



Westminster Presbyterian Church



January 15, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Come Thou Fount
Holly and Megan Jones

John Wyeth

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Introit**

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We know that the voice of the Lord is powerful.

People: **Our God's righteousness is a mighty stream,**

Leader: And our Savior is like a lamb.

People: **Through the Holy Spirit, we hold space for all aspects of God.**

ALL: **Today we worship an unknowable God, who loves us and calls us by name, who came to meet us in the person of Jesus Christ.**

***Opening Hymn No. 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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***Prayer of Confession**

Creator God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It's easier to ignore the pain of others. It's easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant to follow you.

(A time of silence for personal confession)

***Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness** (Based on Isaiah 63:7-9)

Leader: Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us.
God still calls us by name. God still places God's Spirit upon us.

People: **We are known and loved and forgiven. Amen.**

***Sung Response, Hymn No. 423** Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

SARADAY

Create in me a clean heart, O God; *(3 times)*
And renew a right spirit within me.

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.)

Prayers 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

Sevenfold Amen

Lutkin

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Waters of Grace

Louise Rogers

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Kevin A. Memley

*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. 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins.

Postlude

A Trumpet Minuet

Alfred Hollins

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Leading in worship: Louise Rogers, Jo Forrest, Ed Sutter, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Rick Ralston, Holly and Megan Jones, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Baptisms

We rejoice with Valerie and Matthew Amick as they present Duncan Matthew, Betsy Mae, and Juliet Jaclyn; and Amy and Mark Wesolek as they present Cole Edward for the Sacrament of Baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 15,
Immediately following the
11:00 a.m. worship service

Session has called a special meeting of the congregation to dissolve the terms of call for The Reverend Louise Rogers as she moves on to continue her ministry at Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Luncheon

Following the Congregational Meeting
in Fellowship Hall



Westminster Seminars

*Finding New Life on the
Other Side of Loss*
Sundays, January 15 - 29
9:45 a.m.
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Everyone has been affected by the pandemic, and each person has a unique story to tell. Please come to the seminars in January to explore the many kinds of loss we have experienced during the pandemic and its aftermath. This series will help us all to find encouragement and blessings as we move into the new year with hope.

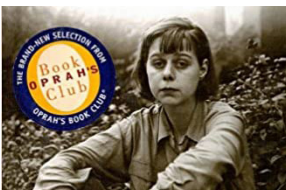
Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



BLESSED Bible Study

Wednesdays through
February 15
4:30 p.m.
Room 238

Jesus blesses his followers in both the Sermon on the Mount and the Sermon on the Plain in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke respectively. Each week, we will step through these statements to explore their similarities and differences, and consider what they imply today. No homework and drop in as your schedule permits. Questions, email Jo Forrest at forrest@westminster-church.org.



Westminster Book Club

Wednesday, January 25
Noon-1:15 p.m.
Church Library

At the next meeting of the Westminster Book Group we will discuss *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at noon
3rd week of each month
beginning January 17
in Memorial Parlor

Caregivers and family members will find support, encouragement, and comfort from others through the sharing of experiences. The Group offers a safe place where you can get information that's practical, constructive, and helpful. No registration is required. Leader: Certified Dementia Practitioner Terrie Eger, BA. Contact Kathy Long at long@westminster-church.org for details.



Jud Newborn: The White Rose Anti-Nazi Resistance and Heroes Today in the Fight for Democracy

Jud Newborn, PhD, a New York-based author, curator, and dramatic multimedia lecturer is an expert on anti-Semitism, extremism, and the fight for democracy and human rights worldwide. Dr. Newborn served as a Founding Historian, curator, and co-creator of New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage. In person and virtual options; RSVP by Monday, January 23.

**Monday, January 30
7:00 p.m.**

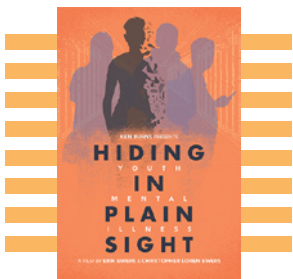
Beth El Congregation of the South Hills

Spring Confirmation

February 12-May 7, 2023
11:00 a.m. - Noon
Yahweh Cafe



Students in 9th grade, or any other high school students that have not yet participated, and their families are invited to join us in our springs confirmation class. In order to support the family's faith development, parents will be active participants throughout the process as well. Please register online by January 29. If you have further questions, please contact Becky Boyer.



Teen & Parent Mental Health Screening of Ken Burns' Hiding in Plain Sight

Join us for a screening and discussion of the documentary 'Hiding in Plain Sight' by award winning film maker Ken Burns. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/teen-and-family-mental-health>. Questions? Contact Ed Sutter at sutter@westminster-church.org.

**Wednesday, February 8
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Volunteer Opportunities

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



Rise Against Hunger

Save the date ... Saturday, February 25 ... here at Westminster.

Six million children under the age of 5 die every year because of hunger.

We need 300 volunteers to package meal pouches in assembly line fashion. There is a job for everyone ages 4 to 104.

This is your chance for fun and fellowship for everyone. Look on the website for more details.



Volunteer Opportunity To Help a Child in Need

It's hard to believe that there are homeless children in Upper St. Clair and in Bethel Park, but there are.

Many times, children need things not provided for by state funding such as tennis shoes, jeans, a backpack, etc. With your help, from time to time, Westminster will receive a specific request from the school liaison that I will pass along to those of you who would like to be a part of this ministry.



QuickKits Mission Project

You can make a difference. Please help us provide needed supplies.

Have you ever come across a homeless individual in need and not been sure how to help? QuickKits are bags filled with essential items like deodorant, shampoo toothpaste, a toothbrush, and more put together in a reusable bag.

Commitment: Sunday, January 22, immediately following all three worship services.



Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

Wednesdays evenings 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Spend one Wednesday evening a month with the amazing kids of Westminster. Volunteers are needed to assist leaders in classes for all ages from birth through 6th grade. Curriculum is provided, and you can choose your schedule. To learn more about the various programs, visit our website. Contact Faith Kemmler for more information.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JAN 15 - 21, 2023



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:15	Street Moms - Volunteer Opp.	Fellowship Hall
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	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233
11:45	Louise Roger's Farewell Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
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, JANUARY 16

Church/Office/WECEP Closed - MLK Holiday

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	Town Hall South Board Mtg.	Rm. 273
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	AI Anon	Rm. 131
	Dementia Caregiver Support Grp	Memorial Parlor
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

3:30	Worship Commission	Rm. 238
4:30	BLESSED Bible Study	Rm. 238
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2) Junior Choir (Grds 3-6) Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 176 Rm. 268 Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Rm. 231 Rm. 176 Rm. 233 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, JANUARY 19

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21



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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