

THE Celebration OF Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

I Will Exalt Thee Celebration Cynthia Dobrinski William A. Payne

Westminster Ringers

Welcome and Call to Order

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is not just the interior of these walls: but within each of us.

We are Christ's body.

People: If every wall should crumble, and every building decay,

Christ's church lives on.

Leader: Give thanks that God has brought us together again to be with

each other and God in this sacred time.

*Opening Hymn No. 721

Lord. You Have Come to the Lakeshore

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain:

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.

- 2. You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor. *Refrain*
- 3. You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving. *Refrain*
- 4. You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me: *Refrain*

A Word for All Ages: Children's and Family Ministry

Sending Prayer:

Go with us Lord and guide the way through this and every coming day. That in your spirit strong and true, our lives may be a gift to you. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God,

Take the shoes off this church

not only physically, outwardly, actually, but inwardly also.

We know that we cannot stand or walk tall without the grace made known here.

Hear our prayers for forgiveness.

Take the shoes off this church

that we receive the strength of your spirit to hold us.

And, then we ask, put the shoes on this church that we may go out and serve in your son's name.

(A time of silence for personal confession)

*Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel; God with us, revealed in us; his name is called Emmanuel.

Prayers of the People

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.

Choral Response SEVENFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Mark 1:14-20 New Testament, page 34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Expectations Jo Forrest

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Ordain and Install New Officers

Solo In This Very Room Ron and Carol Harris

Call for Offering and Stewardship Report

Offertory Anthem Ain'-a That Good News! William L. Dawson

*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 and Financial Report

Personnel Report and Pastor's Terms of Call

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 69

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them: Whom shall I send:

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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- 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*
- 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

*Benediction and Adjournment

*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 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds Mark Sedio

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Kristy Berrott, Megan Exley, Brian Eccher, Dave Heilman, Bill Ludwig, Denise Rost, Chris Hestwood, Jim Burns, and the Chancel Choir.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Frann and Bill Wilson on the death of husband and father, Larry, on January 11.

The congregation extends condolences to Barbara Cox on the death of her sister, Louise McKee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars

One Body, Many Parts: Engaging Difference in Congregations

TODAY (8:45 a.m.) and January 28 (9:45 a.m.) | Galbreath Chapel

Leanna K. Fuller, Associate Professor of Pastoral Care Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

In the church we often feel uncomfortable talking about the differences between us and our fellow members. These sessions explore concrete practices to help us constructively engage the differences among us, with the aim of strengthening relationships and more fully living into our identity as the body of Christ. Read more and find the Zoom link on the church website.

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Ordination and Installation of Officers

Today we ordain and install new officers into the life of the congregation.

Elders

Tom Few

Carol Galbreath Melanie Hallums

Bill Ludwig Allison McGee

Tony Price

Denise Rost

Roberta Sarraf Claire Thornburgh

Deacons

Karen Beisner

Lynn Boucek

Ruth Colletti

Sue Davis

Nancy Nunley

James Roberts Lindsay Senge

Flo Van Cara Sheap Ryan Ranalli (Youth)

Danny Shanholtzer (Youth)

Outgoing Officers

We celebrate and thank those elders and deacons who have most recently completed serving.

Elders

Nicole Baculik

Megan Exley

Jay Galbreath Andrew Marsh Steve Schmitt

Karen Williams

Deacons

Stacy Chambers

Pat Cover

Jerome Ecklin

Melissa Galbraith

Tyler McClintock-Comeaux

Hannah Molli

Doug Shuck

Susan Van Cleve

Commission Chairs

Adult Spiritual Development

Claire Thornburgh

Bridge Worship

Tom Few

Children's & Family Ministry

Rick Ralston

Communications

Carol Galbreath

Community Engagement

Megan Widmar

Finance

Brian Eccher

Outreach

Allison McGee

Personnel

Clerk of Session: Bill Ludwig

Property

Tom Page

Stewardship
David Heilman

Worship

Roberta Sarraf

Youth Ministry

Denise Rost Jerry Malarkey

Please see the Church Organization page under About Us on our website for a complete listing of all officers and the Endowment Committee. This page also includes access to the Session's meeting minutes and our church's annual reports. Go to https://www.westminster-church.org/about/church-organization.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Haiti Pen Pal Project 2024 **Outreach Commission**

