

2023 LENT



# Seeking:

Can these  
bones live?

Westminster Presbyterian Church



March 26, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

#### Prelude

Concerto in D Minor  
I. Allegro - Grave - Fuga  
II. Largo e spiccato

Bach/Vivaldi

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

#### \*Introit

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Traditional Spiritual

I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

People: **Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?**

Leader: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

People: **Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?**

Leader: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house. Hope lives here.

People: **So, come. Rest your weary bones.**

Leader: Let us worship Holy God.

#### \*Opening Hymn No. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

- 2 The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
- 3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive; the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.
- 5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

### \*Prayer of Confession

Jesus of Nazareth,  
 I confess: I forget that you know this feeling.  
 I forget that you, too, have wept.  
 I forget that you, too, have lost.  
 I forget that you, too, have felt the sting of humanity.  
 Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you.  
 Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never feel what I feel.  
 Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us.  
 Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life.

*(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

O How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

O how he loves you and me! *(two times)*  
 He gave his life. What more could he give?  
 O how he loves you; O how he loves me;  
 O how he loves you and me!

### Prayers of the People 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.

### Sung Response

Sevenfold Amen

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## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture Lesson

John 11:1-45 *(selected verses)*

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

### Sermon

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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### Offertory Anthem

You Do Not Walk Alone

Elaine Hagenberg

May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark.  
May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark.  
When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone.  
May you always remember when the shadows fall you do not walk alone.

### \*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.
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Dubois

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,  
For on the holy cross thou hast the world from sin redeemed.

### Postlude

Concerto in D Minor  
III. Allegro

Bach/Vivaldi

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

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Lorraine Milovac, Ted Kyle, Ian Thomas, Jim Burns, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Becky Boyer on the death of her brother, Bob Baker.

## Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness

Katy Davis; Charley Richardson

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today



Vinay Thomas,  
Baritone



Joseph Yungen,  
Piano

## Vinay Thomas Recital

Sunday, March 26  
2:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary

Westminster's Music and Arts is sponsoring a vocal recital, *Melodies of Life*, presented by our baritone soloist, Vinay Thomas. Special guests include Rich Williams and Nikki Quaderer from the Chancel Choir. The concert will be followed by a reception in the north entry.

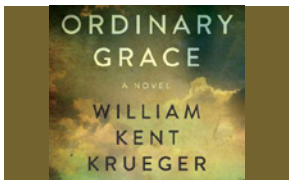


## New Wineskins for a Changing Life

Sundays, March 26,  
April 2, April 16, April 23,  
April 30, May 7  
11:00 a.m.  
Youth Lounge

Let me guess: a few things have changed since you first stepped foot in a church. Have you spent any time fostering a faith that develops along with your life? If you've ever wondered what "Parent Confirmation" looks like, or if you're interested in a chance to continue the experience, we'd love for you to join us. Open to all adults. Contact Ed Sutter for more information.

## Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



## Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, March 29  
Noon - 1:15 p.m.  
Library

At the next meeting of the Westminster Book Group we'll discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. Bring a brown bag lunch and come join us.



## One Great Hour of Sharing



Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. Giving envelopes are in the pews.



## Haiti Child Sponsorship CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 2  
9:00 a.m.  
North Entry

On April 2 in the north entry and at the Bridge, join current Haiti Child Sponsors in celebrating La Croix New Testament Mission school in Haiti! Learn about how you too can sponsor a child's education, uniform, and daily meals in a country that is experiencing profound difficulties.



## Westminster Seminars

Sundays, April 2, 16, 23  
& 30  
9:45 a.m.  
8:45 a.m. (April 16 only)  
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Join Rev. Liddy Barlow and Rabbi Ron Symons as we learn about the principles that inform interfaith connection and share interviews with Jewish, Buddhist, and Muslim leaders. We'll connect about our own experiences, our fascinating differences, and our shared humanity. Read more on the church website.



## Inquirers' Gathering

Saturday, April 15  
9:00 a.m.  
Youth Lounge

Are you or someone you know interested in joining Westminster as a member? Hosted by Jo Forrest, the upcoming Inquirer's Gathering is the ideal time to explore and consider next steps, in an informal small-group gathering. More details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/inquirers-gathering>



## Grief Care

Wednesdays through  
April 19  
6:45 – 8:00 p.m.  
Memorial Parlor

Grief Care is a faith-based grief support group that can help you face the challenges of loss and move toward rebuilding your life. Contact Anna Hiner at [hiner@westminster-church.org](mailto:hiner@westminster-church.org) if you have any questions. To register and for more information, visit: <https://westminster-church.org/events/event-list/grief-care>.



## One Worship Service with Food and Fellowship

Please join us on Sunday, April 16, for a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Plan to stay after worship for food and fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar for this special Sunday.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



## Children's Easter Egg Hunt

April 2  
9:45 a.m. and  
11:45 a.m.



