



Westminster Presbyterian Church



October 23, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

— WE GATHER TOGETHER —

**Prelude**

Two settings of *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach  
Percy Whitlock

**Welcome and Announcements/Living Our Faith**

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

**Introit**

I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 65:5-8)**

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

**People: you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

Leader: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

**People: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.**

Leader: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

**All: you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

**\*Opening Hymn No. 309**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;  
speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.  
Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask;  
fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.

3 Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call;  
through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall  
ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;  
challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.

4 Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God;  
in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;  
as we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;  
place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

#### **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Forgiving God, we confess that we have settled for 'good enough.' We've heard you call our names and we've chosen to quit half-way through the race. We love you only sometimes, and we love others even less. We give only what is left after we have already had our fill. Our generosity is convenient, and our humility is riddled with pride.**

**Stir our hearts toward the righteousness that we could never find on our own. Without you, Lord, we wander and are lost.**

*(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.

#### **Reception of New Members**

#### **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**

Luke 18:9-14

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### **Sermon**

A Room Full of Good People

Ed Sutter

— WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE —

**Offertory Anthem**

How Great Thou Art

arr. Craig Courtney

**\*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. 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**

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**

Prelude in G Major

Bach

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

**Leading in worship:** Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Louise Rogers, Ed Sutter, the Quartet, and the Chancel Choir

## Welcome New Members

Today we welcome the following new active members:

Matt & Val Amick

Bill & LeeAnn Licht

Judy Viviano

Bob Gibilisco & Kathy Smith

Mark & Laura Rhoa

Chuck & Karen Wolfe

Paul & Sara Hoffmann

Mark & Kerry Swaney

## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness

Dan Paul

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 30

A congregational meeting will be held on **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

### Endowment & Special Gifts Class of 2026

Emily Hammel  
Michele Burgess

### Deacons Class of 2025

Lynn Dempsey  
Kevin Green  
Frank McCabe

### Deacons Class of 2025 (cont.)

Sandi McCarthy  
Laurie McMaster  
Ian Thomas  
Jodi DeLong

### Deacons Class of 2023 (Youth)

Tyler McClintock-Comeaux  
Hannah Molli

## Today

### The Old Testament in the New

*Tucker Ferda, Associate Professor of New Testament,  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*

Sunday, October 23

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 and the significance for Christians today. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>



### Giving Gala Tickets Today!

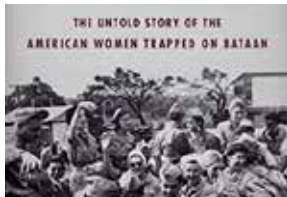
Friday, November 11  
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
Valley Brook Country  
Club, Canonsburg  
Cost: \$60/person

Please plan to join your church family for a special evening of fellowship, entertainment, and auctions benefiting the Bair Foundation.

Giving Gala tickets and gift basket raffle tickets will be on sale Sundays through November 6 in the north entry. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/giving-gala-2022>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

## This Week



### Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, October 26  
Noon – 1:15 p.m.  
Library

The Westminster Book Group will be discussing *We Band of Angels* by Elizabeth Norman at our next meeting on October 26. We invite you to bring a brown bag lunch and join us.



### Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh

Saturday, October 29

Westminster will join with Rebuilding Together to rebuild and repair a family's home in Homewood. We're recruiting volunteers of all skill levels to join us. If you're interested in helping, contact Paul Conley at conley1973@verizon.net for details.

## Next 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>

## Volunteer Opportunities



### 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  
Sign up: <https://www.westminster-church.org/serving/opportunities-to-serve#church>

Join the fun and volunteer at our annual rummage-recycling sale! **Why volunteer for the rummage sale?**

- The proceeds of the sale go to local mission.
- People who can't afford to pay retail can purchase quality items with dignity.
- It keeps our castoffs out of a landfill.
- Working with your church family is a fun way to connect.

Invite your friends and family to join you – over 150 volunteers are needed!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

## Volunteer Opportunities



### 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! Please donate (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*)



### Library for Children

***Donate your used  
children's books.***

Westminster's library needs books for children in kindergarten through 4th grade!

Please donate your gently used children's books in October. They can be dropped off during office hours or on Sundays in the church library.

*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](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).*

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

OCTOBER 24 – 30, 2022



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:30	Monday Meditations	Rm. 231
12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Deacon Meeting	Rm. 231
	Grace-Westminster Book Club	Zoom

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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	AI Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

12:00	Westminster Book Group	Library
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.
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, OCTOBER 27

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

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00p	AA	Rm. 107
	AI Anon	Rm. 231
8:00	Veritas Catacombs	Youth Dept.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

11:00	WECEP - Trunk or Treat	Plygrnd. Pkg. Lot
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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:30	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Entry
9:45	<b>Bridge Contemporary Worship</b>	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	WROC Fitness
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 176
	Sacrament Class	Rm. 238
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 233
	Confirmation Class	Yahweh Café
12:00	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
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.



### 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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