



# Easter tide

50 Days of Easter

Westminster Presbyterian Church



May 14, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## THE Celebration OF Worship

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

#### Prelude

Prelude on *Down Ampney*  
"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Herbert Sumsion

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

#### \*Introit (11:00)

Give Me a BE-attitude  
*Cherub Choir*

Naomi King Walker

#### \*Call to Worship (from Psalm 146)

**Leader:** The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**People:** the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**Leader:** The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**People:** the Lord loves the righteous. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**Leader:** I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

**People:** I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

#### \*Opening Hymn No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!

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3 The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!

### \*Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we have cheapened what it means to "love." We have loved selfishly and without cost. We have forgotten that love requires sacrifice. Remind us that we love because you first loved us, and teach us to love just as you do. Guide us away from sin, and ever closer to your heart.

*(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

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*Verse:* Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

### 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.

### Sung Response

Threefold Amen

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## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

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### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

John 14:15-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon (8:30)

Family Resemblance: Love

Ed Sutter

### Sermon (11:00)

Faith News  
*Cherub and Junior Choirs*

Johnson, Ingram, Cash, Fielding

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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**Offertory Anthem (8:30)**

Goodness of God  
*Holly Jones, soloist*

Johnson, Ingram, Cash, Fielding

**Offertory Anthem (11:00)**

Build a Boat  
*Youth Choir*

Becker, Mosley, Lindbrandt

**\*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. 286**

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

**\*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**

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

**\*Please rise in body or in spirit.**

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**Leading in worship:** Ed Sutter, Jo Forrest, Cherub, Junior, and Youth Choirs, Jim Burns, Holly Jones, Beth Ketterman

*Faith News Musical Cast*

**Cherub Choir**

*Beth Ketterman, Director*

Lucy Amick, Elin Bakkala, Blaire Bowser,  
Claudia Bowser, Caden Conroy,  
Palmer Cunningham, Crosby Daniele,  
Gigi Killmeyer, Bennett Kramer, Brooklyn Senge,  
Maxwell Senge, Amelia Wilkinson,  
Aidan Wintruba, Logan Wintruba,  
Mason Wintruba

**Junior Choir (in order of appearance)**

*Holly Jones, Director*

*Cameron Flowers, Maura Ralston*  
*Summer Showers, Kate McClintock-Comeaux*  
*Mrs. Noah, Emma Barry*  
*Esther, Scarlett Burgess*  
*Joshua, Parker Seftchick*  
*Mrs. Moses, Paige Krzywicki*  
*Sarah, Payton Cunningham*  
*Chera Bim, Catherine Radinick*

## Youth Choir

Holly Jones, director

Adriana Daniele, Nolan Daniele, Jackson Galbraith,  
Trevor McClintock-Comeaux, Tyler McClintock-Comeaux

### Thank You, Children's Choirs

Today is the final Sunday in which the Cherub, Junior, and Youth Choirs will be leading worship this season. We would like to acknowledge the accomplishments and hard work of the children and their leaders. A special thank you to Holly Jones, Director of the Junior and Youth Choirs, and Beth Ketterman, Director of the Cherub Choir. Their efforts have culminated in the wonderful music we enjoy today. Thank you to everyone involved!

### Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Eleanor Marie; daughter of Elyse and Ben Greenberg; granddaughter of Mary and Steve Schmitt.

A memorial service will be held for Howard Bower on Friday, May 19, at 2:30 p.m. in Galbreath Chapel. Rev. Ann Morris will officiate.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



### Westminster Seminars: Four Women You Should Never Forget

Sundays, May 14, 21,  
and 28  
9:45 a.m.  
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

We welcome back Dr. Jack Aupperle for a series focused on the stories of four remarkable women of faith. Hear the stories of four remarkable women of faith—Harriet Tubman, Corrie Ten Boom, Rosa Parks, and Mother Teresa—whose unflinching courage and strength continue to inspire us today. Read more on the church website under Events.



### Treasures for Troops

May 13-28  
Collection boxes in  
North, South, and  
WROC entries

To honor our troops for Memorial Day the Deacons are hosting a donation drive for Treasures for Troops. All donations are used for OTA's Active Duty "Wish list" and Veteran "Welcome Home" Programs. For a list of needed items click the link <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/treasures-for-troops>.

### Sunday School Unplugged

Sunday, May 14  
9:45 a.m.  
Room 283

Join us over a cuppa while we talk about faith, scripture, and life, and let the spirit move within us. No homework or lecture! Contact Jo Forrest for more information.



## Deacons' Blood Drive

Sunday, May 21  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Westminster Deacons are hosting a spring blood drive. Please pre-register for your appointment by using sponsor code G0010171 to secure a time slot. Registration is easily done by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or online at <http://www.vitalant.org>. The Westminster Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this worthy mission.



## Offering of Letters

Sunday, May 21,  
following all three services  
at the Welcome Center  
and Bridge.

Help Hungry Neighbors: Join in an Offering of Letters! Ask Congress to renew the Farm Bill. 75% of the Farm Bill funding goes to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). In Pennsylvania, SNAP lifted 330,000 people above the poverty line. Our own refugee family receives SNAP benefits.



## Pet Remembrance Service

Sunday, May 21  
2:00 p.m.  
North Courtyard

It's common to have a memorial service to celebrate the life of a loved one who has died. So why wouldn't we do the same for our beloved pets? If you have recently lost a pet, please join us to share memories and pay tribute to these cherished members of our families. All are invited and welcome.



