

2023 LENT



Seeking: Who sinned?

Westminster Presbyterian Church



March 19, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Westminster Ringers

Compassion

Jason Krug

The Wonderful Cross
with Near the Cross

Mason, Tomlin, Reeves, Walt
arr. Lloyd Larson

The Quartet and Jim Burns

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: We believe in a merciful God,

People: a God who does not keep score,
a God who wants good for us.

Leader: We believe in a creative God,

People: a God who would heal with mud,
a God capable of seeing what we cannot.

Leader: We believe in a saving God,

People: a God who heals,
a God who greets our questions with patience,

Leader: What wondrous love is this.

***Opening Hymn No. 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul,
for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!
- 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy Jesus, we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness.
Being so sure that we "see," we miss the truths you would teach us.
With the salve of your mercy, cure this blindness.
Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures, and our own faults.
Make our "shadow side" known to us and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace.
For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly.
In the name of Jesus, we pray...

(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!

Anthem (11:00)

We Beseech Thee
Youth Choir

Stephen Schwartz

Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

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

Lutkin

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 9:1-41 (*selected verses*)

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

Sermon

Seeking: Who sinned?

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Have Mercy on Me, God

arr. Richard Rossi

Have mercy on me God. In your kindness, in your compassion blot out my offense.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

My offenses, truly I know them. My sin is always before me. Against you alone have I sinned.

What is evil in your sight I have done. Create for me, O God, a pure heart. Put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Indeed you love truth in the heart; in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.

O purify me; then I shall be clean. O wash me, then I shall be whiter than snow.

~ Psalm 51

Christine Hestwood and Katy Williams, soloists

*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. 67

My Song Forever Shall Record

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

1 My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;
your faithful love will I proclaim, and every age shall know your name.

2 I sing of mercies that endure, forever firm, forever sure,
a strong support that never dies, established changeless in the skies.

3 Almighty God, your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone,
and shining bright before your face are truth and love and boundless grace.

*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

Allegro Giocoso

Camille Saint-Saëns

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Christine Hestwood, Jim Burns, Rick Ralston, Holly Jones, the Quartet, Youth Choir, Chancel Choir, Jim Marshall, and Westminster Ringers.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Brian and Peggy Canose on the death of Brian's father, Hugh Canose.

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness

Bill Mizer
Betty McMillan

Baptisms

We rejoice with Alexandra and James Jones as they present Oliver Edward; and Brittany and Matthew Kikta as they present Halle Ann for the Sacrament of Baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today



Westminster Seminars

Sundays, March 19 & 26
9:45 a.m.
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

The Gospel of John is markedly different from the other three Gospels. One major difference is the amount of space that John gives to conversations between Jesus Christ and individual people. James E. Davison presents *On the Way to Easter with John's Gospel*. Learn more at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.

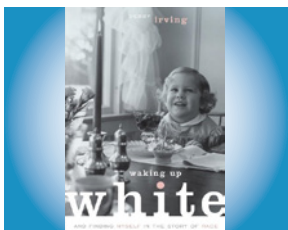
Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Grief Care

Wednesdays
March 22 – 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 if you have any questions. To register and for more information, visit: <https://westminster-church.org/events/event-list/grief-care>.



The Grace-Westminster Book Club

Monday, March 20
7:00 p.m.
Zoom

The Grace-Westminster Book Club is starting *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving.

Concurrently we will begin reading from Howard Thurman's *Meditations of the Heart*.

For Zoom link, email Bobbie Hartman at hartman1967@verizon.net.

Westminster Single Women's Group Upcoming Events

Registration required.

Vinay Thomas Recital
Sunday, March 26

Dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market
Tuesday, March 28



Vinay Thomas,
Baritone



Joseph Yungen,
Piano

Vinay Thomas Recital

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

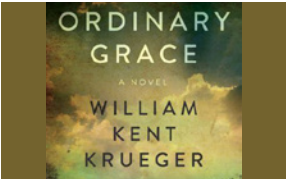
Westminster's Music and Arts is sponsoring a vocal recital, *Melodies of Life*, presented by our baritone soloist, Vinay Thomas. Special guests include Rich Williams and Nikki Quaderer from the Chancel Choir. The concert will be followed by a reception in the north entry.



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.



Westminster Book Club

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.



Birds & Bees: Talking with Young Children About Sex

March 22 & 29
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Galbreath Chapel

Kids are supposed to be curious and ask questions, that's part of healthy child development. Of course, just because it's normal doesn't mean it's easy to answer them! Birds & Bees offers parents and caregivers simple, practical strategies to help you tackle the talk and become the loving authority on this topic. To register, email Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.

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 or 412-491-0637.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



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.



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).



Alton
Fitzgerald
White

THS Speaker Series 2022-23 Finale

Town Hall South closes the 2022-23 season with Alton Fitzgerald White, critically acclaimed singer and actor and Broadway's longest-running *Lion King*.

Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for the following opportunities, contact Jan Baumann at 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.



Ushers for Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6
7:30 p.m.

Help make those who come through the doorways of Westminster feel at home and welcome at this special service. Usher for the Maundy Thursday service. Greet people, hand out the bulletins, and seat worshipers. *Just come a little early to the service!*

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAR 19 - MAR 26, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Special Communion	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Bridge Sunday School PreK-4th Grade	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminar	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239
	Sunday School* (PreK-4th Grds)	Rm. 233
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 20

10:00	Seeking: Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	Rm. 231
12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Adult Comm. Mtg.	Rm. 107
7:00	Session Meeting The Grace - Westminster Book Club	Galbreath Chapel Zoom

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
7:30	WECEP - Breakfast with a Buddy	Fellowship Hall
10:00	Staff Meeting Town Hall South Speaker Series	Rm. 238 USC HS
12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Rm. 290
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
6:30	Dementia Caregiver Support Group Seeking: Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	Rm. 290 RM. 231
7:00	AI Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

7:30	WECEP - Breakfast with a Buddy	Fellowship Hall
4:30	Seeking: Lenten Devotional Group Conversations Youth Bible Study	RM. 238 Rm. 283 Rm. 176
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2) Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6) Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 268 Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Birds & Bees: Talking with Young Children About Sex Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Galbreath Chapel Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry 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 23

10:00	W2W - Emerald Group	Rm. 238
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir Nar Anon	Rm. 268 Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
6:00	Veritas Spring Retreat - Splash Lagoon - Offsite	
7:00	AA AI Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 231

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

All day	Veritas Spring Retreat - Splash Lagoon	
10:00	JAM Retreat	Camp Crestfield

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.

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

My name _____

In memory of In honor of

Name of memorial/honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

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 Sunday, March 26.



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