Want to connect with a high school student at La Croix New Testament Mission? Become a Pen Pal! Each Westminster writer will be paired with a student, and we'll exchange letters monthly around a common topic. Email your name and email address to HaitiPenPals@westminster-church.org by **TODAY** to sign up. More information is on the church website.



Bible Read Along: Mark's Epiphany

Wednesdays, through February 7 | 4:30 p.m. | Room 238 and via Zoom

Follow along with the sermon series this Epiphany as we explore Jesus' mysterious identity from the Gospel of Mark. It's a paradox: the more Jesus reveals of himself the more he insists on secrecy. His disciples often remain clueless while outsiders grasp the truth. Where do we stand? For Zoom link or questions, contact Jo Forrest at forrest@westminster-church.org.



Dismantling Antisemitism Workshop

Wednesday, January 31 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

The startling and deadly rise of antisemitism impacts everyone in our community. This interactive workshop, taught by Noah Schoen of the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, invites participants into greater understanding of antisemitism. Participants begin to develop their own stake in dismantling antisemitism and leave with actionable knowledge. This event is open to the community, and is designed for high school students and adults. For more info, go to https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/ dismantling-antisemitism-workshop.



Offering Envelopes

If you indicated on your pledge card that you would like to receive offering envelopes for 2024, you may now pick them up in the Narthex. Please notice the new number this year. If you have not requested 2024 envelopes and would like to receive them, please contact Anna Hiner at hiner@ westminster-church.org or 412-835-6630x207.



Seeking Donations for Sponsored Refugee Family

Refugee Resettlement Committee

The Refugee Resettlement Committee is pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring another family! We estimate that they will be arriving in less than a month, so we are moving quickly. If you would like to make a donation, scan the QR code for our Amazon wish list. Please contact Jenny Thompson with any questions at jenthompson106@gmail.com.





Rise AgainstHunger

Volunteer Ministry | WROC

Friday, Feb. 23 | 8:00 p.m. until done (usually an hour) Saturday, Feb. 24 | 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

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. For questions, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.



Bridge Volunteers Needed Volunteer Ministry

Any Sunday | 9:45 a.m. | WROC

We need you! Bridge setup volunteers are needed to greet folks, hand out bulletins, set out décor OR to make coffee. Come a little early for worship. Training provided; it is easy. If you have questions about any or all of these opportunities, please contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminsterchurch.org.



2023-2024 Season of the **Town Hall South Speaker Series**

Tuesday, February 6 | 10:00 a.m. | USC High School Theater

Join THS for NASA engineer Kobie Boykins. After working on the Mars rovers, Kobie has set his sights on more distant frontiers with his most ambitious mission to date-a circumnavigation of Europa. Through footage shot by the rovers and animations, Kobie gives an up-close look at other worlds. For more info and tickets, go to www.townhallsouth.org.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JAN 21-27, 2024



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for complete
church
calendar



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:45	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.) Rm. 176	
10:00	One Service Sunday / Annual Meeting	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
11:00	All Church Lunch	Fellowship Hall
	Wiggle Room - Traditional Worship	Rm. 239
7:00	Youth Choir (Grades 7 - 12)	Rm. 268
	Wiggle Room - Traditional Worship	Rm. 239

*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 22

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Deacon Meeting	Memorial Parlor
	The Grace Westminster Book Club	Zoom

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Community Engagement	Rm. 238

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

4:30	Bible Read Along	Rm. 238
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
	Cherub Choir (Grades K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6)	Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6)	North Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7–12)	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 25

4:00	Social Justice League Hot Metal Bridge	Offsite
7:00	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs