

CREATION

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

Creating Trust

Pillars of Creation, captured by the James Webb Space Telescope in near-infrared-light view. (Courtesy NASA)

Westminster Presbyterian Church



July 16, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

THE Celebration OF Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude (8:30)

Partita on *Holy Manna*

Anne Krentz

Prelude (11:00)

Tocatta and Adagio

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord!

People: **Our God has dealt bountifully with us.**

Leader: The night was dark, and God's face seemed hidden.

People: **In sorrow and pain, we cried out to God.**

Leader: Still we trusted in God's steadfast love,

People: **and now our hearts rejoice in God's salvation.**

***Opening Hymn No. 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*Prayer of Confession

Mar son of Ravina (4th Century)

My God:

Guard my tongue from doing harm, and my lips from lies and deceit.
Before those who speak ill against me, may silence be my practice.
Before all human beings, let humility be my stance.
Open my heart to your teachings, that I may follow their sacred path.
Save me from the malicious plans of those who would do me harm.
Act, and help me to act, for the sake of your name;
for the sake of your holiness;
for the sake of your teaching.
For the sake of those who love you — our rock and our redeemer —
let your presence be the answer to my prayer.

(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

Lord, Be Glorified

Bob Kilpatrick

- 1 In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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.

Congregational Response

Threefold Amen

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 22:5-13

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Why Did the Angels Have to Shout and Are They Shouting at You?

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

The God of Love My Shepherd Is
Grace Alai, mezzo-soprano

Eric Thiman

*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. 848

Trust in God

SONG 13

*Benediction

Postlude (11:00)

Fugue in C Major

J.S. Bach

Leading in worship: Aaron Meyer, Christine Hestwood, Jim Burns, and Grace Alai.



Photo provided by Temple Emanuel of the South Hills

MEET OUR GUEST PREACHER:

Senior Rabbi Aaron Meyer

This morning, we welcome Rabbi Aaron Meyer to Westminster! Rabbi Meyer is in his fourth year at Temple Emanuel of the South Hills, where he is known for his warmth and welcoming all people. He engages congregants at every age in active expressions of Jewish life: meaningful worship, efforts to achieve social justice, and distilling Jewish values for the thorny issues of our day.

He is active in the South Hills interfaith community, building relationships with neighbors. Rabbi Meyer believes that Judaism cannot be contained in the ivory tower of the synagogue but must inspire our actions in the broader world. He is married to Rabbi Emily Meyer and they have two children. If you see him at the playground or walking his dog Camille, stop to say hello!

Read more at <https://templeemanuelpgh.org/about/clergy/rabbi-meyer/>.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences for Jeff and Mary Zora on the death of Jeff's mother, Jean Zora on July 12. Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Mary Lou Dickson, and Bill Rost. We celebrate with joy the birth of Warren Gordon Sinclair, son of Brandon and Kayla Sinclair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Help Us Pave the Way It's Time to re-SEAL the Parking Lot

Thank you for helping us Pave the Way. We're almost to our goal of \$35,000 – only \$7,744 more to go!

WhiPCy the seal has been a huge hit and he is grateful for everyone who has contributed so far. The cost of a new parking lot is \$300,000, but we are being good stewards by proactively sealing and repairing instead of replacing.

We're inviting all who utilize the parking lot for church or recreation to participate! We recognize how valuable Westminster's parking is for our community and appreciate your assistance with its maintenance.

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity!

For more info and updates, go to westminster-church.org/paving-the-way.

How to DONATE:

1. Text ParkingLot to 73256. Standard text messaging rates may apply.
2. Scan the QR code to the right, or go to: <https://bit.ly/WPCpavetheway>.
3. Write a check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church, with "Parking Lot" on the memo line, and mail or drop off at the church.



**SOWING SEEDS
OF JUSTICE**



**FOOD
SECURITY
FOR ALL**

Westminster Seminars:

Sowing Seeds of Justice: Food Security for All

Sundays, July 16 and 23 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

What do we mean by food security? Who is food insecure? What factors influence food security? How is food security related to the environment and to our agricultural processes and systems? How is the climate affected by the way we grow our food? Finally, how can we be engaged to lessen the bite of hunger for our brothers and sisters? Read more and find the Zoom link on the church website.



