



Westminster Presbyterian Church



September 4, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude (8:30) There Is a Balm in Gilead arr. Mark Hayes
(11:00) Chorale Prelude on *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: God invites us into his healing presence with these words:
"I am the Lord, who heals you."

People: **Diseased, dysfunctional, defeated,
we come hungering for wholeness that only God can provide.**

Leader: God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts
turned toward the Lord.

People: **We bow before the Lord in faith and expectancy!
Let us worship God.**

***Hymn No. 393** O Day of Rest and Gladness ES FLOG EIN KLEINS
WALDVÖGELEIN

1 O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

3 On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,
Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find the solid thing that will center us again. Guide us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. We confess our jealousies and prejudices, our betrayals and lies, and all that adds to the world's hurt. Enable us to grow even more into Christ's likeness that we will bear his love and truth to the world. In Jesus' name we pray,
(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**

We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord. *(repeat)*
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 10:46-52

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Let Us See Jesus

Louise Rogers

Offertory Anthem

There Is an Everlasting Kindness
Christine Hestwood, soloist

arr. Lloyd Larson

***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**

***Brief Statement of Faith**

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

The Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Sending

***Hymn No. 792**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. **(Refrain)**

2 Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend. **(Refrain)**

***Benediction**

Postlude (11:00)

Concerto in F Major – Finale

G. F. Handel

***Please stand if you are able.**

Leading in worship: Jim Burns, Jo Forrest, Christine Hestwood, Louise Rogers

About the prelude: *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness*, #514 in our hymnal, is a hymn of preparation for communion which calls us to enter into the peace and light of God. In his setting, Bach puts the tune in long notes in the right hand with plenty of ornamentation. A sense of peace and serenity pervade the entire chorale.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Jinny Walker

The congregation extends condolences to: Michael and Pam Collis, Alex and Mia on the passing of Virginia Collis.

A Memorial service for Ed Lyness is Saturday, September 10, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week



Tuesday Morning Men's Group

Tuesday, September 6
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Room 238 & Virtual

Men of Westminster: if you're looking for a place to experience challenge, connection, and growth, look no further. These weekly gatherings around coffee and donuts stretch us to consider the impact that our faith in Christ has on our work, families, and interactions with one another. For questions, please contact Ed Sutter.

Wednesdays @ Westminster

Wednesday evenings at Westminster have something for everyone! From children's choirs to Children's & Family Ministry programs, Food & Fellowship, Veritas Youth Group, and more, you'll want to make plans to be here on Wednesday. Visit our website for all the details.



Make Music in Choir!

Join us this week!
Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/visit-&-join/music-choirs>

The Music Department of Westminster is pleased to announce the return of its music ensembles for fall 2022.

Sept. 7: Cherub Choir (K–2nd Gd.), 4:45 p.m.;
Junior Choir (3rd–6th Gd.), 4:45 p.m.;
Westminster Ringers, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8: Chancel Choir, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 11: Youth Choir (7th–12th Gd.), 7:00 p.m.

The Cherub Choir is looking for an accompanist to help them learn the melodies of fun Bible songs and anthems. To learn more, contact Beth Ketterman at 412-589-1006 or kettermanb@comcast.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Next Week



SUPER! SUNDAY

Super Sunday, September 11

Join us for a time of fellowship and fun immediately following 11:00 worship. There will be something for everyone: food, special music, activities, games, and more.



Jennifer Kaalund, Associate Professor of New Testament, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Westminster Seminars

Sunday, September 11
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
Galbreath Chapel & Zoom

Westminster Seminars returns on September 11 for the four-part series **What Inheritance Awaits You: Studying the Book of Hebrews**. The book of Hebrews is a bit of a mystery. This series will explore its contexts, the unique picture of Jesus that it paints, and the role of a genealogy in understanding the world – past, present, and future. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>



Back to School Parent Workshop

Wednesday, Sept. 14
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Galbreath Chapel

Join Samaritan Counseling’s Life Coach and former public school teacher, Rachel Fagan, for guidance in handling the daily struggles of getting the kids off to school. Learn how to smooth out morning and evening routines, gain tips for dealing with homework struggles, and more. For details and to register: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/back-to-school-parent-workshop>



