



Westminster Presbyterian Church



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

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Prelude on *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Introit I Love You, Lord Laurie Klein

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 29)

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: **the God of glory thunders,**

Leader: the Lord, over mighty waters.

People: **The voice of the Lord is powerful;**

All: **the voice of the Lord is full of majesty**

*Opening Hymn No. 150 As with Gladness Men of Old DIX

1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

3 As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

4 Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord, your command on our lives is made plain: to love you and to love others.
We struggle with the simplest of tasks. Instead, we argue over details and divide over opinions.
We bow to our routine and retreat to the comfort of familiarity. We have chosen comfort over
love and selfishness over praise. Forgive us, and draw us back to your commands.

(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. 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.

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

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 42:5-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

New Things Spring Forth

Ed Sutter

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory

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:
To find the lost. To heal the broken. To feed the hungry. To release the prisoner.
To rebuild the nations. To bring peace among others.
To make music in the heart.

~ Howard Thurman

***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. 151**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proce

5 Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies. (*Refrain*)

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on *Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came*

J.S. Bach

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

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

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Sandy Shanahan and family on the passing of her husband Jim on December 24.

The congregation also extends condolences to Anna Hiner and family on the passing of her brother Michael P. Cipollone, Sr. on January 1.

Prayers for John Null who is hospitalized.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

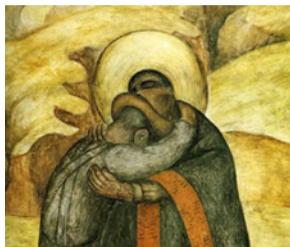
Today



Sunday School Unplugged

Second Sunday of the month starting January 8 at 9:45 am in 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.



Westminster Seminars

Finding New Life on the Other Side of Loss
Sundays, January 8 - 29
9:45 am in Galbreath Chapel and 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



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 15,
Immediately following the
11:00 am 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
Congressional Meeting

Please join us for an all church celebratory lunch in honor of The Reverend Louise Rogers.

Sunday, January 15 immediately following the 11:00 worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Teen & Parent Mental Health Speaker Series with Dennis Gillan

Wednesday, January 11
6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Join us for the third in this series of free community conversations, led by experts in their field, on the pressures, expectations, and mental health needs of teenagers and their families. **January 11 at 6:30 features speaker Dennis Gillan.** Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/teen-and-family-mental-health>. Questions? Contact Ed Sutter at sutter@westminster-church.org.

February 8 @ 6:30 : Video screening and discussion of "Hiding in Plain Sight" a film presented by Ken Burns

Spring Confirmation

February 14-May 7, 2023
11:00 am - Noon
in the Yahweh Cafe



9th grade students, or any other high school students that have not yet participated, and their families are invited to join us in our fall confirmation class. In order to support the family's faith development, parents will be active participants throughout the process as well. Classes for both parents and teens will meet from 11:00 am-12:00 pm on Sundays beginning February 14 through May 7. Please register online by January 29. If you have further questions, please contact Becky Boyer.



BLESSED Bible Study

Wednesdays, January 18 through February 15 at 4:30 in Rm. 231.

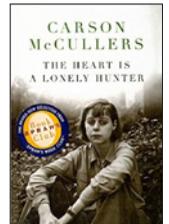
Jesus blesses his followers in both the Sermon on the Mount and the Sermon on the Plain in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke respectively. Each week, we will step through these statements to explore their similarities and differences and consider what they imply today. No homework and drop in as your schedule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



Westminster Book Club

Wednesday, January 25,
Noon-1:15 in the Library

The next meeting of the Westminster Book Group will be on Wednesday, January 25, from noon to 1:15 pm in the church library. We will discuss *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us!



Visit the church's website at www.westminster-church.org for additional details on any event or activity listing and to view a complete church calendar, located under the "Events" menu item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Volunteer Opportunities



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 240 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 3 worship services.



Receptionists Needed

Weekdays; choice of shifts
9:00-noon or noon-3:00

Would you like to hang out with the staff during the week? Volunteer regularly according to your schedule or fill in, as needed, when someone is sick or on vacation. Both regular and substitute positions are available.

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

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JAN 8 - 15, 2023



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

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| 8:30 | Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** | Sanctuary Rm. 239 |
| 9:00 | Welcome Center | |
| 9:15 | Street Moms - Volunteer Opp. | Fellowship Hall |
| 9:45 | Bridge Contemporary Worship Bridge Sunday School PreK-4th Grade Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Sunday School Unplugged Westminster Seminar | WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Rm. 283 Galbreath Chapel |
| 11:00 | Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School* PreK-4th Grds | Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233 |
| 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 9

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

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| 7:00 | Tuesday Morning Men's Group | Rm. 238 |
| 8:45 | Town Hall South Board Mtg. | Rm. 273 |
| 10:00 | Staff Meeting | Rm. 238 |
| 6:30 | AI Anon | Rm. 131 |
| 7:30 | Scout Troop 366 | Rm. 107 |

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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| 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. |
| 6:30 | Teen & Parent Mental Health Speaker Series | Fellowship Hall |
| 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 12

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| 10:00 | W2W Emerald Group | Rm. 238 |
| 6:00 | Cub Scout Den Meeting | Rm. 176 |
| 7:00 | Chancel Choir Nar Anon | Rm. 268 Rm. 131 |
| 7:30 | NA | Rm. 107 |

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

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| 6:30a | Fishers of Men | Rm. 231 |
| 1:00 | Single Women's Group - Fiber Art Workshop | FH Kitchen |
| 7:00 | AA AI Anon | Rm. 107 Rm. 231 |

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14



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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