Meals on Wheels Cupcake Baking & Fellowship

Tuesday, July 18 | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Meals on Wheels @ The Crossroads needs our help. Join us for fellowship and fun as we bake cupcakes together in the Westminster kitchen. Cake mixes and ingredients will be provided. Just bring your cupcake tins. No previous baking skills are required. To sign up, email Linda Robinson at lekrobinson@verizon.net or call 724-941-8765.



Columbarium Price Increase The price of columbarium niches will increase from \$1,750 to \$3,000 each, effective September 1, 2023. Members who enter into a purchase agreement before September 1, 2023, will receive the \$1,750 per niche price. Payment plans are available. Please contact Anna Hiner at 412-835-6630x207.



Parent & Caregiver Survey

Parents: we want to support you! Westminster's Children's, Family, and Youth Departments are working together to provide adults and parents with opportunities for growth, connection, and education. But we need to know what's best for you. We'd love to hear what sorts of conversations and groups you'd like to join. Please take a few moments to complete this short survey as we develop our plans for the coming year.

Go to bit.ly/wpcparents.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

WORSHIP & PICNIC IN THE PARK
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Let's enjoy summer fun as a whole church family!

Join us on Sunday, July 30, at 11:00 a.m. for a combined, casual, outdoor worship service at the East Rise Pavilion in South Park.

Come or stay for the All Church Picnic

Lunch will be served at noon, then enjoy the fun summer activities for all ages.

Please bring a camping chair.



SUNDAY, JULY 30 - WORSHIP/PICNIC AT SOUTH PARK

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship and Livestream in Sanctuary | 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Park | Picnic Lunch at noon.



POP-UP FITNESS CLASS: Burn & Sculpt

Thursday, July 27 | 10:00 a.m. | Just \$5

This nonstop class combines basic cardio moves with continuous strength exercises, using weights and resistance bands for a total body workout. Just drop in for \$5 on the pop-up dates above! Registration not required; space is limited to the first 12 participants to arrive. Instructor: Jennifer Alexander



Social Justice League (SJL)

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 30 | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Department

Our Social Justice League for teens meets the last Sunday of each month. SJL is a group who are concerned about issues such as homelessness, food insecurity, LGBTQ+ rights, immigration, and more! SJL was gifted money from the Outreach Commission to give away to causes they feel passionate about. Any teen or young adult is welcome to join us!



JAM & Veritas Pool Party

Wednesday, August 10 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Montclair Pool (1220 Sherbrook Dr.)

As we get ready to say goodbye to summer and hello to school, let's get together for a fun night of swimming, pizza, and friends! All rising 5th through 12th graders are invited to attend. Friends are welcome too! No need to be a previous JAM, Veritas, or WPC attendee. Questions? Contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.

Please RSVP: bit.ly/JAMveritaspool

Small Deeps

By Edwina Gateley

Small Deeps

From Edwina Gateley,

There Was No Path So I Trod One

(1996, 2013)

We are too complicated.
We seek God here, there and everywhere.
We seek God in holy places, in books,
in rules, regulations, rites and rituals.
We seek God in pomp and glory and ceremony,
in relics and statues
and visions and shrines.
We seek God in Popes and Fathers and saints.
Ah, like lost bewildered children,
we seek outside the God
who waits to be found
in the small deeps
of the human heart.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JULY 16 - JULY 22, 2023



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, JULY 16

8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard <i>(weather permitting)</i>
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.)	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239

*Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message. A time for children in PreK through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

Wiggle 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.

MONDAY, JULY 17

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club	Zoom

TUESDAY, JULY 18

10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
10:30	Meals on Wheels Cupcake Baking	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
6:30	Hope Small Group Discussion	Rm. 238
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 176
8:30	Westminster Men's Softball vs. Chapel Gray	Chartiers Park

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

1:00	Writers of Westminster	Rm. 238
7:00	Hope Small Group Discussion	Rm. 283

Wednesdays @ Westminster are on summer break. Programs resume August 30.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Rm. 290
4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, JULY 21

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

SATURDAY, JULY 22



Children's & Family Ministry



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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