



Easter tide

50 Days of Easter

Westminster Presbyterian Church



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

THE Celebration OF Worship

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

A Prelude on *Brother James' Air*

Harold Darke

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Introit

Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ

Praetorius

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Move among us, spirit,
and gather us together with you.

People: Take our many selves—
our lives, our loves, our ideas,
our questions, our speech, our silence—
and unite us as your people.

Leader: Give us the gifts of perception and understanding,

People: so that even as we dream your dreams and see your visions,
we may be able to witness to your presence
in our common life.

***Opening Hymn No. 260**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

***Prayer of Confession**

Dear God, you are always doing a new thing,
we confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people's worries,
against the winds of change.

God of all good gifts,
we confess that we often ignore the ways you bless us,
hoard the gifts for ourselves, and
neglect the needs of the community.

Forgive our self-centeredness.

(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**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Verse: Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

Reception of New Members

Prayer of the People 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.

Sung Response

Threefold Amen

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Day by Day

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

This Is the Day

Dan Forrest

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
The Lord is my strength. The Lord is my song.
He has become my salvation.
You are my God. I will exalt you.

*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

DENNIS

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

*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 you might live will never
leave you lost and alone in His beloved world. Go ye now in peace.

Postlude

Postlude on *Lift High the Cross*

Charles Ore

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Sue Davis, Christine Hestwood, Jim Burns, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Linda Serene

The congregation extends condolences to family and friends of Carol Farmer who died on April 22.

We celebrate with joy the birth of Everett Patrick, son of Mark and Laura Rhoa, brother of Eleanor!

Welcome New Members

Today we welcome the following new active members:

James Carmichael

Thomas Few

Alexandra and James Jones

Brittany and Matthew Kikta

Steven Leppo and Danielle Valicenti

Christian and Emily Moore

Nancy Nunley

Neal and Rebecca Stoczynski

Bill and Pamela Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Social Justice League

Sponsored by Veritas

TODAY, April 30
6:00 p.m.
Youth Café

We will talk about upcoming projects and how to get involved. Here are some upcoming dates: On May 21 following the Bridge service, we will assist the Peace and Justice Group on a letter writing campaign for the Farm Bill. Also, TBA, we will assist our refugee family in preparing and planting their vegetable garden.



Barefoot School VBS

Registration opens
May 1

Registration for Barefoot School participants and volunteers opens on May 1! Cokesbury's Hero Hotline VBS invites children of all ages to answer the call to serve God together. Barefoot School will run from June 19-23, 2023. Register online here: bit.ly/wpcBFS2023. Contact Faith Kemmler with questions.



Extended Communion

Sunday, May 7
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 Rev. Ann Morris, morris@westminster-church.org, or call the church office 412-835-6630. Our next date for Extended Communion will be in the fall.

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars: Four Women You Should Never Forget

Sundays, May 7, 14, 21, and 28
9:45 a.m.
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

We welcome back Dr. Jack Aupperle for a series focused on the stories of four remarkable women of faith. Hear the stories of four remarkable women of faith - Harriet Tubman, Corrie Ten Boom, Rosa Parks, and Mother Teresa—whose unfailing courage and strength continue to inspire us today. Read more on the church website under Events.



2nd, 4th & 6th Grade Move Up Night

Wednesday, May 10

On this night, 2nd, 4th, and 6th graders are invited to move up to new programs for a chance to learn more about their classrooms and friends for next year. After move up night, students will attend their new classes until the completion of the program year, which meets for the last time on May 31. Contact Faith Kemmler with questions kemmler@westminster-church.org



Mothers' Day Musical

Sunday, May 14

Please join the Cherub Choir and the Junior Choir as they present the musical *Faith News Network* during the 11:00 service on Mothers' Day, May 14. With heavenly news anchors Cameron Flowers and Summer Showers, angelic reporters explore the stories and songs of faith through Mrs. Noah, Esther, Joshua, and Sarah!



Sunday School Unplugged

Sunday, May 14
9:45 a.m.
Room 283

Remember MTV Unplugged? If so, this gathering might be for you—both your generation and desire to listen to the melody of faith in a fresh way. Over a cuppa we will talk about faith, scripture, and life, and let the spirit move within us. No homework or lecture! Contact Jo Forrest for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Share Your Photos with Us!

Westminster has a new way for you to share your photos with us! We love to see ministry in action and capture the memories that happen at Westminster. Please share your photos with us from worship, events, or around the building. You can find instructions on how to share to our Google Photos album on the church website under "Member Resources > Photo Upload."



WROC Summer Fitness Registration



Classes start this coming week!

Check out these new additions to the lineup!

- **Tai Chi** returns this summer with instructor Rick Catizone. Rick has been studying and practicing the art of Tai Chi for more than 20 years.
- We've added **Burn and Sculpt** with Jennifer Alexander. She is a certified instructor with extensive experience. Every muscle will be targeted in this class!

Visit wroc.westminster-church.org for details and registration.

Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for the following opportunities, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org 412-559-1034.



Grow Living Stones Setup

TODAY
3:00 p.m.
Fairhaven United Methodist Church,
Overbrook

Work together with other Westminster volunteers at Fairhaven United Methodist Church to help with setup and serving food – there is a job for everyone. Transportation will be provided from the church's north parking lot. Sign up early. For more information and address, go to <https://growlivingstones.com/>



Party/Event Planning Volunteer Opportunity

Do you like to plan a party? Do you have an eye for table decor? Join with the Community Engagement Commission to plan just one event—or more. For more information, contact Jan Baumann.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

APR 30 - May 6, 2023



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

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 Grade Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminar	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School* (PreK-4th Grds) New Wineskins for a Changing Life	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233 Rm. 283
2:30	Grow Living Stones	Church Van
6:00	Social Justice League (Teens)	Youth Dept.
7:00	Youth Choir	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, MAY 1

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Rm. 107 Rm. 190
7:00	Children's & Family Ministry Commission The Grace - Westminster Book Club Zoom	Rm. 238

TUESDAY, MAY 2

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:00	Al Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107
8:30	Westminster Men's Softball vs. St. Paul's	Chartiers Park

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

4:30	Youth Bible Study	Rm. 283
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2) Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6) Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 176 Rm. 268 Rm. 194
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.
6:30	The Artist's Way	Rm. 231
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, MAY 4

10:00	W2W - Emerald Group	Rm. 238
4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	Nar Anon NA	Rm. 131 Rm. 107

FRIDAY, MAY 5

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

SATURDAY, MAY 6

9:30 a	Mothers' Day Musical Rehearsal	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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