

MARCH 3, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



COVENANT

2024 LENTEN SERIES

THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Adagio Cantabile

J.S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the days of Noah,
God placed a rainbow in the sky
as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

People: **In the colors of the rainbow,
we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.**

Leader: In the days of Moses,
the words of God were written on tablets of stone,
as the sign of a covenant
between God and all of God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God
for these enduring promises.**

*Opening Hymn No. 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God, if we were to name all the gods we have before you, we would be here a very long time. We elevate celebrities into saviors, though they are as broken as we are. We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so busy, we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace.

Forgive us. Help us to let go of what burdens us, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, and our lives to the healing and loving presence of your son.

(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

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

Old Testament, page 66

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Ten Best Ways

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

The Whisper

Craig Courtney

In the desert, in the wilderness of life,
I am searching for the One who searches me.
As I wander, hungry, thirsty, lost, alone,
I hear God's call; I hear the whisper of my name.
"Come to the table. Your name is written on My hand.
Come to the table. Your name is hidden in My heart.
Come to the table and live."

At the table, he prepares for me a place.
He redeems me, I am pardoned by his grace.
He restores me with his rich and lavish love.
In his call, I hear the whisper of my name.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal (page 35)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Great 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

Communion Meditation

Psalm 142
Rich Williams, Tenor

Ned Rorem

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way.
Know that the God who sent his son to die that we might live
will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world.

Postlude

Prelude in F Minor

J.S. Bach

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, Lorraine Milovac, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events

Rev. Laura Bentley Welcome Brunch

Sunday, March 10 | After all worship services | Fellowship Hall

Come celebrate and welcome the Rev. Laura Bentley with brunch after each service in Fellowship Hall. Questions, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.



Westminster Seminars

God's Everlasting Covenants

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Steven Tuell, Professor Emeritus of Hebrew and Old Testament, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Everlasting covenants figure prominently in the Old Testament, from those with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David to covenants looking to the future after exile. The ultimate everlasting covenant is between the Lord and the people, and it remains unbroken today. More information and Zoom link on the church website.



Lenten Prayer Stations

Throughout Lent | Memorial Parlor

Visit Memorial Parlor throughout Lent to journey through Lenten prayer stations. Designed for all ages (adults, youth, and children), all are welcome to come and dwell with the divine.

Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.



Inquirers' Gathering

Sunday, March 10 | 2:00 p.m. | Room 283

If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member in the Presbyterian tradition, please consider coming to our next Inquirers' Gathering. This is an informal time of sharing and teaching as we explore what it means to be a faithful follower of Christ here at Westminster.

No reservations needed. All are welcome.
For more information, contact Jan Baumann.



Grief Care

Wednesdays, March 13 - April 10 | 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

Grief Care is a faith-based grief support group that can help you face the challenges of loss and move toward rebuilding your life. Contact Anna Hiner at hiner@westminster-church.org if you have any questions.

To register and for more information, visit:
<https://westminster-church.org/events/event-list/grief-care>.



Street MOMs Lunch Preparation

Sunday, March 17 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Street MOMs, a wonderful non-profit organization based in Wheeling, West Virginia, dedicated to supporting women in the community who are experiencing homelessness. Please join us in preparing a hot meal to nourish and uplift these women. This is also a great opportunity to get to know others in the church while serving. For more information, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.



Register Now for Winter Fitness Classes

CLASS SPOTLIGHT:

Tone and Sculpt & Cardio Strength Fusion 55+ Friendly

Tone and Sculpt: Designed to shape and tone the body using weights, bands, and bars (all provided). 45 minutes of sculpting followed by 15 minutes of floor work for abs and glutes. **Thursdays, 10 - 11:00 a.m., March 7 - April 25, \$49.**

