



Westminster Kids and Youth 2023-2024 Program Guide



ARE YOU A "WESTMINSTER KID OR YOUTH"?

Westminster Kids are any children who is in 5th grade or younger, even babies! We work hard so that there are activities for all ages and all abilities. Members, non-members, visitors and friends are all welcome!

The Westminster Youth Program is for students in grades 6-12. The group is split between Junior High (grades 6-8) and Senior High (9-12). We have many activities together and separately. Students are welcome to bring their friends. We seek to provide spaces where students feel safe and comfortable to be themselves and develop a personal relationship with God.

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Hello Everyone!

My name is Laura and I'm the Westminster Kids Christian Education Director. I oversee all the programming for infants all the way up to fifth grade. Westminster Kids' motto is "Be Uniquely You!" because we see that all children are special and every single one of us has something unique to offer this world. There are a lot of details in this book and it can be confusing, if you have any questions please e-mail me at Laura@westpres.org or text me at (515) 250-4404. I look forward to getting to know you all better.



Hello and Welcome!

My name is Drew Robertson and I'm the Youth Director at Westminster. I oversee all the programming for 6th-12 grade.

We strive to walk alongside our students to prepare them to have faith that is the foundation for how they address, understand, and exist in the world that they'll be experiencing in college and beyond. We strive to create a group setting where students are free to be who they are when interacting with their faith. If you have any questions please e-mail me at drobertson@westpres.org or text me at (515) 210-2644.

I can't wait to see you all!



Red Team Sunday Mornings

Infant To
4-Year Olds

SUNDAY MORNINGS

NURSERY CARE

At Westminster we love having little kids, even babies, in worship with us! Please feel free to bring them into the Sanctuary. If you'd like a break or they are getting the wiggles you are welcome to bring them to the nursery in room 204. There is always one adult in the nursery who is trained in basic first aid and has passed a background check. We have youth volunteers assisting as well.

The nursery is located in room 204, near the office. It opens at 8:45 and closes around 10:30. Parents are welcome to bring their children 4-years old and younger to the nursery any time it is open. While in the nursery, during worship, the kids will listen to age appropriate lessons and music.

WORSHIP DISMISSAL

If your child is in worship they are invited to leave with the other kids as they go to Sunday School. Any kids who are under the age of four will be taken to the nursery, the red team's team room.

Their lessons will be learning about the Bible lesson that is being preached on that Sunday. Our goal is to translate the lesson into terms that each age group can understand. The red team will hear the story in a basic format with lots of pictures. We will also have activities that correspond to the Bible story. Please pick up your





child by 10:15 a.m. in the nursery. (If worship gets out around 10:00 feel free to have a moment of peace before getting your little ones.)

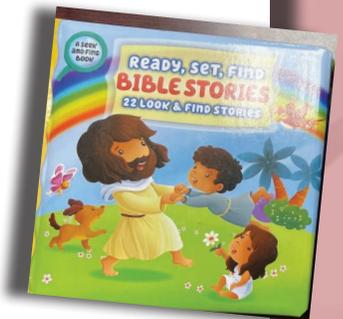
Being dismissed in worship will happen year round, not just during the program year. Nursery care is also available every Sunday.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

After kids are picked up from the nursery please bring them back to the gym (Commons). Our Connections and Outreach Committees are planning different events throughout the year that will be intergenerational. Watch for updates in our newsletter.

BIBLES

In the fall when a child is three years-old they are presented with a "Seek and Find" storybook Bible.



**Read about Red Team's
Wednesday night programming on pages
6-7 and special events on page 24.**

SUNDAY RED TEAM SCHEDULE

- **Nursery Open: 8:45 to 10:30 a.m.**
- **Pickup: Before 10:30 a.m.**

Red Team Wednesday Nights

Infant To
4-Year Olds

WESTMINSTER WEDNESDAYS

DINNER:

The evening begins in Westminster Hall (directly below the Sanctuary) with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. There is no cost for this meal but a donation basket will be available if you'd like to help offset the costs.

Previous meals have included chicken with mac-n-cheese, taco bar, pasta bar, grilled cheese with soup, burgers, pizza and more! **All menus are designed around what the majority of kids will eat but will not all be safe for babies or young children.** Weekly meals will be announced in our newsletter and in the kids bulletin. If your student has special dietary needs please contact Laura at Laura@westpres.org.

SEATING:

Red team members are asked to sit with their parent or family. Please sit at any table that is not labeled.

FOOD SERVICE:

Food will be served from 5:30 to 6:10 p.m. As you arrive you will get in line and get your food, unlike previous years when we would dismiss tables. Families will sit together at any of the round tables and eat their food. Around 5:50 a second helping will be offered.

