



# THE HEART OF GENEROSITY

Westminster Presbyterian Church



November 5, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. / 11:00 a.m.

## THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude**

A Solemn Melody

Henry Walford Davies

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

- Leader:** In all our weakness and strength,  
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,  
we come to be your people.
- People:** **Strong in faith and eager with questions,  
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,  
we come to be your people.**
- Leader:** Filled with saintly determination  
yet mindful of our human limitations,  
we come to be your people.
- People:** **Made strong in your endless love for us,  
we know ourselves to be yours  
and yours alone.**

**\*Opening Hymn No. 326**

For All the Saints  
verses 1, 3, and 5

SINE NOMINE

### \*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls, with all our might. But there are so many other things in our lives that clamor for our attention. We often relegate you to Sundays and times when we want you to rescue us.

We listen to other voices. We get bogged down in the daily routine. We forget who we are. We forget who you are.

We stand before you today, with our human foibles and our short attention spans. Forgive us. Help us turn our attention to you throughout our lives.

*(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

Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

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## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:28-34, 41-44

New Testament, page 49

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

The Widow's Wisdom

Jo Forrest

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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### Offertory Anthem

Lux Aeterna

John Rutter

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours: even so saith the spirit.

*Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:*

*cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.*

*Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray: with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace.

Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee:

and light perpetual shine on them for ever.

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**

**Prayer of Dedication**

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**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

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**\*Closing Hymn No. 708**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

A Closing Prayer

Don Besig

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place.  
 Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.  
 Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways,  
 help us share with others the things we've shared today.  
 May the peace of God, the Father, and the love of Christ, his Son,  
 Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us each one.  
 May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;  
 God bless us and return us to the fellowship once again. Amen.

**Postlude**

Postlude on *A Mighty Fortress*

Nicolaus Hanff

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Jan Baumann, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Merritt Jane Woomer, daughter of Kyle and Michael Woomer, granddaughter of Beth and Rob Wagner.

## In Memoriam

Today, in observance of All Saints' Sunday, we honor the memory of Westminster's members who have died over the past year. We remember God's faithful people through the ages in the unity of believers past and present. During worship, each name will be read, followed by a bell toll.

<i>William Barati</i>	<i>Glenn Johnson</i>	<i>Beatrice Nogar</i>	<i>Isobel Steel</i>
<i>Howard Bower</i>	<i>George Kopac</i>	<i>Joan Oliver</i>	<i>Jeanette Steffick</i>
<i>Callie Christner</i>	<i>John Laffin</i>	<i>Virginia Parmelee</i>	<i>Carolyn Sutherland</i>
<i>Martha Clendaniel</i>	<i>Flo Lawrence</i>	<i>Linda Serene</i>	<i>Virginia Walker</i>
<i>Caroline Farmer</i>	<i>Lawrence Madson</i>	<i>Robert Sheap</i>	<i>Harry Wells</i>
<i>John Holzapfel</i>	<i>Samuel McKenney</i>	<i>Stewart Snodgrass</i>	<i>Keith West</i>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events

## Westminster Seminars

### Everyday Saints: Keeping the Faith in Hard Times

Sundays, TODAY through November 12 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Speaker: John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Find out more about this series and find the Zoom link on the church website.

## Refugee Resettlement 2024

**TODAY** | Following 11:00 worship in Room 231 or 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Westminster has supported a Syrian refugee family who immigrated to the US one year ago and we are planning to sponsor a second family in early 2024. Read more and find the Zoom link on the church website.

## Inquirers' Gathering

**TODAY** | 2:00 p.m. | Room 283

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

Learn more about becoming a member at Westminster Church at an informal gathering of sharing, teaching, and exploring what it means to be a follower of Christ in the Presbyterian tradition and here at Westminster.



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



Tuesday, November 7 | 10:00 a.m. | USC High School Theater

THS starts off the season with Pulitzer Prize-Winning Photojournalist Lynsey Addario. For information about this presentation and to purchase tickets, please visit [townhallsouth.org](http://townhallsouth.org).