Day Away – Spiritual Retreat

Friday, September 16
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Spiritan Center,
Bethel Park

Enjoy warm hospitality, engage in small group discussion, and walk the beautiful grounds as we set aside time for quiet reflection. Louise Rogers along with the Adult Spiritual Development team members will lead the retreat. Read more and **register by September 9** here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/day-away>

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)

Next Week



Deacons Blood Drive

Sunday, September 18
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Westminster Deacons are hosting their third blood drive of the year! Please preregister for your appointment, using sponsor code G0010171, by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or online at www.vitalant.org. Details on our website here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/blood-drive>

Coming Soon



Town Hall South Speaker Series

Tuesday, October 11
10:00 a.m.
USC HS Theater

The 2022-2023 season of the Town Hall South Speaker Series will begin on Tuesday, October 11, with veteran reporter Dan Rather. Please visit www.townhallsouth.org for details about this season's speakers and to purchase tickets.

Town Hall South, founded in 1969 as an outreach program of Westminster, is dedicated to bringing nationally and internationally acclaimed lecturers to the South Hills of Pittsburgh.

Volunteer Opportunities

Ushers for October *or as a sub for other months*

Help make those who come through the doors of Westminster feel at home and welcome on Sunday morning as an ushers for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Greet people, hand out the bulletins, and seat worshipers. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/serving/opportunities-to-serve#church>

Usher Safety Training

Wednesday, September 21, Room 194
Usher Training: 6:00–6:45 p.m.
Usher Safety Training: 6:45–8:30 p.m.

All ushers and those considering becoming ushers are encouraged to attend. Usher safety training will include CPR certification, AEDs, tourniquets, epi-pens, and more, conducted by Tri-Community South Emergency Medical Services. Register here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/usher-safety-training>

Food to Go – Thank You!

You did it! Together Westminster packaged and delivered 840 bags this summer to children in need. You bought food, packaged bags, gave money, and delivered bags. It took a lot of people, pitching in, to make this outreach work. Thank you to everyone who made it possible!

CALENDAR

2022

SEPTEMBER 5-11

Please check our website calendar for the most up-to-date listing of events and activities:
<https://www.westminster-church.org/events/calendar>.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day - Church/Office/WECEP Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
9:00	Flow (Vinyasa) Yoga	Fellowship Hall
	Zumba	WROC
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
10:10	Strong Bodies/Strong Bones	WROC
11:10	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
6:30	Bridge Commission	Rm. 238
6:30	Centering Prayer	Zoom
7:30	Boy Scouts	Rm. 107
8:10	Adult Pickup Volleyball	WROC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
9:15	Parkinson's Level I Workout	WROC
1:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Galleria
4:45	Cherub Choir (Gds. K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Gds. 3-6)	Rm. 268
	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Deacons - Giving Gala Team	Rm. 231
	JAM Youth Group (Gds.5-6)	North Entry
	Kids' Connection (Gds. 3-4)	Rm. 176
	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Gd.)	Rm. 233
	Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 7-12)	Youth Dept.
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00	Flow (Vinyasa) Yoga	Fellowship Hall
	Zumba	WROC
10:00	W2W - Emerald Group	Rm. 231
10:10	Absolute Abs	WROC
11:10	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
4:00	Farmers Market	S. Parking Lot
5:00	Scout Pack 366 - Signup Night	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball	WROC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
8:00	Cardio Strength Fusion	WROC
9:15	Parkinson's Level I Workout	WROC
6:00	Adult Pickleball	WROC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:45	Zumba with Jocelyn	WROC
2:00	Lyness Memorial Service	Sanctuary
3:00	Lyness Memorial Reception	Memorial Parlor



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard (weather permitting)
9:00	Welcome Center	North Entry
9:45	Contemporary Worship	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	WROC Fitness
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 194
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 233

*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; 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.

Calendar/Scheduling Reminder: To schedule an event or make a room reservation, please contact Kathy Long at 412-835-6630x200 or long@westminster-church.org for current availability.

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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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