



Easter tide

50 Days of Easter

Westminster Presbyterian Church



April 16, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.

THE Celebration OF Worship

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

*Share the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship (From Psalm 16)

Leader: I keep the Lord always before me;

People: **because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

People: **my body also rests secure. You show me the path of life.**

Leader: In your presence there is fullness of joy;

People: **in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*Opening Song

Out of Hiding

Steffany Gretzinger/Amanda Cook

1 Come out of hiding
You're safe here with me
There's no need to cover
What I already see

You've got your reasons
But I hold your peace
You've been on lockdown
And I hold the key

—Continued

Chorus

Cause I loved you before you knew what was love
And I saw it all, still I chose the cross
And you were the one that I was thinking of
When I rose from the grave
Now rid of the shackles, my victory's yours
I tore the veil for you to come close
There's no reason to stand at a distance anymore
You're not far from home

2 I'll be your lighthouse No need to be frightened
When you're lost at sea By intimacy
And I will illuminate everything No, just throw off your fear
And come running to me, woo-ooah

Chorus

Bridge

And oh as you run	And oh as you run
What hindered love	What hindered love
Will only become	Will only become
Part of the story	Part of the story

Chorus

*Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have acted and we have not witnessed. You have called and we have not responded. You have spoken in a gentle whisper but the noise of life has drowned you out. Forgive us for the times that we have not seen, have not heard, and have not listened. Tune our hearts that we may see you move in this world.

(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.**

Anthem

An Easter Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

Nadina Bembic and Christine Hestwood, *soloists*

Sacrament of Baptism

Children's Moment

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way, through this and every coming day.
That in your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be a gift to you. Amen.

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.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 20:19-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Seeing Is Believing

Ed Sutter

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Go Ye Into All the World

Eugene Butler

Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature!
Jesus said, "This is the great commandment: that ye love one another as I have loved you.
Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God. If you believe in God, you believe in me!"

***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. 240**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain

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

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *(Refrain)*
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. *(Refrain)*
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. *(Refrain)*
- 4 Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. *(Refrain)*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Easter Fanfare

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Leading in worship: Ed Sutter, Jo Forrest, Jan Baumann, Rick Ralston, Faith Kemmler, Nadina Bembic, Christine Hestwood, Holly Jones, and the Chancel Choir

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to the family of Harry C. Wells, a long-time member who died on Monday, April 10.

Baptisms

We rejoice with Stefani and Micah Wilkinson at the baptism of their daughters Eleanor Dee and Amelia Joye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today



Westminster Seminars

Sundays, 16, 23 & 30
9:45 a.m.
8:45 a.m. (April 16 only)
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.



Everyone is Welcome!

Please join us today after the single worship service at 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship.



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!

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Barefoot School VBS

Registration opens
May 1

Save the date for some fun with the ultimate hero team! Hero Hotline VBS invites children of all ages to answer the call to serve God together. Join the Professor and Super Meer as young Heroes learn to strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up as we are taught in Romans 14:19. Questions? Contact Faith Kemmler.



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.



Westminster Softball

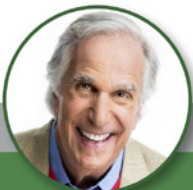
Home Opener at
Chartiers Park
Tuesday, April 18
8:30 pm

Come cheer on Westminster's Softball team at their home opener against rival Bethany Red. If you're interested in playing in this competitive league, contact Jim Roberts Please contact Jim Roberts at 412-983-8899 or at jimroberts2@hotmail.com.

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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 to purchase tickets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



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, go to <https://wroc.westminster-church.org>.

Dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market

Tuesday, April 25
4:30 p.m.
at the Galleria

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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



Grow Living Stones

Sunday, April 30
3:00 p.m.
Fairhaven United
Methodist Church

Work together with other Westminster volunteers at Fairhaven United Methodist Church to help with set-up 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/>

At Westminster, children and families are essential members of our community

and we encourage all ages to participate in worship. As we celebrate the resurrection, we invite your family to wiggle, sing, dance, color, and make a joyful noise with the congregation. Coloring sheets and a family restroom can be found in the lobby. If you'd like a little more space to wiggle while you worship, the Wiggle Room provides a safe space for families to step away and listen to the service. Whether you are visiting for the first time or a longtime member, we are blessed to have you join us on this holy morning. We invite you to return often and consider making this your church home.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

APR 16 - APR 22, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:45	Westminster Seminar	Galbreath Chapel
10:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239
	Sunday School* (PreK-4th Grds)	Rm. 233
	New Wineskins for a Changing Life	Rm. 283
10:45	All Church Lunch	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Youth Choir	Rm. 268

***Sunday School** - 10:00 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message. A time for children in PreK through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

****Wiggle Room** - 10:00 - 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

4:30	Youth Bible Study	Rm. 283
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6)	Rm. 268
	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
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.
6:30	The Artist's Way	Rm. 231
6:45	Grief Care	Rm. 290
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.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Session Meeting	Galbreath Chapel
	The Grace - Westminster Book Club	Zoom

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Rm. 290
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	Nar Anon	Rm. 131
	NA	Rm. 107

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	Town Hall South Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
4:00	Social Justice League - Hot Metal Bridge	
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Rm. 290
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107
8:30	Home Opener - Westminster Men's Softball	Chartiers Park

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:30	AI Anon	Rm. 231
	NA	Rm. 107

SATURDAY, APRIL 22



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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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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