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Westminster Presbyterian Church



October 30, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

— WE GATHER TOGETHER —

Prelude Two Settings of *A Mighty Fortress* Johann Gottfried Walther
Max Reger

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

Introit I Will Sing with the Spirit John Rutter

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather in awe

People: **standing in the presence of God
who crafted the stars, the mountains, the seas.**

Leader: We gather in faith,

People: **trusting that one who has held little children
holds our lives in the heart of God.**

Leader: We gather in need,

People: **seeking God who longs for justice
to grace each and every person in creation.**

***Opening Hymn No. 687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

1 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

- 2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

***Prayer of Confession**

Dear God, your words are given to us, so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others.

Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture.

Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests. Forgive us. Do not remember our self-centeredness, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy.

Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace.

Hear our silent prayers.

(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 No. 555**

Lamb of God

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

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.

Congregational Response

Threefold Amen

— WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

In medias res

Jo Forrest

— WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE —

Offertory Anthem

Inscription of Hope

Z. Randall Stroope

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining, and I believe in love even when there's no one there.
And I believe in God even when he is silent. I believe in any trial there always a way.
But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair my heart cries for shelter,
to know someone's there.
But a voice rises within me saying hold on my child, I'll give you strength,
I'll give you hope, just stay a little while.
But I believe in God even when he is silent, I believe through any trial there is always a way.
May there someday be sunshine. May there someday be happiness. May there someday be love.
May there someday be peace.

***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. 819**

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

- 1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

God Be in My Head

Robert A. Hobby

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking. Amen.

Postlude

Postlude on *Gräfenberg*

Max Drischner

*"This is the day the Lord hath made: the hours are all God's own.
Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne."*

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

Leading in worship: Jim Burns, Jo Forrest, Christine Hestwood, Louise Rogers, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting Today, Sunday, October 30

A congregational meeting will be held today, **Sunday, October 30**, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, when the Nominating Committee will present the nominations for Session, Board of Deacons, Nominating Committee, and Endowment and Special Gifts Committees. Nominations currently include:

Elders Class of 2025

Kristy Berrott
Dave Davis
Daryl Kerr
Morgan Null
Tom Page
Megan Widmar
Jon Killmeyer

Deacons Class of 2025

Lynn Dempsey
Kevin Green
Frank McCabe
Sandi McCarthy
Laurie McMaster
Ian Thomas
Jodi DeLong

Nominating Committee 2023

At-large Members

Carrie Kushner
Deborah Lee
Susan Molli
Mary Schmitt
Tammy Singleton-English

Endowment & Special Gifts Class of 2026

Emily Hammel
Michele Burgess

Deacons Class of 2023 (Youth)

Tyler McClintock-Comeaux
Hannah Molli

Today

The Old Testament in the New – *final week*

Tucker Ferda, Pgh. Theological Seminary
Sunday, October 30
9:45 a.m. in Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Explore the creative and sometimes surprising ways that early Christians read and made sense of Israel's Scripture. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>

Starting Sunday, November 6 – Dietrich Bonhoeffer in His Writings: Issues and Conflicts with John E. Wilson

Giving Gala *Tickets on Sale*

Friday, November 11
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Valley Brook Country Club, McMurray

Please plan to join your church family for a special evening of fellowship, entertainment, and auctions benefiting the Bair Foundation. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/giving-gala-2022>

Questions? Contact Jennifer Bollman at jjbollman6@gmail.com

Visit the church's website at www.westminster-church.org for additional details on any event or activity listing and to view a complete church calendar, located under the "Events" menu item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

This Week



Veritas Food Drive

Wednesday, November 2
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
North Entry

Veritas Youth Ministry is hosting its 16th annual food collection to benefit SHIM and families in need for the holiday season. Last year we collected over 3,200 items – help us beat our record this year! Read more here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/veritas-thanksgiving-food-drive-for-shim>



Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed!

