



FALL
SERMON
SERIES



The GOOD NEWS

THE
Celebration
OF
Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Intrada

Grayston Ives

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

***Share the Peace of Christ**

Introit (11:00):

The Lion and the Lamb
Cherub and Junior Choirs

Natalie Sleeth

***Call to Worship**

- Leader: We build kingdoms throughout our days:
kingdoms of our goodness, our strivings, our things;
- People: **kingdoms to protect us from what we fear, from what others think,
from heartbreak and pain.**
- Leader: But our kingdoms are fragile, and our walls cannot save us.
So we come to this place to leave our little kingdoms behind.
- People: **We come to discover the goodness and grace of God;
to find security and abundance where the gates never close;
to recognize ourselves among the lost and the least.**
- Leader: We come and find ourselves welcomed into the Kingdom of God.
Let us worship the Lord!

***Opening Hymn 310**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

A Word for All Ages (11:00)

Children in PreK through 4th grade are dismissed to Sunday School.

Sending Song Hymn 748 (11:00)

Go with Us, Lord

Go with us Lord and guide the way, through this and every coming day,
that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be a gift to you.

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,
we wonder what we must do to be right with you.
We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love.
Yet, you call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ.
We strive for security by tangling ourselves up in riches.
Yet, Jesus simply says, "Come, follow me."
Forgive us for when the path of discipleship was too uncomfortable to take.
Help us to hear your call anew,
and give us the courage to trust and follow you with our whole lives.

(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**

Lord, Be Glorified

Bob Kilpatrick

1. In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Anthem (11:00)

This Little Light of Mine
Junior Choir

arr. K. Kobayashi

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

Mark 10:17-31

New Testament, page 46

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Good News: Living in a Material World

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Kevin A. Memley

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall.
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*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 697

Take My Life
verses 1, 4, 5, and 6

HENDON

*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

Jig Fugue

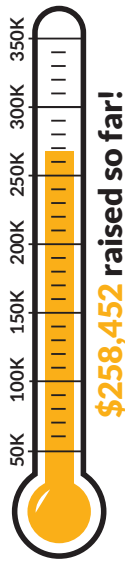
Dietrich Buxtehude

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Richard F. Norris III, Dave Heilman, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Beth Ketterman, Lana Kipp, the Quartet, Junior, Cherub, and Chancel Choirs.



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Help us raise \$350,000 to pay for this vital project to keep the power flowing. <https://www.westminster-church.org/let-there-be-light-project>



Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of George Andrew and Harvey Clair, children of Emily and Christian Moore.

The congregation extends condolences to Keith and Kris Overstreet on the death of Keith's father, The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Overstreet, on October 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Westminster Seminars

Four Gospel Stories through Rembrandt's Eyes

TODAY and October 20 & 27 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Presented by James E. Davison with Sandra Conley

The 17th century painter Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn possessed an almost uncanny ability to paint scenes and people with remarkable depth and emotion. Some of his later Gospel paintings are especially profound. In this series we will look at four passages, seeking to enter the stories more deeply through Rembrandt's portrayal of them. What did he see in these passages, and how can we see more because of what he saw?

For more info and the Zoom link, go to <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/westminster-seminars>.



Fall Festival

TODAY | 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Gilfillan Farm

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. In the event of inclement weather, the event will move to Fellowship Hall. Contact Faith Kemmler for questions.

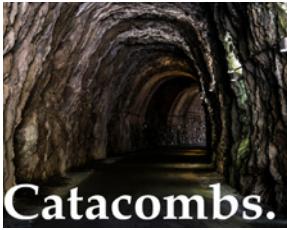


Veritas at Gilfillan Farm

Wednesday, October 16 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Youth Wing

Students in 7th-12th grade are invited to join us for a night of campfires, s'mores, singing, and hanging out! We will meet in the youth wing and walk over to the farm at 6:00 p.m. Bring a blanket to sit on or chair if you like. Contact Laura Ecklin at ecklin@westminster-church.org with any questions.

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Catacombs

Friday, October 18 | 7:00 p.m. - Midnight | Youth Wing

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. This is a great event to invite friends! **Register online by October 13.** Contact Laura Ecklin at ecklin@westminster-church.org with any questions.



