

CREATION

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

Creating Belonging

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

Westminster Presbyterian Church



July 9, 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)

Suite in D Minor

G. F. Handel

Prelude (11:00)

God Be Praised and Blessed

Matthias Weckmann

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

Introit*

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Stephen Schwartz

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure and who calls us to stop rationing out our love.

People: **Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.**

Leader: Blessed is God, who delights us in creating love in new relationships.

People: **Come, let us worship God.**

***Opening Hymn No. 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Verses 1,2,and 4

HYFRYDOL

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
we confess what seems always with us:
broken things within us that seem never to mend,
empty places within us that seem always to ache,
things like buds within us that seem never to flower.
God of love and grace, help us accept ourselves; lead us to do those
good and true things that are not compromised by anything within us.
With your grace,
mend us, fill us, make us bloom.

(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 29:1:14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Designing Love

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

All Good Gifts

Stephen Schwartz

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above.
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.
We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!
I really wanna thank you Lord!

***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. 693**

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

***Benediction**

Postlude (8:30)

Allegro in G Major

Handel

Postlude (11:00)

Praeludium in G Major, BuxWV 147

Dieterich Buxtehude

***Today we welcome Tommy O'Brien, the grandson of Janis Davis, and the nephew of Ann O'Brien.*

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Carrie Kushner, Holly Jones, Sara Kyle, and Tommy O'Brien.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



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

We need your help! The time has come to repair the church parking lots. The lots will be patched, resealed, and restriped. We received a generous gift of \$10,000 and have received additional contributions of \$13,700 as of July 5. At this point, we need to raise an additional \$11,300 to completely fund the project.

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.



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.



Westminster Seminars:

Sowing Seeds of Justice: Food Security for All

Sundays, July 9, 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.



Youth on a Mission ... Trip

Week of July 9-14 | 8:00 a.m. | North Hallway

Our youth will be on a mission ... trip to Charlotte, NC. We will be working alongside other youth through the Cross Missions Summer City Serve, an outreach of Myers Park Presbyterian Church. There are a variety of ministry sites in which Cross Missions has a relationship including: shelters, serving meals, food pantries, thrift stores, community gardens, and children's programs. We are very excited to meet new people and be Jesus' hands and feet in a new city! *Please pray for safe journey!*



Family Pool Party

Wednesday, July 12 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Montclair Pool (1220 Sherbrook Dr.)

The whole church family is invited for fun in the sun at the Family Pool Party! Join us for swimming, pizza, refreshments, and fellowship. All children must have an adult present with them. Questions? Contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.

RSVP not required but will aid in planning: bit.ly/wpcpoolparty



Westminster Organ Summer

LAST CONCERT: Thursday, July 13 | 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary/Livestream

Enjoy all six concerts on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/WestminsterUSC.

Full schedule here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-organ-summer>.

ALL ARE
WELCOME!



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 and 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



POP-UP FITNESS CLASS: Burn & Sculpt

Thursday, July 13 and 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



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.



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!

THANK YOU!

Letter Offering Update: On May 21 you wrote 115 letters to Congress asking for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) to be renewed. On June 13 Pittsburgh Bread for the World members delivered your letters directly to Congress. *Thank you for helping hungry neighbors!*

Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for the following opportunities, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org 412-559-1034.

Invitation to Join the Team: Communion Servers Needed

Many Westminster members have served as elders and deacons over the years here and at other churches. When someone is ordained, it is for life, and they are granted the privilege of serving communion to members and visitors. Because we often hear from non-serving officers how meaningful it was to serve communion, we invite ordained members of the congregation to let me know if you are interested in once again sharing the privilege of communion. Refresher instructions will be provided. Please contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JULY 9 - JULY 15, 2023



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, JULY 9

7:00	Veritas Mission Trip	Charlotte, NC
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 10

All Day	Veritas Mission Trip	Charlotte, NC
12:00	AA	Rm. 176
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club Zoom	
	Children’s & Family Ministry Commission Zoom	

TUESDAY, JULY 11

All Day	Veritas Mission Trip	Charlotte, NC
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:30	Hope Small Group Discussion	Rm. 238
7:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 176
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 176

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

All Day	Veritas Mission Trip	Charlotte, NC
1:00	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Family Pool Party	Montclair Pool
7:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 176
8:30	Westminster Men’s Softball vs. Bethany Red	Chartiers Park

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

THURSDAY, JULY 13

All Day	Veritas Mission Trip	Charlotte, NC
4:00	Farmer’s Market	South Parking Lot
5:00	Westminster Organ Summer Series	Sanctuary
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, JULY 14

All Day	Veritas Mission Trip	Charlotte, NC
6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	Al Anon	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, JULY 15

12:00	Court of Honor - Welch	Fellowship Hall
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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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