## Grow Living Stones Setup

Sunday, May 28  
3:00 p.m.  
Fairhaven United  
Methodist Church,  
Overbrook

Work together with other Westminster volunteers at Fairhaven United Methodist Church to help with setup and serving food – there is a job for everyone. Transportation will be provided from the church's north parking lot. Sign up early. For more information and address, go to <https://growlivingstones.com/>



## Barefoot School VBS

Registration now open!

Registration is now open for Westminster's Vacation Bible School! Cokesbury's Hero Hotline VBS invites children of all ages to answer the call to serve God together. Barefoot School will run June 19-23, 2023. Register online here: [bit.ly/wpcBFS2023](http://bit.ly/wpcBFS2023). Contact Faith Kemmler with questions.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



## Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, May 31  
Noon  
Library

The next meeting of the Westminster Book Group will be on Wednesday, May 31, from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the church library. We will be discussing *A New Kind of Christian: A Tale of Two Friends on a Spiritual Journey* by Brian McClaren. All are welcome!



## Churchwide Bike Ride

June 3 (NO rain date)  
9:30 a.m.  
Panhandle Trail in  
McDonald, PA

Come join your church family for a fun spring bike ride on the Panhandle Trail. All ages are welcome, as well as your friends and neighbors. We will meet at the trailhead in McDonald by the old train depot. Bring your water and snacks. Contact Sue Davis for more information.



## WROC Summer Fitness Registration

Try your first class FREE!

Check out these new additions to the lineup!

- **Tai Chi** returns this summer with instructor Rick Catizone. Rick has been studying and practicing the art of Tai Chi for more than 20 years.
- We've added **Burn and Sculpt** with Jennifer Alexander. She is a certified instructor with extensive experience. Every muscle will be targeted in this class!

Visit [wroc.westminster-church.org](https://wroc.westminster-church.org) for details and registration.



## Westminster Single Women's Group Upcoming Events

### Pittsburgh Botanical Garden Guided Tour

Friday, May 26 | 9:45 a.m. | Botanic Garden Main Entrance

Tour time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$17; Advance purchase required.

Come and enjoy the beautiful display gardens, woodlands, and exhibit area at the Botanic Garden. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 22; no refunds after May 22.



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

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAY 14 - MAY 20, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, MAY 14

|       |   |   |
|-------|---|---|
| 8:30  | <b>Traditional Worship</b><br>Wiggle Room**   | Sanctuary<br>Rm. 239  |
| 9:00  | Welcome Center  | North Main Entry  |
| 9:45  | <b>Bridge Contemporary Worship</b><br>Bridge Sunday School PreK-4th Grade<br>Sunday School Unplugged<br>Wiggle Room - The Bridge**<br>Westminster Seminar | <b>WROC/Lvstrm.</b><br>Rm. 176<br>Rm. 283<br>WROC Fitness<br>Galbreath Chapel |
| 11:00 | <b>Traditional Worship</b><br>Wiggle Room**   | <b>Sanctuary/Lvstrm.</b><br>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** – 9:45 - Upstairs WROC Fitness Room; 8:30/11:00 - 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, MAY 17

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| 4:45 | Little Ones & Loved Ones   | Rm. 194   |
| 5:30 | Wednesday Food & Fellowship  | Fellowship Hall                                       |
| 6:00 | Kids' Connection (PreK-1st Grd)<br>Kids' Connection (2nd/3rd Grd)<br>JAM - Youth Group (Grds 4-5)<br>Veritas Youth Group (Grds 6-12) | Rm. 233<br>Rm. 176<br>North Main Entry<br>Youth Dept. |
| 6:30 | The Artist's Way   | Rm. 231   |
| 7:00 | Westminster Men's Softball vs. Holy Child  | Chartiers Park  |
| 7:30 | Westminster Ringers  | Rm. 268   |
| 8:30 | Westminster Men's Softball vs. Christ United   | Chartiers Park  |

**Wednesdays @ Westminster** have something for everyone! From children’s choirs to Children’s & Family Ministry programs, Food & Fellowship, Veritas Youth Group, Bible studies, and more, make plans to be here. Visit our website or scan the QR codes below for details.

## MONDAY, MAY 15

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| 12:00 | AA   | Rm. 176                  |
| 7:00  | Session Meeting<br>The Grace - Westminster Book Club | Galbreath Chapel<br>Zoom |

## TUESDAY, MAY 16

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|-------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 7:00  | Tuesday Morning Men's Group | Rm. 238 |
| 8:45  | Town Hall South Meeting     | Rm. 231 |
| 10:00 | Staff Meeting               | Rm. 238 |
| 7:00  | AI Anon                     | Rm. 131 |
| 7:30  | Scout Troop 366             | Rm. 107 |

## THURSDAY, MAY 18

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|-------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 12:00 | Dementia Caregiver Support Group | Rm. 290           |
| 4:00  | Farmer's Market                  | South Parking Lot |
| 7:00  | Chancel Choir                    | Rm. 268           |
| 7:30  | Nar Anon                         | Rm. 131           |
|       | NA                               | Rm. 107           |

## FRIDAY, MAY 19

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|--------|----------------|--------------------|
| 6:30 a | Fishers of Men | Rm. 231            |
| 7:00   | AI Anon<br>AA  | Rm. 231<br>Rm. 107 |

## SATURDAY, MAY 20



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



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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