Grief Care

Wednesdays, October 23 - November 20 | 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>.



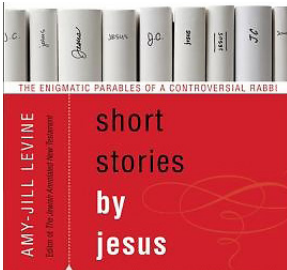
Cardio Drumming

Fridays, October 25 - December 20 | 2:30-3:30 p.m.
WROC | \$64



Cardio Drumming is a whole-body exercise using drumsticks and an exercise ball to create one of the most fun workouts you'll ever do! Can be done sitting or standing.

To register, go to <https://wroc.westminster-church.org>.



Westminster Book Group

Adult Spiritual Development

Wednesday, October 30 | Noon - 1:15 p.m. | Church Library

Join us for our next Westminster Book Group where we will be discussing *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy Jill Levine. All are welcome!

Cards for Jan Baumann After seventeen years of faithful service as Volunteer Coordinator – tirelessly leading and gracefully inspiring us – Jan Baumann will retire on November 1. If you would like to contribute a card or note, please send them to the church by October 24 with the notation “Celebrate Jan Baumann.” They will be gathered in a box and presented to her on Sunday, October 27, when we will offer our gratitude at the congregational meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, October 27

The meeting will be immediately following each of the three worship services, when the Nominating Committee will present the nominations for Session, Board of Deacons, Nominating Committee, and Endowment and Special Gifts Committees.



College Student Care Packages

Do you know of a college student in our congregation that could use a fall semester boost? Westminster wants to send them a care package! The deadline to submit a student to receive a care package will be Friday, November 1. Student names and mailing addresses, as well as any questions, can be sent to Harrison Burgess at burgess@westminster-church.org.



Save the Date - Women's Retreat

February 7-9, 2025 | Crestfield Camp and Conference Center

Join the women of Westminster for a weekend of faith development, activities, and fellowship. This is an intentionally intergenerational group; everyone is welcome to join us. Read more at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/women-belonging-retreat> or contact Laura Ecklin.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The impact of the recent hurricanes have been felt across multiple states, and many resources are needed to support these affected communities.

Westminster is donating \$5,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; we invite you to add your gift to ours at <https://onrealm.org/WestminsterChurchUSC/give/PDA>.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Recruiting for Volunteer Coordinator

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Thanks and congratulations to Jan Baumann on her retirement after years of service as Volunteer Coordinator. Recruitment has begun for her replacement. This position seeks to match volunteers from the church community to ministry, outreach, and support needs. To learn more about this opportunity, see the full position description on our website (About | Employment) or contact recruiting@westminster-church.org.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

OCT 13-19, 2024



Scan here for complete church calendar



Scan here for a full WROC schedule & information

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship/ Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.)	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Wesminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239
	Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade)	Rm. 233
	Fall Festival	Gilfillan Farm

***Sunday School** - Dismissed from worship after the children's message. Pickup after worship 9:45 in Room 176; 11:00 in 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 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, OCTOBER 14

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Rm. 268 Fellowship Hall
7:00	Troop 366 Adult Committee Meeting	FH Kitchen Area

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones Cherub Choir (K-2nd Grade) Junior Choir (3rd-6th Grade)	Rm. 194 Rm. 176 Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Follow Me Adult Discussion Group Kids' Connection (PreK-1st Grd) Kids' Connection (2nd-3rd Grds)	Rm. 231 Rm. 233 Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (4th-5th Grds)	North Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (6th-12th Grds)	Youth Dept.
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, OCTOBER 17

10:00	Women2Women	Rm. 238
12:00	Dementia Caregiver Support Group	Memorial Parlor
6:00	Girl Scout Troop 26635	Rm. 176
7:00	LIFT(Ladies in Fellowship Together) Book Group	Rm. 283
	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:30	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	Veritas Catacombs	Youth Dept.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19



Children's &
Family Ministry



Wednesdays
@ Westminster



Music &
Choirs

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