

2023 LENT



Seeking:

Will you give
me a drink?

Westminster Presbyterian Church



March 12, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Cantata #82 - "Ich Habe Genug"

J.S. Bach

I have enough! I have taken the Savior, the hope of the devout, into my eager arms;
I have enough! My faith has brought Jesus to my heart;
Now, even today, I could joyfully depart from here.

Vinay Thomas, baritone - Renate Sakins, oboe

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Introit (8:30)

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.

*Introit (11:00)

Three in One
Cherub Choir

Vicki Tucker Courtney

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together—

People: **the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers, in hopes of seeing God.**

Leader: We gather together—

People: **the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely, in hopes of finding peace.**

Leader: We gather together—

People: **those who are thirsty and those with water to spare, in hopes of finding justice.**

Leader: So come to the well, let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn No. 630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

- 1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts...

(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)

I Will Clap My Hands
Junior Choir

Joseph Martin

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 4:5-42

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Seeking: Will you give me a drink?

Liddy Barlow

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Seek Ye the Lord

J.V. Roberts

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Call ye upon him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts,
and return unto the Lord. He will have mercy and abundantly pardon.
~ Isaiah 55: 6-7

Rich Williams, tenor

*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. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

*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

Siciliano
Renate Sakins, oboe

J.S. Bach

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Leading in worship: Liddy Barlow, Jo Forrest, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Vinay Thomas,
Renate Sakins, the Quartet, Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, and the Chancel Choir



GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Liddy Barlow has been the Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania since 2014. For fifty years, Christian Associates has built relationships among Christians who are Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant; Black and white; liberal and conservative; rural and urban; from 28 church bodies in the 10 counties of greater Pittsburgh. Together, these diverse Christians speak and act together for the common good and build bridges between the church and our interfaith, civic, and community partners.

About the Prelude

One of Bach's many duties as cantor of St. Thomas Church in Leipzig was to compose a cantata for each week of the church year. Cantata #82, "Ich habe genug," is perhaps his best known cantata for solo voice. The text of the first movement is based on the Song of Simeon found in Luke 22:29-32: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation." The entire work expresses a joyful anticipation of death as a release from the trials of this world into the tranquility of the next.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to family and friends of Glenn Johnson who died on March 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars

On the Way to Easter with John's Gospel
James E. Davison

Sundays, March 12, 19, and 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. In this series, we look at major persons and groups toward the end of the Gospel, and how they participate in the events leading to Good Friday and Easter. What do they think of Jesus, and what does their response to him say about faith and life for them and for us? Learn more at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.



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>.



Birds & Bees: Talking with Young Children About Sex

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

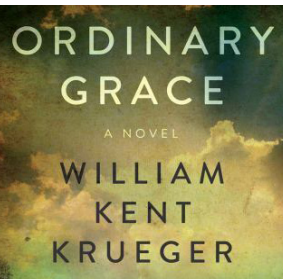
Kids are supposed to be curious and ask questions, that's part of healthy child development. Of course, just because it's normal doesn't mean it's easy to answer them! Birds & Bees offers parents and caregivers simple, practical strategies to help you tackle the talk and become the loving authority on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



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, or is your faith stuck somewhere in the past? 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.

Westminster Single Women's Group Upcoming Events Registration required.

Vinay Thomas Recital
Sunday, March 26

Dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market
Tuesday, March 28

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



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. A freewill offering will be taken, and the concert will be followed by a reception in the north entry.



Veritas Summer Mission Trip

July 9-14, 2023
Charlotte, NC
Deadline is March 31
Space is limited!
Sign up today!

Westminster's youth are headed to Charlotte, North Carolina, for a week of service to join other groups from all over the country and work on different types of home repair projects. Beyond the physical transformation that happens in communities, teenagers bring the hope and light of Jesus to the residents they serve. Cost is \$150 per student. Registration is available online. Contact Becky Boyer at boyer@westminster-church.org with any questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for the following opportunities, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org 412-559-1034

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.



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 worshippers.
Just come a little early to the service!

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAR 12 - MAR 18, 2023



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Bridge Sunday School PreK-4th Grade Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminar Sunday School Unplugged	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel Rm. 283
11:00	Traditional Worship Special Communion Wiggle Room** Sunday School* (PreK-4th Grds)	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 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 13

10:00	Seeking: Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	Rm. 231
12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club WECEP Board Meeting	Zoom Zoom

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	Town Hall South Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	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 15

4:30	Youth Bible Study Seeking: Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	Rm. 283 RM. 238
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2) Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 176 Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	North Main Entry Rm. 176 Rm. 233 Youth Dept.
7:30	Westminster Ringers	R. 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 16

10:00	W2W - Emerald Group	Rm. 238
12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Rm. 290
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 17

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

8:00a	Piano Festival	Galbreath Chapel
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Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

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.

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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