

MARCH 10, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



COVENANT

2024 LENTEN SERIES

THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Adagio

Frank Bridge

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Introit (11:00)**

Forty Days and Nights
Cherub Choir

Michael Bedford

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In the face of our great fears
we come looking for a sign to trust.

People: **As a people wandering,
we want God to take us by the hand.**

Leader: God hears our pleas.
God meets us in this wilderness.

People: **We will open ourselves to
follow the covenant signs
and trust in God's promises.**

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God, we confess that we sometimes yearn for you
to wave a magic wand on our wounded lives
to remove our pain, illness, and suffering.
We justify our actions to mask our fears.
Along the way we hurt others and ourselves.
When we are honest, it feels dangerous
to repent and be changed by Christ's grace.
Forgive us. Hold us.
Instill in us the confidence you will never abandon us.

(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

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Anthem (11:00)

Guide Us, Lord
Junior Choir with Ava Wynne, flute

Mark Patterson

Prayers of the People

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.

Choral Response

SEVENFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

Old Testament, page 139

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

Sermon

Stop Complaining

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Amazing Grace

Marianne Forman

*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. 838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way.
Know that the God who sent his son to die that we might live
will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world.

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

Johannes Brahms

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Traci Krzywicki, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Holly Jones, Beth Ketterman, Ava Wynne, and the Quartet, Cherub, Junior, and Chancel Choirs.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Nancy and Bill Barnard on the death of Nancy's brother, Dale Opeka.

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Roy Leuch, Bruce McClintock.

The Rev. Laura Bentley Welcome Brunch

TODAY | After all worship services | Fellowship Hall

Come celebrate and welcome the Rev. Laura Bentley with brunch after each service in Fellowship Hall. Questions, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events



Westminster Seminars

God's Everlasting Covenants

TODAY and Sunday, March 17 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Steven Tuell, Professor Emeritus of Hebrew and Old Testament,
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



Inquirers' Gathering

TODAY | 2:00 p.m. | Room 283

If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member in the Presbyterian tradition, please consider coming to our next Inquirers' Gathering. No reservations needed. All are welcome.



Lenten Prayer Stations

Throughout Lent | Memorial Parlor

Visit Memorial Parlor throughout Lent to journey through Lenten prayer stations. Designed for all ages (adults, youth, and children), all are welcome to come and dwell with the divine.

Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.



Deliver a Flower at Easter

Pickup after Easter worship, or Monday, April 1, between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Let's connect with our members in care by delivering one or two Easter flowers to those who have been recently hospitalized or are living in a senior community. Put a smile on someone's face!

Please RSVP to Jan Baumann by Monday, March 25 at baumann@westminster-church.org.



Reminder to Join MyWPC

Have you signed into the new MyWPC yet? If not, check your email inbox and spam folder for this email:

From: Westminster Presbyterian Church (notifications@onrealmmail.org)

Subject: Westminster Presbyterian Church: Join MyWPC - or -

Subject: Westminster Presbyterian Church: Reminder to join MyWPC

Read more at https://www.westminster-church.org/my_WPC or contact Anna Hiner at hiner@westminster-church.org.



Grief Care

Wednesdays, March 13 - April 10 | 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>.



Street MOMs Lunch Preparation

Sunday, March 17 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Street MOMs, a wonderful non-profit organization based in Wheeling, West Virginia, dedicated to supporting women in the community who are experiencing homelessness. Please join us in preparing a hot meal to nourish and uplift these women. This is also a great opportunity to get to know others in the church while serving. For more information, contact Jan Baumann at baumann@westminster-church.org.



Pocket Change Project

Collection on Palm Sunday, March 24

Once again, the Cherub Choir is in mission on a mission in the **Pocket Change Project** this Lenten season. Through Palm Sunday, the Cherubs are leading the campaign to collect as much pocket change as possible to support school children in Haiti. Please consider joining them by collecting your own pocket change and combining it with theirs during a special collection on Sunday, March 24, during all three services.



Register Now for Winter Fitness Classes

CLASS SPOTLIGHT: Cardio Drumming

Tuesday, March 19 - April 30 | 2:45 p.m. | WROC

Cardio Drumming - a fun program that involves music, dancing, and socializing. This is a whole-body exercise that involves drumming on large yoga balls while maintaining rhythm to music. Moderate to high intensity workout, adaptable to all fitness levels. Can be done sitting or standing.

Register at wroc.westminster-church.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



Teen & Parent Mental Health Speaker Series

Wednesday, March 20 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Many of us are "always on" scrolling through social media, checking email, or searching the web. Media spaces can be sites that nurture or harm, and become sources of anxiety, jealousy, and despondency. We welcome Dr. Angela Gorrell, who will speak to us about tools to engage social media in constructive ways. Dr. Gorrell has taught most recently at Yale University and Baylor University. Contact Becky Boyer at boyer@westminster-church.org.



Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24 | After each service | North Courtyard

Children and families, join us Palm Sunday for an Easter Egg Hunt! Egg hunting fun will take place after each worship service in the courtyard (weather permitting). Questions, contact Faith Kemmler at kemmler@westminster-church.org.



Meals on Wheels Easter Egg Decorating/Pizza Party

Wednesday, March 27 | 5:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall Kitchen

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.



TO REGISTER



Extended Communion

Sunday, April 7 | 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Deacons will be taking communion to anyone unable to attend Sunday worship. Extended Communion is available on Sunday, April 7, 2024. If you would like to receive communion or know of anyone to add to the list, please contact Laura Bentley, bentley@westminster-church.org, or call the church office 412-835-6630.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAR 10-16, 2024



Scan here
for complete
church
calendar



Scan here for
a full WROC
schedule &
information

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center Welcome Lunch - Rev. Laura Bentley	North Main Entry Fellowship Hall
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.) Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade)	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233
2:00	Inquirers' Gathering	Rm. 283
7:00	Youth Choir (Grades 7 - 12)	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 11

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting	Zoom FH Kitchen Serving Area

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
7:30	WECEP - Breakfast with a Buddy	Fellowship Hall
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
5:00	Outreach Commission	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
7:30	WECEP - Breakfast with a Buddy	Fellowship Hall
9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
1:00	Movers and Shakers	WROC
4:30	Bible Read Along - Covenant Study	Rm. 238
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones Cherub Choir (Grades K-2) Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6)	Rm. 194 Rm. 176 Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry 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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Chancel Choir Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) Lenten Study	Rm. 268 Rm. 283
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

All Day	Lenten Prayer Stations	Memorial Parlor
6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	Al Anon AA	Rm. 231 Rm. 107

SATURDAY, MARCH 16



Children's &
Family Ministry



Food &
Fellowship Menu



Music &
Choirs

Easter Flowers

The Chancel Guild is accepting memorial or honoree contributions for Easter flowers. 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.

Contributions must be received no later than Sunday, March 17, so that your gift can be listed in the Easter bulletin. Please indicate if you plan to pick up your flower or whether you would like it delivered to a member in care. Flowers will be available on Easter Sunday, after the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services, or Monday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

A suggested minimum donation of \$25 will cover the cost of the flowers. Additional donations beyond that 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 member in care

I will pick up the flower on Easter Sunday after the 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services, or Monday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, March 17.

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