

APRIL 7, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



THE Celebration OF Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful!
I Know That My Redeemer Lives

arr. Wood

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have not seen the risen Christ,
People: **but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.**
Leader: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,
People: **but we have seen him in the faces of our neighbors who show us his grace, peace, and love.**
Leader: We have not touched his wounds from the cross,
People: **but we have been called to bring healing to the wounds of the world.**
Leader: Let us worship the risen Lord!

*Opening Hymn No. 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we think our best should happen when we are in control.
Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious,
content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside.

Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls
and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent.
Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places
but rarely in places of brokenness, crisis, and defeat.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are,
and by the power of Christ's resurrection,
raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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)

Welcome New Members (11:00)

Anthem

I've Just Seen Jesus
Katy and Rich Williams

Gaither and Daniels

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 20:19-31

New Testament, page 115

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Faith of Thomas

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Let Us Break Bread Together

Traditional/arr. Carnahan

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal (page 35)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

*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

Awake, Thou Wint'ry Earth

J.S. Bach

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Jenny Marsh, Christine Hestwood, Jim Burns, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

Welcome New Members

Today we welcome the following new active members:

Phyllis Etzel
Jamie Ferris
Teresa Goncalves
Elizabeth Henson
Joanne Miller

Lauren Moore
Kristen O'Brien
Sean O'Brien
Christopher Policz

Miranda Policz
Nancy Pratt
Thomas Pratt
Joy Tobin

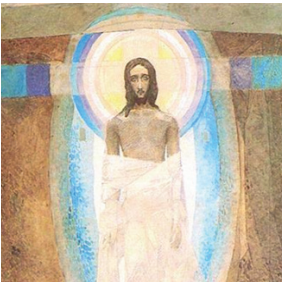
James Wiswall
Sarah Wiswall
Adam Wynne
Suzanne Wynne

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Susan Elliott on the death of her husband, Jack, on March 28.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars

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

Sundays, TODAY through April 21 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

In modern American Christianity, "resurrection" language risks becoming an abstract way of speaking that does not carry much theological content. The series explores what "resurrection" actually meant to the original Jesus movement to better understand how Paul could write to Corinth: "If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is futile and you are still in your sins."

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



2023-2024 Season of the Town Hall South Speaker Series

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Tuesday, April 9 | 10:00 a.m. | USC High School Theater

Join us for Douglas Brinkley, Rice University History Professor and CNN Presidential Historian. For more info and tickets, go to www.townhallsouth.org.



Westminster Softball

Westminster Softball Sixteen-Game Season | April through August

Spring is here, and it is time for another season for Westminster in the competitive Chartiers Valley Church Softball League. While Westminster has a good core group returning, the team could use some new players. Please contact Jim Roberts at 412-983-8899 or at jimroberts2@hotmail.com.



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 will begin on Friday, April 12. Weather permitting, the project is scheduled to be completed by Saturday, April 20. Please see the schedule below to help you navigate where to park when visiting the church.

April 12-14, front and back driveways/parking areas.

April 15-17, north parking lot. **April 18-20**, south parking lot.



Partnering Together to Nourish Our Future: a Hunger Advocacy Workshop

Saturday, April 13 | 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Pittsburgh Presbytery

Learn the best ways to contact your congresspeople on behalf of hungry people. Help shape the letter-writing focus for our coming Bread for the World campaign. Meet with others in your congressional district. The workshop is free, lunch following is \$15. For lunch, register by April 2; for workshop only register by April 12. For more information and to register, bit.ly/breadworkshop2024.



Seder Dinner at Temple Emanuel

Sunday, April 14 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Temple Emanuel of South Hills at 1250 Bower Hill Road

This Seder dinner is the first of many activities planned by Westminster's newly established Dismantling Antisemitism Team to join with the Jewish community to build enduring relationships in the South Hills. The dinner will be held at Temple Emanuel of South Hills.

To RSVP for the dinner, please email Dan Paul at dan.paul.42@gmail.com.



FILL the VAN! The SHIM Food Drive

Sunday, April 21 | 8:15-12:15 p.m. | Front parking lot

Please purchase and bring food donations to church on April 21. Let's work together to stock the SHIM food pantries. Drop off your donations at the SHIM van on your way into church. Advance purchases can be made through an Amazon shopping list. Email Jan Baumann for questions at baumann@westminster-church.org.

Amazon
Wish List



ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Sacrament Class

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

Special Communion: 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.

Westminster Single Women's Group Upcoming Events



Splat! A Make & Take Art Studio

Thursday, April 25 | 6:30 - 9:30 pm | 5301 Brightwood Road, Bethel Park

Join us to paint, sip, snack, and socialize. The \$35 fee includes all materials, including presketched canvases and individual instruction. Registration and payment required. Space is limited to 16. Please bring any snacks or refreshments that you enjoy.

For more information and to register for any event, go to <https://wroc.westminster-church.org>.



THANK YOU!

Pocket Change Project HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to you, the Cherub Choir's Pocket Change Project collected over \$1,500! Your generosity will enable six children to attend school at the La Croix Mission. *Thank you!*



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.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

APR 7-13, 2024



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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) Confirmation Class 2023-2024	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233 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 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 8

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club Children and Family Ministry Commission Meeting Troop 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Zoom Zoom FH Kitchen Area
7:30	Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 107

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Town Hall South Speaker Series	USC High School
5:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
1:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones Cherub Choir (Grds K-2) Junior Choir (Grds 3 - 6)	Rm. 194 Rm. 176 Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry Youth Dept. Memorial Parlor
6:45	Grief Care	Rm. 268
7:30	Westminster Ringers	

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 11

7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

ALL DAY Parking Lot Sealing (East and West Side of Church)

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
9:00	Priority2Work	Rm. 176
5:00	Splash Lagoon - Veritas	Offsite
7:00	Al Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

ALL DAY Parking Lot Sealing (East and West Side of Church)

All Day	Splash Lagoon - Veritas	Offsite
9:30	Hunger Advocacy Workshop	Pgh. Presbytery



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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