Friday, November 4
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. shifts
Saturday, November 5
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. shifts

Questions? Contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org or 412-559-1034

Join the fun and volunteer at our annual rummage-recycling sale! **Why volunteer for the rummage sale?** People who can't afford to pay retail can purchase quality items with dignity and the proceeds of the sale go to local mission.

Working with your church family is a fun way to connect. Invite your friends and family and sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/serving/opportunities-to-serve#church>



Rummage Sale Donations Needed!

Donation Drop-offs
Friday, November 4
8:00 a.m. – 7:00* p.m. **ONLY**
**Items dropped off after 7:00 will not be accepted.*

Donations wanted (*only those things in good condition*):

- Like new clothing, shoes, purses & accessories
- Sporting goods/equipment (*no helmets*)
- Toys and kid stuff (*no car seats or cribs*)
- Holiday decorations
- Jewelry
- Small home goods, including small furniture (*nothing with a plug*)
- Books & records (*no textbooks or encyclopedias*)

Come and Shop @ the Rummage-Recycling Sale!

Saturday, November 5 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (*closed noon-12:30 p.m.*)
Bag and half-price sale 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

RUMMAGE
SALE

For more information about these or other important volunteer opportunities, visit our website or contact Jan Baumann at 412-835-6630x205 or 412-559-1034 or baumann@westminster-church.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Next Week



Teen & Parent Mental Health Speaker Series with Ted Hoover

Wednesday, Nov. 9
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Join us for the second in this series of free community conversations, led by experts in their field, on the pressures, expectations, and mental health needs of teenagers and their families. **November 9 features Ted Hoover, Educator/Trainer with Persad Center.** Details here: <https://bit.ly/TeenParentMentalHealth> Questions? Contact Ed Sutter at sutter@westminster-church.org.



Requiem for the Living Chancel Choir performance

Sunday, November 13
11:00 a.m. worship
Sanctuary

Join us for 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, November 13, to hear Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* performed by the Chancel Choir, soloists, and a chamber ensemble.

Requiem for the Living (2013) is a five-movement choral piece that offers vivid musical images of heaven and earth, and leaves us with an ethereal sense of peace and rest. Join us for this musical message we long to hear.

Stewardship Update

Thank you to those who have joined the 2023 Stewardship campaign, A Future with Hope, and submitted your pledge.

On Sunday, November 6, we plan to conclude the 2023 Stewardship campaign. Please prayerfully consider how much of what God has given you can be offered to Westminster. You may bring your pledge card to worship, mail to the church, or submit online at <https://www.westminster-church.org/give>.

	Received as of 10/26	2023 Goal	Amount needed	2022 Pledge Final
Pledge total	\$569,262	\$1,700,000	\$1,130,738	\$1,400,000
# of families/individuals	116	400	284	350



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

OCT 31 – NOV 6, 2022



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

11:45	Kindergarten Story Time	Library
12:00	AA	Rm. 176
7:00	Grace-Westminster Book Club	Zoom

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	Town Hall South	Yahweh Café
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:30	Centering Prayer	Zoom
7:00	Al Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

1:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Galleria
4:30	Bible Read Along	Rm. 231
4:45	Cherub Choir (Gds. K-2)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (Gds. 3-6)	Rm. 268
	Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM Youth Group (Gds. 5-6)	North Entry
	Kids' Connection (Gds. 3-4)	Rm. 176
	Kids' Connection (Gds. PreK-2)	Rm. 233
	Veritas Youth Group (Gds. 7-12)	Youth Dept.
	Veritas Food Drive Drop-off	North Entry
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
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.



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship fall menu



Music & Choirs

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:00	W2W - Emerald Group	Rm. 231
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	Nar Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:30	Rummage Sale Setup	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Rm. 268
7:00	AA	Rm. 107
	Al Anon	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00	Rummage Sale	Fellowship Hall
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Rm. 268

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:30	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	WROC Fitness
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 176
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 233
	Confirmation Class	Yahweh Café
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.

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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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