

CREATION

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

Creative Hospitality

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

Westminster Presbyterian Church



June 18, 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)

Prelude and Fugue in E Major

J.S. Bach

Prelude (11:00)

Aria

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Introit**

God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea

God of the earth, the sky, the sea, maker of all above, below,
Creation lives and moves in you; there is your power, your life is there.
We give you thanks, your name we sing! Almighty God, our praise we bring.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Open our eyes that they may see the deepest needs of people;
move our hands that they may feed the hungry;

People: Teach us the generosity that welcomes strangers;

Leader: reveal to us the joy of seeking to share this life.

People: By sharing who we are and what we have
with those in the crossroads of life,
we partake of your divine presence.

1. Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty King."
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!
2. Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold;
join with children's songs of praise; worship God through length of days.
From the north to southern pole, let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, holy, holy One, glory be to God alone!"

*Prayer of Confession

**For the times we are afraid of the stranger,
for the times we refuse the stranger
because we think our resources are just too meager,
Lord, forgive us.**

**For the times we stereotype the stranger
as an enemy,
as dangerous,
as somehow inferior,
Lord, forgive us.**

**For the times we are too busy trying to impress our guests—
the times we think we are being hospitable,
but instead serve only our own needs—
Lord, forgive us.**

**For the times we miss the gift of the stranger,
for the times we close our door in fear,
for the times we miss your face in the other,
Lord, have mercy. Forgive us.**

(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.

Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

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 18:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

When God Makes You Laugh

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Creator God

Carole Halmekangas

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I called you by name. Lord, you created my being. You knit me together in my mother's womb. My frame was not hidden from you. When I was formed, you were there. Long before I knew you, you reached out and touched me, loving me before I was born. Elohim Jehovah, Creator God, my father, praise and blessed be your holy name. I am fearfully and wonderfully made; my soul knoweth that full well. Lord, your thoughts ever are upon me, and all my days are written in your book.

*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. 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

- 1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.
- 4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
- 5 O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

***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

Hornpipe

Samuel Wesley
arr. A.G. Brown

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Marta McClintock-Comeaux, Christine Hestwood, Jim Burns, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir.

Today is the final Sunday in which the Chancel Choir will be leading worship this season. We would like to extend a special thank you for their dedication, and for the beautiful music they have contributed to our services. We look forward to your return in the fall!

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We rejoice with Kelsey and Michael O’Leary as they present Emery Ruth; and with Danielle Valicenti and Steven Leppo as they present Declan Anthony for the Sacrament of Baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events

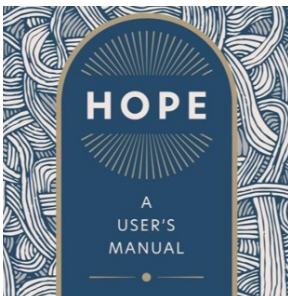


Westminster Seminars:

Polarization & the Unmaking of America

Sundays, June 18 and 25 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Derek Woodard-Lehman, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will explore dynamics of polarization in American life. The series will examine the causes and effects of polarization and look at how we as Christians can be good citizens, good neighbors, and good witnesses in these troubled times. Read more and find the zoom link on the church website.



Hope Discussion Group

Tuesdays, June 20 - July 18 (not July 4) | 6:30 p.m. | Room 238

Wednesdays, June 21 - July 12 | 7:00 p.m. | Room 283

Looking for ways to cultivate real hope? Join us for a six-week group on MaryAnn McKibben Dana's book and accompanying podcast *Hope: A User's Manual*. Read the book and/or listen to the podcast. Registration online is strongly encouraged if you would like a copy of the book to be provided.



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 we need to raise an additional \$25,000 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.



Westminster Organ Summer

Thursdays, June 22 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.

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

The concerts are friendly and informal, so come as you are!



Horses with Hope Therapeutic Riding Program

The horses have returned to their summer home next door at Gilfillan Farm.

All are invited to explore how you might volunteer for this great program. Training is provided. For information, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.



Food to Go

Sundays, June 18 and 25 | 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 Squeez Applesauce
- Tuna, single serving foil pouches

SIGN-UPS: All are welcome: singles, couples, families, young adults, and retirees!



Gather with different folks in our church family over some good food and friendly conversation in a relaxed, casual atmosphere. There is no formal agenda or assignment associated with this activity, just good old-fashioned conversation. Get to know others within the community that you may not interact with otherwise. Maybe they go to different services, engage in different activities around the church, or maybe you've seen them around but have never spoken. To sign up, go to <https://www.westminster-church.org/forms/form-forks-fellowship>

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*



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 Westminister 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.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JUNE 18 - JUNE 24, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

It's Barefoot School VBS week at Westminster! For the safety of our children and volunteers, the church will be closed to visitors from 9:00 a.m. to noon from Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

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
12:00	Barefoot School Decorating	Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

All Day	WECEP Closed	
9:00	Barefoot School VBS	Sanctuary
1:30	Writers of Westminster	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
	Westminster Men's Softball	Chartiers Park
	vs. St. Valentine's	

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

***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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

All Day	WECEP Closed	
9:00	Barefoot School VBS	Sanctuary
4:00	Farmer's Market	South Parking Lot
5:00	Westminster Organ Summer	Sanctuary
7:30	NA	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131

MONDAY, JUNE 19

All Day	WECEP Closed	
9:00	Barefoot School VBS	Sanctuary
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club	Zoom
	Session Meeting	Galbreath Chapel


FRIDAY, JUNE 23

All Day	WECEP Closed	
6:30 a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
9:00	Barefoot School VBS	Sanctuary
12:00	Barefoot School VBS Celebration Lunch	WROC
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	AI Anon	Rm. 231

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

All Day	WECEP Closed	
9:00	Barefoot School VBS	Sanctuary
6:30	Hope Small Group Discussion	Rm. 238

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

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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