

# CREATION

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

## *Creating a Legacy*

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

Westminster Presbyterian Church



June 25, 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)**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Lloyd Larsen

**Prelude (11:00)**

Prelude on "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Craig Phillips

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** God has shown us the human face of love in Jesus, our savior.

**People:** He revealed God's love and mercy by living as he did—  
welcoming others and accepting them  
as people made in God's image and likeness.

**Leader:** He pointed us toward a world in which each and every person  
could realize his or her identity as a precious child of God.

**People:** May this time of worship be filled with thanksgiving,  
wonder, and praise over such blessings.

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

\*Prayer of Confession

We confess the fears that  
twist our lives and keep us from the inner calm and  
peace that come from you:  
The fear that we cannot do what is expected of us;  
The fear of being found out for our littleness and pride;  
The fear of not being ready when opportunities present themselves for service;  
The fear of death, that when it comes our time to die,  
we shall not have done the things we would have done, because we were afraid.  
We find ourselves shrinking back before the unknown,  
wanting assurance where we must have faith.  
Have mercy.

*(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.

Anthem

God Help the Outcasts

Menken/arr. Snyder

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.

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**

Genesis 21:8-21

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

One Among the Stars

Jo Forrest

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**WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE**

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**Offertory Anthem**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Dan Forrest

**\*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**

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**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

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**\*Closing Hymn No. 816**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee WER NUR DEN LEBEN GOTT

- 1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.
- 2 Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent.  
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.
- 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully.  
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.  
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

**\*Benediction**

**\*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 you might live will never  
leave you lost and alone in His beloved world. Go ye now in peace.

**Postlude (11:00)**

Postlude on "A Mighty Fortress"

Gordon Young

**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Candy Kottyan, Jim Burns, Higher Ground (Lori Cole, Beth Eger, Angie Milliren, and Lorraine Milovac).

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Rooney Francis Williams, son of Ashley and Gavin Williams, grandson of Karen Williams; and the birth of Emry Atlas Richmond, son of Alyssa DeYoung and Leif Richmond, grandson of Rich and Candy DeYoung.

### Silent God

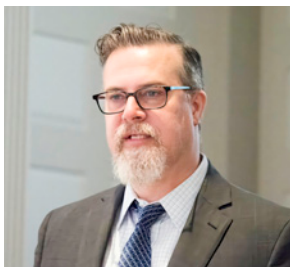
From Edwina Gateley,  
*There Was No Path So I Trod One*  
(1996, 2013)

This is my prayer—  
That, though I may not see,  
I be aware  
Of the Silent God  
Who stands by me.  
That, though I may not feel,  
I be aware  
Of the Mighty Love  
Which doggedly follows me.

That, though I may not respond,  
I be aware  
That God—my Silent, Mighty God,  
Waits each day.  
Quietly, hopefully, persistently.  
Waits each day and through each  
night  
For me.  
For me—alone.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



#### Westminster Seminars: Polarization & the Unmaking of America

Today, June 25 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Derek Woodard-Lehman, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.  
The seminar will not meet on July 2.  
Read more and find the zoom link on the church website.



#### Food to Go

Today is the last Sunday | Following Sunday Worship

You can be part of the solution. Many kids rely on school for breakfast and lunch and in the summer, they miss these meals.

Purchase any of the items listed and bring to one of the services.

- Pop Tarts, individually wrapped
- Cereal, individual serving packages
- Fruit Roll Ups, individually wrapped
- GoGo Squeeze Applesauce
- Tuna, single serving foil pouches



## 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 \$4,800 as of June 21. At this point, we need to raise an additional \$20,200 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](http://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.



### Westminster Organ Summer

Thursdays, June 29 through 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](http://www.youtube.com/user/WestminsterUSC).

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

Come to hear our own Jim Burns this Thursday.

### Westminster Single Women's Group Upcoming Events

#### Dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market

Tuesday, June 27 | 4:30 p.m. | Galleria

Mark your calendars for the last Tuesday of every month! Registration is recommended. Space is limited to 15.



For more information and to register for any event, go to <https://wroc.westminster-church.org>.



### 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](http://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*



### 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. RSVP not required but will aid in planning: [bit.ly/wpcpoolparty](https://bit.ly/wpcpoolparty) Questions? Contact Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org).



### 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](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).

### 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](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).

## 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 | More details to come!

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JUNE 25 - JULY 1, 2023



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, JUNE 25

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 Seminar	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.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

1:00	Worship Commission	Rm. 238
6:30	The Artist’s Way	Rm. 231
7:00	Hope Small Group Discussion	Rm. 283
	Small Group for Former Catholics	Rm. 238

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

## THURSDAY, JUNE 29

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

## FRIDAY, JUNE 30

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

## MONDAY, JUNE 26

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:30	Youth Commission	Rm. 238
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club	Zoom

## SATURDAY, JULY 1

## TUESDAY, JUNE 27

10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
4:30	Single Womens Group Dinner	Galleria
6:30	Hope Small Group Discussion	Rm. 238



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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