

CREATION

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

Creating a Place

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

Westminster Presbyterian Church



July 2, 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)

Dunlap's Creek/Rockingham Old

arr. Rachel T. Porter

Prelude (11:00)

Double Fugue on "My Country, 'tis of Thee"

John Knowles Paine

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 13)**

Leader: Lord, I trust in your unfailing love;

People: my heart rejoices in your salvation.

Leader: I will sing the Lord's praise,

People: for he has been good to me.

***Opening Hymn No. 667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

—Continued

4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, we confess that we are like children.
We shout, and we kick, and we push you away.
You ask us to follow, and we yell, "No!"
You call us to generosity, and we scream, "Mine!"
Hold us in your arms, Lord, for it is only in your
presence that we are forgiven and transformed.

(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.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 28:10-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

God Creates a Place

Ed Sutter

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
~ Psalm 8

Tom Fettke

***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**

***Affirmation of Faith (Hymnal page 35)** The Apostles' Creed

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.

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 Anthem

Bread of Life
~ John 6

Felix Mendelssohn

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn No. 839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Michael McCabe

Leading in worship: Ed Sutter, Ann Morris, Jim Burns, and Rich Williams.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Prayers for Ginny Walker for a recent hospitalization.

We celebrate with joy the marriage of David Copeland to Francesca Yazbek on June 24.

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 \$10,370 as of June 28. At this point, we need to raise an additional \$14,630 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.

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 12:00 a.m.



Veritas: Charlie—The Yinzburgh Edition

July 24-27 | Cost: \$65/week | Registration deadline: Monday, July 3

Charlie (randomly named by the youth) is a few days of straight FUN for youth in grades 7-12. Each day looks a little different. You can come to one day or come to all - whatever works! See details of each day and to register at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/veritas-charlie>.

For questions, contact Becky Boyer.



The WEST SCHOLARSHIP FUND for Post High School Education

Deadline for submission: Monday, July 10

Have you graduated from high school and are continuing on to some kind of higher education or an accredited vocational program? You qualify to apply for a Westminster Education Service Trust (WEST) Scholarship Fund.

Details are included in the online application. Go to <https://www.westminster-church.org/forms/westminster-education-service-trust-west-fund-application>. For questions, contact Jan Baumann, baumann@westminster-church.org.



Westminster Organ Summer

Thursdays, July 6 and July 13 | 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary/Livestream

Enjoy these free 30-minute concerts either in person in Westminster's sanctuary or via livestream on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/WestminsterUSC.

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



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. No July 2 seminar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



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



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.



Register Now for Summer Fitness Programs at the WROC



Register Now for July - August Fitness Classes

Share your summer with us at the WROC! Visit wroc.westminster-church.org for a listing of all classes and registration.

- Barre Sculpt
 - Cardio Kickboxing
 - Yoga
 - Zumba
 - Stronger Bones/Better Balance
 - Parkinson's Workout
Keep Moving with Boxing
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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 2 - JULY 8, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, JULY 2

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
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
	Mission Trip Meeting	Rm. 273

*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 3

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

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Church/office/WCDC closed - Independence Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

7:00	Hope Small Group Discussion	Rm. 283
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Wednesdays @ Westminster are on summer break. Programs resume August 30.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
5:00	Westminster Organ Summer	Sanctuary
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, JULY 7

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

SATURDAY, JULY 8



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.



Westminster Staff Contact Information

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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Westminster on Social Media

Watch worship videos, listen to the Veritas podcast, share Westminster events, find prayers, scripture, and more to like and share!

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