rulers in multiple powers outside Israel. The historical information recorded in these monumental inscriptions provides a sweeping view of Israel's history and supports the basic reliability of the biblical narratives. Read more and find the Zoom link on the church website.



BYOB

**Every other Sunday, September 10-November 19
11:00 a.m. | Yahweh Café**

Bring Your Own Bible - What did you think it meant? Do you want to become more familiar with scripture, or explore an opportunity to take next steps in your faith? With God's Word as our guide, we'll learn about the ways that God has worked throughout time and still works today. Contact Ed Sutter for details.



Register Now for Fall Fitness Programs at the WROC!

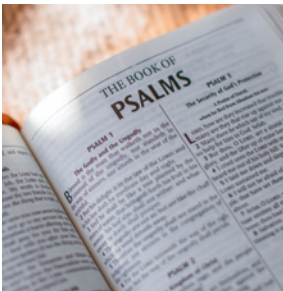
Class spotlight: [yoga4cancer](#) | Mondays, starting Sept. 11 | 5:45-6:45 p.m. **Just \$5** (Pay upon arrival) –Yoga and meditation for cancer recovery. Space is limited, registration required. Visit wroc.westminster-church.org for a complete list of all classes.



Men's Group

Tuesday Mornings, Beginning September 12 | 7:00 a.m. | Room 238

Men of Westminister - Our new year together is just around the corner. Join us as we open God's Word to find how it guides us and challenges us in our daily lives. Coffee and donuts are on the house, and we'll have you on the road in time to meet the new day. For more information contact Ed Sutter.



Poetry and Prayer of the Psalms

Wednesdays, September 13-October 11 | 4:30 p.m. | Room 231

At the center of faith and worship, the Book of Psalms are grounded in the experiences of life: pain and joy, fear and peace, and praise and doubt. Read today, they give us permission to speak honestly and openly to God about complicated feelings, even to shake our fist at times. Join us to delve into a selection of psalms. Explore reading as a devotional. No homework. Drop in as you are able. Contact Jo Forrest for additional info.



Jewish Christian Dialogues

Wednesday, September 13 | 3:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Please join with members of Beth El Congregation and Rabbi Alex Greenbaum for casual and yet provocative conversations. Sharing a common faith ancestry, how do we align and differ celebrating and living our faith in the world today? These bi-monthly gatherings do not require any advance prep. Drop in as you are able. Other dates: Nov. 1, Jan. 10, March 6, and May 1.



Ladies' Night Small Group

Thursdays, September 14-October 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Room 283

If you're looking to deepen your relationship with Christ and with other women here at Westminister, we'd love you to join us on Thursday evenings for a six-week series. We will study the book *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr (and accompanying podcast *Another Name for Everything*). Kristy Berrott will facilitate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Deacons' Blood Drive

Sunday, September 17 | 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Room 107

Westminster Deacons are hosting our final blood drive of the year. Please pre-register for your appointment by using sponsor code G0010171 to secure a time slot. Registration is easily done by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or online at <http://www.vitalant.org>. The Westminster Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this worthy mission.



Teen and Parent Mental Health Speaker Series

Last Wednesday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

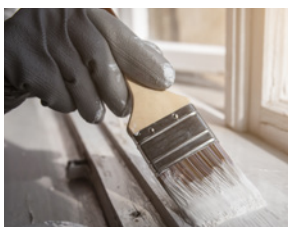
Westminster has always been a place of safety for important conversations. All teens and adults are welcome and are highly encouraged to invite anyone who may benefit from connection and support. This fall we are excited to introduce our theme, "Stories to Learn From."



Churchwide Bike Ride

Sunday, September 30 | 9:00 a.m. | Montour Trail, Valleybrook Rd., Peters

Come enjoy the fall season as we bike the Montour Trail with the church family. All ages, as well as friends and neighbors, are invited to join us. Bring your water bottles and snacks.



Thursday Morning Property Team

Any and Every Thursday | 8:00 a.m.

Are you good with basic repair, carpentry, or painting projects around your home? There are always projects waiting to be done. Please consider working on Thursday mornings with a great group of men and women. Coffee, donuts, and fellowship are your reward.



STAY CONNECTED!

Fall into fall and join us for many exciting events and opportunities. Are you receiving an email from the church each Tuesday and Friday? If not, please visit our website at www.westminster-church.org and complete the Join Our Email List or contact Anna Hiner with your name and email address. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Westminster.Pittsburgh/>.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

SEPT. 10-16, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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
	Bring Your Own Bible (BYOB)	Yahweh Café
	Confirmation Class 2023-2024	Rm. 283
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, SEPTEMBER 11

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Troop 366 Adult Committee Meeting	FH Kitchen Serving Area
	Children’s & Family Ministry Commission Meeting	Zoom

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

1:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
3:00	Jewish - Christian Dialogue	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.
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, SEPTEMBER 14

4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	Ladies' Night Small Group	Rm. 283
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16



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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