



Westminster Presbyterian Church



September 25, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

— WE GATHER TOGETHER —

Prelude

Hallelujah  
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
*Jim Burns, organ*  
*Westminster Ringers*

Leonard Cohen  
Oliver Holden  
arr. D. Linda McKechnie

Introit

I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

Welcome and Announcements/Living our Faith

\*Share the Peace of Christ

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Do not give us rest, God,  
while people are hungry and we are rich.

People: **Do not give us peace, God,  
while people live in fear and we are safe.**

Leader: Give us eyes to see and hope to share.

People: **May all find life, peace, and hope.**

\*Opening Hymn No. 366

Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

4 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### \*Prayer of Confession

Dear God, Sometimes we take ourselves so seriously —our opinions, our emotions, our needs, our entitlements—that we fail to notice our impact on others. Sometimes, we fail to notice others at all. We build walls to divide us from other people. We build walls to divide us from you. Have mercy on us. Turn us to trust your son, who opens our eyes and breaks down walls.

*(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

Luke 16:19-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

You Gotta Start...

Jo Forrest



## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness  
Hetz Marsh, Joyce Thorensen, Amy Walker

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today

### Food Drive for SHIM

Sunday, September 25, 8:15 a.m. – noon  
Church Parking Lots

Read details about today's food drive here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/food-drive-for-shim>.

### Westminster Seminars

Sunday, September 25, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.  
Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

Part three of *What Inheritance Awaits You: Studying the Book of Hebrews* with Professor Jennifer Kaalund. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>

## This Week



### Monday Meditations

Monday, September 26  
10:30 a.m.  
Room 231  
(Zoom by request)

Monday Meditations allow us to read and wrestle with scripture as we discover the good news in difficult teachings of Jesus. Videos from Dr. Amy-Jill Levine will guide our class, led by Louise Rogers. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/monday-meditations>

### Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, Sept. 28  
Noon – 1:15 p.m., Library

The Westminster Book Group will discuss *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us! Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-book-group>



### Children's Choirs for All

Wednesdays,  
4:45–5:30 p.m.  
Sundays, 7–8:00 p.m.

There is a choir for everyone! Come join us – all are welcome!

**Wednesdays** from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. is Cherub Choir (K–2nd grade) and Junior Choir (3rd–6th grades). **Sundays** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. is Youth Choir (7th–12th grades).

Visit the church's website at [www.westminster-church.org](http://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



### Bread for the World Letter Offering

Sunday, October 2  
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Welcome Center/  
WROC

Help Westminster in the fight to end hunger by writing a letter to congress. We'll have sample letters, background information, addressed envelopes, and stamps! Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/bread-for-the-world-offering-of-letters-to-end-hunger>



### Peace & Global Witness

Special Offering  
Sunday, October 2  
All worship services

The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports our work at Westminster and is shared with Pittsburgh Presbytery and PC(USA), extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. Details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/world-communion-sunday-peace-global-witness-offering>

### Extended Communion

Sunday, October 2  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Deacons will take communion to anyone unable to attend Sunday worship. If you would like to receive communion or add anyone to the list, contact Louise Rogers at [rogers@westminster-church.org](mailto:rogers@westminster-church.org) or call the church office.



### Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 2  
2:00 p.m.  
North Parking Lot

All people-friendly pets and their owners are invited to join pastor Louise Rogers as she gives thanks for these special family members and blesses the people who love and care for them. Please be sure your pets are on non-retractable leashes or in carriers, and have proof of up-to-date vaccinations.



### Churchwide Bike Ride

Saturday, October 8  
9:30 a.m.  
West Newton, PA

Come enjoy the fall weather and fellowship with Westminster people of all ages as we bike along the Great Allegheny Passage of Western PA. Bring your snacks and water and meet us in the parking lot by the restored train depot, just off Rt.136. Contact Sue Davis at [planetsue66@gmail.com](mailto:planetsue66@gmail.com) for more information.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

## Coming Soon



### Then Sings My Soul

**Sunday, October 9**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Sanctuary**

*Freewill offering to benefit Westminster's Outreach programs*

World renowned mezzo-soprano Marianne Cornetti, accompanied by pianist Bryan Sable, will sing a concert of sacred music. Westminster's soprano section leader, Katy Williams, is a special guest on the program. Ms. Cornetti, a native of Cabot, PA, and graduate of Duquesne University, has been presenting this concert throughout the Pittsburgh area in thanksgiving for her successful musical career.



### Inquirers' Gathering

**Saturday, October 15**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Memorial Parlor**

Learn more about Westminster Church at an informal gathering of sharing and teaching, as we explore what it means to be a follower of Christ in the Presbyterian tradition and here at Westminster. More details here: <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/inquirers-gathering>

## Save the Date: Giving Gala is Friday, November 11

Benefiting Bair Foundation Child & Family Ministries • 6:00 p.m. @ Valley Brook Country Club • \$60/ticket • Watch for ticket sales in October!

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

SEPT 26 – OCT 2, 2022



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:30 Monday Meditations Rm. 231  
6:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting Rm. 107

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 Tuesday Morning Men's Group Rm. 238  
8:45 Town Hall South Yahweh Café  
4:30 Single Women's Group Dinner Galleria  
6:30 Centering Prayer Rm. 231  
7:30 Scout Troop 366 Rm. 107

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

12:00 Westminster Book Group Library  
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.  
7:30 Westminster Ringers Rm. 268

### Wednesdays @ Westminster

Wednesday evenings at 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 on Wednesday. Visit our website or scan the QR codes below for details.



Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship fall menu



Music & Choirs

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

4:00 Farmers Market S. Parking Lot  
6:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting Rm. 176  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rm. 268  
Nar Anon Rm. 131  
7:30 NA Rm. 107

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

no events scheduled

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30 **Traditional Worship** North Courtyard  
(weather permitting)  
North Entry/WROC  
9:00 Welcome Center/Bread for the World Letter Offering North Entry/WROC  
9:45 **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  
2:00 Blessing of the Pets N. Parking Lot  
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; 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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### Westminster on Social Media

Don't miss Westminster on social media. Watch worship videos, listen to the Veritas podcast, share Westminster events, find prayers, scripture, and more to like and share!



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