



Westminster Presbyterian Church



April 23, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Prelude**

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds  
Awake, Thou Wintry Earth!

J.S. Bach

**Welcome and Announcements**

Christine Hestwood

**\*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**

\*\*Charles Perrine

Leader: We have been walking, Lord,

People: **on roads of uncertainty and fear,  
on roads of exhaustion and doubt,  
on winding roads that have led us here.**

Leader: Join us on our journey, Lord.

People: **By your presence, refresh our spirits,  
set our hearts ablaze,  
and give us new direction.**

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

\*Prayer of Confession

Charles Perrine

Jesus, Teacher, we confess today  
our outright foolishness.  
We have been foolish to doubt your promises.  
Foolish to withhold love from neighbor.  
Foolish to chase riches, prestige, and power.  
Foolish to waste your gifts and spoil your creation.  
Foolish to divide your children from each other.  
Foolish to think hope is lost.  
Open our hearts to your presence  
in our lives, in our neighbors, in our world.  
In your grace, help us find you in the stories of our lives.

*(A time of silence for personal confession)*

\*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Charles Perrine

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:* Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Charles Perrine

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

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## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

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**Prayer for Illumination**

Charles Perrine

**Scripture Lesson**

Luke 24:13-35

Charles Perrine

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

Stories of Faith

Kristy Berrott  
Beth Ketterman  
Rick Ralston

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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**Offertory Anthem**

Worthy Is the Lamb

Robert Clatterbuck  
Arr. Jack Schrader

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

The angels and elders and ransomed will sing forever and ever to Jesus the King.  
And every last creature will join the refrain in praise of the worth of the Lamb who was slain!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

All creatures in heaven, the earth and the sea will lift up their voices in praise and agree:  
The Lord of creation is worthy to reign! All glory and honor to the Lamb who was slain!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

**\*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**

Christine Hestwood

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## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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**\*Closing Hymn No. 239**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Benediction**

Christine Hestwood

**\*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**

Chorale Prelude on Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ  
(Arisen is the holy Christ)

J.S. Bach

**\*Please rise in body or in spirit.**

**Leading in worship:** Beth Ketterman, Kristy Berrott, Rick Ralston, Charles Perrine, Christine Hestwood, Jim Burns, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir

**\*\*Dr. Charles Perrine** is a graduate of Grove City College, the University of Pittsburgh, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He served in pastorates in Western New York, Florida, and Pittsburgh.

Dr. Perrine was Vice President for Advancement, Alumni, and Church Relations at Waynesburg University. While in Waynesburg he served twice as President of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce and as a Trustee of Southwest Regional Medical Center. He has been Interim Executive Presbyterian of Washington Presbytery and Interim Executive Presbyterian at Tampa Bay Presbytery.

He and his wife, Helen, recently retired to Canonsburg PA.

**Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving**

The congregation extends condolences to **Becky Boyer** on the death of her nephew **J. R. Kolb** on **April 17**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today



### Westminster Seminars

Sundays, April 23 & 30  
9:45 a.m.  
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Join Rev. Liddy Barlow and Rabbi Ron Symons as we learn about the principles that inform interfaith connection and share interviews with Jewish, Buddhist, and Muslim leaders. We'll connect about our own experiences, our fascinating differences, and our shared humanity. Read more on the church website.

## Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



### 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."



### 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](mailto:morris@westminster-church.org), or call the church office 412-835-6630. Our next date for Extended Communion will be in the fall.



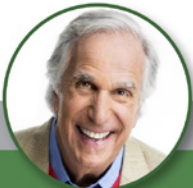
### Westminster Book Group

The WPC Book Group meets April 26 at noon in the church library to discuss C. S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. "At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation-and triumph over it-ever written." All are welcome to join us!

**THS** TOWN HALL  
South  
SPEAKER SERIES



**2023 | 2024** DAYTIME  
SPEAKER SERIES



**Henry Winkler**  
October 3, 2023



**Lynsey Addario**  
November 7, 2023



**Ruth Reichl**  
December 5, 2023



**Kobie Boykins**  
February 6, 2024



**Douglas Brinkley**  
April 9, 2024

All lectures begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Upper St Clair High School Theater.  
Please visit [townhallsouth.org](http://townhallsouth.org) to purchase tickets.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

## Westminster Single Women's Group Upcoming Events

### Dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market

Tuesday, April 25 | 4:30 p.m. | Galleria

Mark your calendars for the last Tuesday of every month!  
Registration is recommended. Space is limited to 15.



### Bring a Lunch and Bring Your Story

Friday, April 28 | 11:30 a.m. | Room 176

Bring your lunch and enjoy an afternoon of getting to know one another through stories and pictures. Having traveled through numerous different chapters in life, let's share some stories about ourselves that might resonate with one another. Bring a picture of yourself to add to the intrigue! Registration recommended so we have a seat for you!

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

## Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for the following opportunities, contact Jan Baumann at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org) 412-559-1034.



### Grow Living Stones Setup

Sunday, April 30  
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 23 - APR 29, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:30	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room**	<b>Sanctuary</b> Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	<b>Bridge Contemporary Worship</b> Bridge Sunday School PreK-4th Grade Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminar	<b>WROC/Lvstrm.</b> Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Wiggle Room** Sunday School* (PreK-4th Grds) New Wineskins for a Changing Life	<b>Sanctuary/Lvstrm.</b> Rm. 239 Rm. 233 Rm. 283
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, APRIL 24

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Rm. 107 Rm. 190
7:00	Deacon Meeting The Grace - Westminster Book Club	Rm. 238 Zoom

## TUESDAY, APRIL 25

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
4:30	Single Women's Group Dinner	Galleria
5:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:00	Al Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
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	Community Engagement Commission Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Rm. 238 Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry Youth Dept.
6:30	The Artist's Way	Rm. 231
7:00	Westminster Men's Softball vs. Holy Child	Chartiers Park
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, APRIL 27

6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
6:45	Grief Care	Rm. 290
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	Nar Anon NA	Rm. 131 Rm. 107

## FRIDAY, APRIL 28

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
11:30	Single Women's Group- Bring A Lunch and Your Story	Rm. 176
7:30	Al Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107

## SATURDAY, APRIL 29



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.



### Westminster Staff Contact Information

We would love to hear from you. Give us a call, drop us an email, or stop by the church office.



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