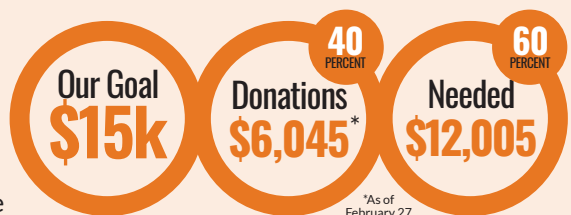
Cardio Strength Fusion: Low-impact and medium to high intensity cardiovascular exercises with intervals of strength training, balance, core work, and Pilates. **Mondays - \$64, Wednesdays - \$64, and Fridays - \$48, 8:00 a.m. Register at wroc.westminster-church.org.**



Our goal is to raise \$15,000 which will allow us to expand our current food ministry opportunities and to reach out in new ways to help programs that address hunger. The numbers to the right show where we need to go. Please help!

DID YOU KNOW: Rise Against Hunger costs the church roughly \$15,000 just for ingredients alone.

BY THE NUMBERS





Connecting at Westminster

MyWPC is an online tool that will help you stay connected with Westminster's activities and events, as well as manage your personal information and giving. <https://www.westminster-church.org/myWPC> or contact Anna Hiner at hiner@westminster-church.org.



Pocket Change Project

Through Palm Sunday

Once again, the Cherub Choir is in mission on a mission in the **Pocket Change Project** this Lenten season. Through Palm Sunday, the Cherubs are leading the campaign to collect as much pocket change as possible to support school children in Haiti. Please consider joining them by collecting your own pocket change and combining it with theirs during a special collection on Sunday, March 24, during all three services.



Men's Small Group Bible Study

Wednesdays | 9:00 a.m. | Room 231

Explore the Bible one book at a time a few verses of scripture at a time, highlighting key points and then discussing what the scripture means to us from our understandings and perspectives. Contact Chuck Wolfe at wolfe.chuck@gmail.com.



SAVE the DATE for Barefoot School VBS!

Children's & Family Ministry | June 17 - 21 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Mark your calendar for this summer's **Barefoot School VBS: Camp Firelight!** This unique Vacation Bible School program takes children on an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ. Barefoot School VBS will be held June 17-21. Registration opens on May 1! Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.



Share Your Photos with Us!

Westminster has a new way for you to share your photos with us! We love to see ministry in action and capture the memories that happen at Westminster. Please share your photos with us from worship, events, or around the building. You can find instructions on how to share to our Google Photos album on the church website under "Member Resources > Photo Upload."

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAR 3-9, 2024



Scan here
for complete
church
calendar



Scan here for
a full WROC
schedule &
information

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.) Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminars	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade) Confirmation Class 2023-2024	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233 Rm. 283
7:00	Youth Choir (Grades 7 - 12)	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, MARCH 4

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club Children and Family Ministry Commission Meeting	Zoom Zoom
7:30	Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 107

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
3:00	Jewish-Christian Dialogue	Fellowship Hall
4:30	Bible Read Along - Covenant Study	Rm. 238
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones Cherub Choir (Grades K-2) Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6)	Rm. 194 Rm. 176 Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry 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, MARCH 7

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Chancel Choir Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) Lenten Study	Rm. 268 Rm. 283
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AI Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

8:00a	Piano Festival	Sanctuary
7:00	Mendelssohn's Choir Concert - The Promise of Light	Sanctuary



Children's &
Family Ministry



Food &
Fellowship Menu



Music &
Choirs

Easter Flowers

The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial or honoree contributions for Easter flowers. Use the form below and make your check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and write "Easter Flowers" 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, March 17, so that your gift can be listed in the Easter bulletin. Please indicate if you plan to pick up your flower or whether you would like it delivered to a member in care. Flowers will be available on Easter Sunday, after the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services, or Monday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

A suggested minimum donation of \$25 will cover the cost of the flowers. Additional donations beyond that will be used to support the work of the Chancel Guild throughout the year.

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

My name _____

In memory of In honor of

Name of memorial/honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

Please deliver flower to a member in care

I will pick up the flower on Easter Sunday after the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services, or Monday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, March 17.

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