## Chili Cook-Off

Wednesday, November 8 | 5:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Warm up with us for a chili cook-off at Wednesday Night Food and Fellowship. Cook up your favorite chili recipe to share! We will provide all of the toppings and side dishes! **Adults: \$7 / Kids: \$5. FREE for everyone who brings chili!**



## Veritas' Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Wednesday, November 8 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | North Entry

Help us to serve the community - It's time for Veritas' Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive! Bring your donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations in cash or check on Wednesday, November 8, between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. to meet our students and support our neighbors along the way. Please contact Ed Sutter for any questions.



## Gentle Christian Yoga

Thursdays, November 9 - December 14 | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall | \$45/five classes

A stretching, balancing, and quieting practice centered around Christ, allowing practitioners to awaken more deeply to the indwelling presence of God. The class will begin with scripture and meditation, breathing exercises, and continues with 45 minutes of poses and stretches, ending with relaxation and prayer. Appropriate for all fitness levels. Chairs can be used to assist with balance. Instructor - Lesli Kotloski. Register for this and other classes at [wroc.westminster-church.org](http://wroc.westminster-church.org).



## John Rutter's Requiem

Sunday, November 12 | 11:00 a.m. worship | Sanctuary

Join us for this special worship service featuring the Chancel Choir and flute, oboe, cello, percussion, harp, and organ.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

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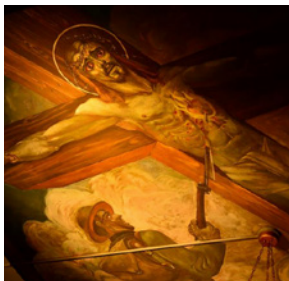


### Violins of Hope Greater Pittsburgh

Monday, November 13 | 7:00 p.m. | USC High School Theater

An inspirational evening featuring the Clarion Quartet and local students playing the instruments that were played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust.

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### Maxo Vanka Mural Tour

Tuesday, November 14 | 10:30 a.m. | St. Nicholas Croatian Church

Please join us for a tour of the Maxo Vanka murals at St. Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church in Millvale. The docent led tour will include discussions about the immigrant experience, social justice, history, art, and more. Suggested donation \$10 per person. Lunch (pay on your own) afterward at the historic Grant Bar Restaurant for conversation and homemade pie. Contact Deborah Waller 412-760-7523 for your reservation.

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### Sacrament Class

November 19 & 26 | 11:00 a.m. | Rm. 238 | Special Communion: December 3

Sacrament Class is for children in 2nd grade and older who have not yet participated in this series of classes that includes Baptism and Communion. Children and parents/caregivers are invited to attend together. For more information or to register before November 15, contact Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org)

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### Veritas Winter Retreat

December 1-3, 2023 | Crestfield Camp and Conference Center

**Deadline to register is November 12.**

This year's retreat, with tracks for middle school and high school, will be speaking on the topic of relationships, how we relate to each other, ourselves, and to God. Come with us as we join other area youth groups for worship, energizers, and games. For students in grades 7-12. Contact Becky Boyer [boyer@westminster-church.org](mailto:boyer@westminster-church.org) with any questions.

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## STAY CONNECTED!

Fall into fall and join us for many exciting events and opportunities. Visit our website at [www.westminster-church.org](http://www.westminster-church.org) and complete the Join Our Email List or contact Anna Hiner. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Westminster.Pittsburgh/>.

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

NOV 5-11, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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) Bring Your Own Bible (BYOB) Confirmation Class 2023-2024	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233 Yahweh Café Rm. 283
12:00	Refugee Resettlement Program	Rm. 231
2:00	Inquirers' Gathering	Rm. 283
7:00	Youth Choir (Grades 7 - 12) Refugee Resettlement Program	Rm. 268 Zoom

\*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, NOVEMBER 6

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Grace Westminster Book Club Children's & Family Ministry Commission	Zoom Zoom
7:30	Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Rm. 107

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00	General Election Day Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Elevator Lobby Rm. 238
8:00	WECEP In Service	Rm. 190
10:00	Staff Meeting Town Hall South Speaker Series	Rm. 238 USC HS Theater
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

1:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
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) Thanksgiving Food Drive	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry Youth Dept.
6:45	Grief Care	Rm. 290
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, NOVEMBER 9

7:00	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
6:30p	Women Belonging Retreat	Spiritant Center
7:00	AA AI Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 231

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00a	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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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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We would love to hear from you. Give us a call, drop us an email, or stop by the church office.

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