



Westminster Presbyterian Church



November 20, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*Reign of Christ*

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

### — WE GATHER TOGETHER —

#### Prelude

Raise the Song of Harvest  
This Is My Father's World  
*Holly Jones, piano*  
*Westminster Ringers*

Johann Cruger/George J. Elvey  
Franklin Sheppard

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

Introit (8:30)  
(11:00)

I Will Sing with the Spirit  
Is He Worthy?  
*Youth Choir*

John Rutter  
Peterson and Shive

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Create a throne for yourself here, Christ,

People: **but let it be the lonely seat beside the anxious,  
the empty chair next to the confused,  
the vacant pew next to the hungry.**

Leader: Christ, reign in the world for each of us.

People: **May we find the faith to serve you,  
sovereign of life and servant of all.**

#### \*Opening Hymn No. 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
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- 2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
- 3 Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
- 4 O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
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**\*Prayer of Confession**

What other king abandons heaven's mystery to meet us on familiar ground?  
You know our deep places where hurt and harm lingers  
so we ask for your forgiveness now in this time of silence....  
Come among us, God, raise our lives as a forgiven people.  
Make us servants of your truth and gentle leaders of your people.  
Confine our dreams of power to working for your glory.  
*(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 No. 555**

Lamb of God

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**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.

**Congregational Response**

Threefold Amen

— WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD —

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gospel Lesson**

Luke 23:33-43

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

— WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE —

## Offertory

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Lloyd Larson

**Congregation: please join us in singing:**

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
  - 2 Crown him the lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
  - 3 Crown him the lord of love! Behold his hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
All hail, Redeemer hail! For thou hast died for me!  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.
- Crown him the lord of life! Crown him the lord of love!  
Crown him with many crowns!

## \*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. 264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

- 1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
- 2 Humbled for a season to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;
- 4 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

## \*Benediction

**\*Benediction Response**

God Be in My Head

Robert A. Hobby

God be in my head and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart and in my thinking. Amen.

**Postlude**

Now Thank We All Our God

Bach/Fox

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

**Leading in worship:** Jim Burns, Jo Forrest, Christine Hestwood, Holly Jones, Jim Marshall, Rick Ralston, Louise Rogers, the Quartet, the Youth and Chancel Choirs, and the Westminster Ringers

**Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving**

**We celebrate with joy**

the birth of Brooks Watson Thornburg to parents Justin and Sarah Thornburg, and grandparents Claire and Charlie Thornburg.

**Baptisms**

We rejoice with Lindsay and Jon Bernstein as they present Hadley June; Cassandra and Marcus Bollman as they present Sage Olivia; Angela and William Kunkel III as they present Collins Christine Rose; and Jennifer and Kevin MacIntyre as they present Abigail Lynn for the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Memorial service** for Paul and Nancy Page, Tuesday, November 22, 2:30 p.m., sanctuary.

**Memorial service** for Ed Speer, Saturday, November 26, 11:00 a.m., Galbreath Chapel.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today

### Dietrich Bonhoeffer in His Writings: *Issues and Conflicts*

Sunday, November 20

9:45 a.m. in Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Final seminar in this series today, November 20. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>

*Next week begins the Advent series "Isaiah 'Twas Foretold It" with Steven S. Tuell*

## This Week



### Thanksgiving Prayers

**Downloadable booklet available now**

In this season of thanks, a Thanksgiving Prayer booklet is available to download from Westminster here: [https://www.westminster-church.org/assets/media/pdfs/care/ThanksgivingDevotions\\_booklet2022\\_web.pdf](https://www.westminster-church.org/assets/media/pdfs/care/ThanksgivingDevotions_booklet2022_web.pdf). Feel free to read through these prayers, not just on Thanksgiving Day but any time you seek to give thanks in all circumstances: trying and unexpected, overflowing and abundant, today and every day.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



## Family Advent Devotionals

Family Advent devotional and calendar hard copies can be picked up Sundays in the Welcome Center, and weekdays at the reception desk. Digital copies are available by request to Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org).

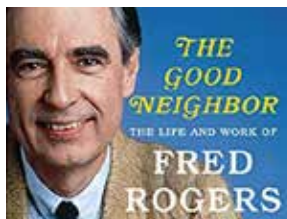
## Next Week



### Single Women's Group: Dinner @ Mitchell's

Tuesday, November 29  
4:30 p.m.  
Mitchell's, Galleria Mall

Our last trip to Mitchell's Fish Market was so much fun we're doing it again! Join us for wonderful fellowship as we enjoy their reduced-price menu. Space is limited to 15. Registration is required at [wroc.westminster-church.org](http://wroc.westminster-church.org). Questions? Contact Cathy Kramer at [catherinekrmr1@gmail.com](mailto:catherinekrmr1@gmail.com).



### Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, Nov. 30  
Noon - 1:15 p.m.  
Library

The next meeting of the Westminster Book Group will discuss *The Good Neighbor* by Maxwell King. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us!

"An engaging story, rich in detail, *The Good Neighbor* is the definitive portrait of a beloved figure, cherished by multiple generations."

- Amazon



### Couples Group

Wednesdays  
Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Room 231

Whether you've been together for 30 days or 30 years, you're invited to join the conversation as we explore the best and the hardest parts of our relationships, and how Christ might be shaping us both along the way. Open to all adult couples; both partners are strongly encouraged to attend each of the three meetings. Questions? Contact Ed Sutter at [sutter@westminster-church.org](mailto:sutter@westminster-church.org).

### Bair Foundation Christmas Gift Drive

Due Friday, December 2



Westminster is once again partnering with the Bair Foundation to provide Christmas gifts for 300 foster children in the local Pittsburgh area. Tags are back on the trees in the north and south entries of the church or visit our Amazon list at [www.westminstergiftingtree.com](http://www.westminstergiftingtree.com) to ship your gift to us. Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/bair-foundation-christmas-gift-drive>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

## Coming Soon



### Then Sings My Soul

Friday, December 9  
7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Freewill offering to benefit  
Westminster's Outreach  
programs



World renowned mezzo-soprano Marianne Cornetti, accompanied by pianist Bryan Sable, will sing a concert of sacred music. Westminster's soprano section leader, Katy Williams, is a special guest on the program. Ms. Cornetti, a native of Cabot, PA, and graduate of Duquesne University, has been presenting this concert throughout the Pittsburgh area in thanksgiving for her successful musical career.



### Breakfast at the Manger

Saturday, December 10  
9:00 a.m. – noon  
Fellowship Hall

Children and their families are invited to enjoy breakfast, hear and interact with the Christmas story, make Christmas crafts, and celebrate the Christmas season together! Details and registration here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/breakfast-at-the-manger>. Questions? Contact Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org).

Visit the church's website at [www.westminster-church.org](http://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.

## Volunteer Opportunity



### Grow Living Stones

Sunday, Nov. 27  
3:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
Fairhaven United  
Methodist Church  
2415 Saw Mill Run Blvd.  
Pittsburgh 15234

Work together with other Westminster volunteers at Fairhaven United Methodist Church to help with setup and serving food. There is a job for everyone! Sign up early here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/serving/opportunities-to-serve#community>. Transportation will be provided from the church's north parking lot. Contact Jan Baumann at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org)



### Giving to Westminster

ONLINE: scan QR code

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.

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

NOVEMBER 21 – 27, 2022



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
2:30	Page Memorial Service	Sanctuary
3:30	Page Memorial Reception	Memorial Parlor
6:30	Centering Prayer	Zoom
7:00	Al Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

*No Wednesday evening activities*

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.



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship fall menu



Music & Choirs

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

*Happy Thanksgiving - Church/Office/WECEP Closed*

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

*Happy Thanksgiving - Church/Office/WECEP Closed*

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

11:00	Speer Memorial Service	Galbreath Chapel
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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Wiggle Room**	WROC/Lvstrm. WROC Fitness
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 176
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 233
3:00	Grow Living Stones	Off Site

\*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.

# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS @ WESTMINSTER

The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial or honoree contributions for poinsettias. Use the form below and make your check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and write "Poinsettia" on the memo line. Mail your check and form to the church office or place it in the collection plate.



Contributions must be received no later than **Sunday, December 11**, so that your gift can be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please indicate if you plan to pick up your flower or whether you would like it delivered to a shut-in. Poinsettias will be available on Sunday, December 25, after worship, and Tuesday, December 27, or Wednesday, December 28, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

## 2022 Christmas Memorial and Honoree Poinsettia Order Form



My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial       Honoree

Name of Memorial/Honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Deliver poinsettia to shut-in       Will pick up poinsettia on Sunday, December 25, after 10:00 a.m. worship, or Tuesday, December 27, or Wednesday, December 28, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

***Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, December 11, 2022.***

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