Children and families, join us Palm Sunday for an Easter Egg Hunt! There are two opportunities for egg hunting fun: at 9:45 during the normal Sunday School hour or after 11:00 worship in the courtyard (weather permitting).



## Pocket Change Project

Sunday, April 2

Once again, the Cherub Choir is in mission on a mission for the Pocket Change Project this Lenten season. Through Palm Sunday, the Cherubs are leading the campaign to collect as much pocket change as possible to support school children in Haiti. Please consider joining them by collecting your own pocket change and combining it with theirs during a special collection on Sunday, April 2, during all three services.

## Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for the following opportunities, contact Jan Baumann at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org) 412-559-1034.



## Easter Egg Dyeing/Pizza Party

Meals on Wheels @ The Crossroads needs our help!

Please join us Wednesday evening, April 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for pizza, fellowship, and egg decorating. Get to know others in the church while serving a good cause. Email Jan Baumann if you are participating at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).

## Financial Report (as of February 2023)

### General Fund Contributions

February 2023	Actual	Budget	Variance	February 2022
Income	\$221,385	\$148,675	\$72,711	\$156,098
Expense	\$189,138	\$164,810	(24,328)	\$116,535
Net Total	\$32,247	\$(16,135)	\$(48,383)	\$39,563

### Year-to-Date Income Statement

YTD 2023	Actual	Budget	Variance	YTD 2022 Actual
Income	\$497,290	\$365,749	\$(131,541)	\$352,506
Expense	\$359,204	\$316,930	\$42,274	\$268,056
Net Total	\$138,086	\$48,819	\$(89,267)	\$84,450

Endowment Loan Balance – **\$869,753.98**

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAR 26 - APR 2, 2023



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Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26

12:00a	Veritas Spring Retreat - Splash Lagoon - Offsite	
	JAM Retreat	Camp Crestfield
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
<b>9:45</b>	<b>Bridge Contemporary Worship</b>	<b>WROC/Lvstrm.</b>
	Bridge Sunday School PreK-4th Grade	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminar	Galbreath Chapel
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary/Lvstrm.</b>
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
	Sunday School* (PreK-4th Grds)	Rm. 233
	New Wineskins for a Changing Life	Rm. 283
2:00	Music & Arts: Vinay Thomas Recital	Sanctuary
6:00	Social Justice League (Teens)	Youth Dept.
7:00	Youth Choir	Rm. 268

\***Sunday School** - 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message; 11:00 a.m., report directly to Room 233. 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.

## MONDAY, MARCH 27

10:00	Seeking: Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	Rm. 231
12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Deacon Meeting	Rm. 238
	The Grace - Westminster Book Club	Zoom

## TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	WECEP - Bible Time	Sanctuary
1:00	WECEP - Bible Time	Sanctuary
1:30	Adult Spiritual Development Committee	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Seeking: Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	Rm. 231
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

10:00	WECEP Bible Time	Sanctuary
12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
1:00	WECEP Bible Time	Sanctuary
4:30	Seeking: Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	RM. 238
	Youth Bible Study	Rm. 283
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6)	Rm. 268
	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Birds & Bees: Talking with Young Children About Sex	Galbreath Chapel
	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6)	North Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Youth Dept.
6:45	Grief Care	Rm. 290
7:30	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

**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.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 30

6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107

## FRIDAY, MARCH 31

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

## SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:30	Seed to Supper Program	FH Kitchen Serving Area
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# Easter Flowers

Spring is just around the corner. The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial/honoree contributions for Easter flowers. If you'd like to participate in this Westminster tradition, use the form below and make your check payable to **Westminster Presbyterian Church** and write "**Easter Flowers**" on the memo line. Mail your check and form to the church office or place it in the collection plate.

Suggested donation is \$20. Additional donations will be used to support the work of the Chancel Guild throughout the year.

## VOLUNTEER EASTER FLOWER DELIVERY

**Sunday, April 9, following the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. worships**

**Monday, April 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Looking for a one-time volunteer opportunity? One of our homebound members would love a flower this Easter. Pick up flowers at the church and drop off to our members who were recently hospitalized, elderly, and at home or in a senior community. **Deadline to volunteer is Wednesday, April 5. Please contact Jan Baumann.**

### EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

My name \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of                       In honor of

Name of memorial/honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_

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Please deliver flower to a shut-in                       I will pick up the flower on Easter Sunday after the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service, or Monday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

***Please return this form to the church office by today, Sunday, March 26.***

## Endowment Applications Due March 31

All commissions are invited to apply for funds from the Endowment & Special Gifts Fund. The allotment for 2023 is \$144,000 to be used for capital projects, programming, and mission. Please check out the Endowment page on the Westminster website (under Member Resources) for an application. Completed applications and any questions should be directed to Rob Wagner, Chairperson, at [rowagner127@gmail.com](mailto:rowagner127@gmail.com) or 412-491-0637.



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