



Westminster Presbyterian Church



October 16, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

— WE GATHER TOGETHER —

Prelude

Good Christians All Rejoice with
Thine Is the Glory

Melchior Vulpius
G. F. Handel/arr. Dobrinski

This Is My Father's World
Holly Jones, piano
Westminster Ringers

Franklin Sheppard/arr. McKechnie

Welcome and Announcements/Living Our Faith

*Share the Peace of Christ

Introit

I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

*Call to Worship

Leader: With the energy we have, we begin the day,
waiting and watching and hoping.

People: **We wait, and dare to imagine the plans you have for us.**

Leader: You ask us to call upon you that you will hear us.

People: **So we search for you with all our hearts,
ever hopeful of our future.**

*Opening Hymn No. 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

- 2 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.
- 3 See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, some of us gather this morning with hearts light and full of joy and others with hearts heavy with grief, sorrow, or the disappointments of daily life. Along the wide expanse of life, we gather with hope and expectation. Hope that when we fall short, you will forgive us. Hope that your grace might be revealed to us in the kindness of others. Hope that through word and song we will be reminded of your unfailing mercy. Hope that we create with you a bright future.

(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

Jeremiah 29:10-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A Future with Hope

Jo Forrest

— WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE —

Offertory Anthem

Canticle of Hope

Joseph Martin

Lord, you are God, perfect in holiness. Lord, you are God of the needy and the poor.
A sure defender, you are our refuge. You are the giver. You are Jehovah. You are the God who restores.
Lord, you are God, reigning in righteousness. Lord, you are God in the time of our distress.
We call on you, our sure salvation. Lord, you are faithful. You are the God who restores.
Lord, you are God, ruling in gentleness. You wipe away each tear. You hear our every prayer.
You give us comfort. You touch our hearts and calm our fears. You are eternal, Alpha, Omega.
We place our hope in you alone. Lord, you are God, perfect in holiness.
In our time of darkness you are everlasting light. Great is thy faithfulness!

*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. 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.
- 2 When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. **(Refrain)**
- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. **(Refrain)**

*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

Praeludium in G Minor

Franz Tunder

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Dave Heilman, Holly Jones, Sara Kyle, Jim Marshall, Lorraine Milovac, Louise Rogers, Broc Sleek, the Quartet, the Chancel Choir, and the Westminster Ringers

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Memorial Services

for Ed Keener Saturday, October 22, 11:00 a.m., Galbreath Chapel. Reception in Memorial Parlor.
for Jim Boustead Saturday, October 22, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

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.

Today



The Old Testament in the New

Sunday, October 16
9:45 a.m.
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Tucker Ferda, Associate Professor of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, explores 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>



Fall Festival

Sunday, October 16
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Gilfillan Farm
(if inclement weather, the event will move to Fellowship Hall)

Join us for an afternoon of fall fun featuring pumpkins, a food truck, crafts, games, and more! Paula's Hometown Hotdogs will be on site selling delicious eats. Enjoy the grounds at Gilfillan Farm as you decorate pumpkins, play fall games, adventure through a scavenger hunt, and delight in the fall season with family and friends.



Giving Gala Ticket Sales Start Today!

Friday, November 11
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Valley Brook Country Club, Canonsburg

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

Giving Gala tickets will be on sale Sundays through November 6 in the north entry. Or you can register online *by November 6* using the QR code to the right. Cost is \$60 per person.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

This Week



WROC Talk

Are You Getting What You Pay For?

Tuesday, October 18
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Do you ever feel “ripped off” in the marketplace? Do you understand Pennsylvania’s confusing sales tax applications? Join speaker Mary Bach for an entertaining, educational presentation packed with important consumer information. Details at <http://wroc.westminster-church.org>



Wednesday Food & Fellowship

Wednesday, October 19
5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

CHILI POTLUCK NIGHT! All are welcome to warm up with a bowl of chili and conversation in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 19.

Please bring your favorite fall side dish to share! Chili will be provided. Cost is \$7/adult and \$5/child, but **FREE** when you bring a side dish.



Grief Care

Wednesday, October 19
6:45 p.m.
Memorial Parlor

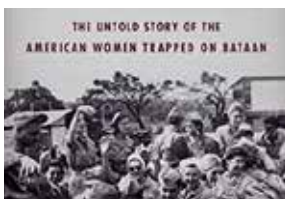
Grief Care is a faith-based grief support group that can help you face the challenges of loss and move toward rebuilding your life. For details and to register, visit <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/grief-care>

Veritas Catacombs

Friday, October 28
8:00 p.m. – midnight
Youth Dept.
Register by October 20!

Students in 7th-12th grade are invited to one of our most popular events, Catacombs! This churchwide game of hide and seek with a biblical history is a crowd favorite as we explore the depths of the building in the dark. **Registration deadline is October 20.** Contact Laura Ecklin at ecklin@westminster-church.org with any questions.

Next 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.

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)

Next Week



Sacrament Class

Sunday, October 23, 30
9:45 a.m.
Room 238

Sacrament Class is for children in 2nd grade and older who have not yet participated in this series of classes that includes Baptism and Communion. Children and a parent are invited to attend together. For more information or to register before October 22, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org

Volunteer Opportunities



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.



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!



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.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

OCTOBER 17 – 23, 2022



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	Town Hall South	Yahweh Café
9:00	Spire Mailing	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 231
5:30	Single Women's Group – Speaker/Dessert	Rm. 176
6:30	Centering Prayer WROC Talk	Zoom Fellowship Hall
7:00	Al Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

1:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Galleria
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 20

10:00	W2W – Emerald Group	Rm. 231
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:00	Nar Anon	Rm. 131
7:30	NA	Rm. 107

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

11:00	Keener Memorial Service	Galbreath Chapel
12:00	Keener Memorial Reception	Memorial Parlor
2:00	Boustead Memorial Service	Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:00	Welcome Center	North Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	WROC Fitness
	Sunday School* PreK-4th Gd.	Rm. 176
	Sacrament Class	Rm. 238
	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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