AFTER EATING:

When your student is done eating, please have them clear their place and then go to their team table towards





the front of the room. There will be an adult assigned to this table to help keep the kids entertained while everyone else finishes eating. Coloring pages will be available. At 6:00 the Red team will go to the nursery. The parent's lounge, located near the nursery in room 205, will be open for parents to relax in.

PICKUP

The red team will pickup in the gym (Commons) between 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. This time will be reserved for our younger kids so that it is a safer environment

VOLUNTEERS

We will need volunteers for Wednesday team table parents, Team Teachers and Dinner Clean Up Assistance. On Sunday mornings we will need Team Teachers. For all of these volunteer jobs please consider helping once a month to keep the positions filled. If you are available for any of these please email Laura@westpres.org.

Read about special events for all ages on page 24.

WEDNESDAY RED TEAM SCHEDULE

- **Dinner: 5:30 to 6:10 p.m.**
- **Nursery Open: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**
- **Pickup: 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. in Gym**



Yellow Team Sunday Mornings

Kindergarten to
2nd Graders

SUNDAY MORNINGS

WORSHIP

Worship begins at 9:15 a.m. in The Sanctuary. We have kids bulletins with clipboards and crayons as well as books on a cart in the Narthex (Hallway outside of the Sanctuary.) We encourage children of all ages to join us in worship!

WORSHIP DISMISSAL

During worship kids are invited to leave with the other kids as they go to Sunday School. Yellow team kids will go to room 303 on the third floor.

Their lessons will be learning about the Bible lesson that is being preached on that Sunday. Our goal is to translate the lesson into terms that each age group can understand. We will also have crafts and games that correspond to the Bible story. When we are done we will return to the gym. The Yellow team will return between 10:15-10:30 a.m.

YEAR ROUND

We recognize that starting the routine of dismissing kids from worship and then having on and off weeks would be confusing for families. They would be unsure if their child would be in worship with them or not. For that reason we have decided to have some version of Sunday School with worship dismissal year round. During the program year it will be as previously described. During the Summer we will switch to "Summer Sunday School." The lesson will be abbreviated and the blue and yellow class will





most likely be combined. The only worship times when kids will not be dismissed are Christmas Eve, Easter and Vacation Bible School Celebration Sunday.

WHY THIS CHANGE?

A lot of thought and prayer went into this plan. Often for kids under the age of 5th grade worship can be challenging. Sitting still and keeping occupied during the Bible lessons and sermons that are designed for adults is hard. We created this system so that kids could hear the lessons on their level and adults could hear the lessons and sermon with less distraction.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

Kids will return to the gym (Commons) between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m. If you are able please hang around! Our Connections and Outreach Committees are planning different events throughout the year that will be intergenerational. Watch for updates in our newsletter.

NEWSLETTER

Please sign up for our weekly newsletter so that we can keep you up to date on upcoming events and unexpected changes. Sign-up by emailing Laura@westpres.org.

Read more about Yellow Team’s Wednesday night programming on pages 10-11 and special events on page 24.

YELLOW TEAM SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **Worship: 9:15 a.m.**
- **Dismissed from Worship: Around 9:40 a.m.**
- **Class: From 9:40 to 10:15 a.m.**
- **Pickup: Kids will return to the Gym between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m.**

Yellow Team Wednesday Nights

Kindergarten to
2nd Graders

WESTMINSTER WEDNESDAYS

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SEATING:

Yellow team members are asked to sit with their parent or family while eating. Please sit at any table that is not labeled.

FOOD SERVICE:

Food will be served from 5:30 to 6:10 p.m. As you arrive you will get in line and get your food, unlike previous years when we would dismiss tables. Families will sit together at any of the round tables and eat their food. Around 5:50 a second helping will be offered.

AFTER EATING:

When your student is done eating, please have them clear their place and then go to their team table towards the front of the room. There will be an adult assigned to this table to help keep the kids entertained while everyone else finishes eating. Coloring pages will be available. At 6:00 the Yellow team will go to their music class. If a child is not done eating, please let Laura



or a team table adult know and we will help get that child to their classroom when they are ready. The parent's lounge, located near the nursery, in room 205, will be open for parents to relax in.

MUSIC CLASSES

Yellow teams will meet separately for music class in their team rooms from 6:05 to 6:25. Both teams regularly present their music in worship (see calendar for upcoming dates) and on those nights they will rehearse together in the Sanctuary. The music that the kids are singing will be available in our weekly newsletter and printed copies will be sent home.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Yellow Team classes will follow the curriculum called "Holy Moly." Students engage in the Bible story with activities, interactive games, and creative crafts to engage in the Bible story.

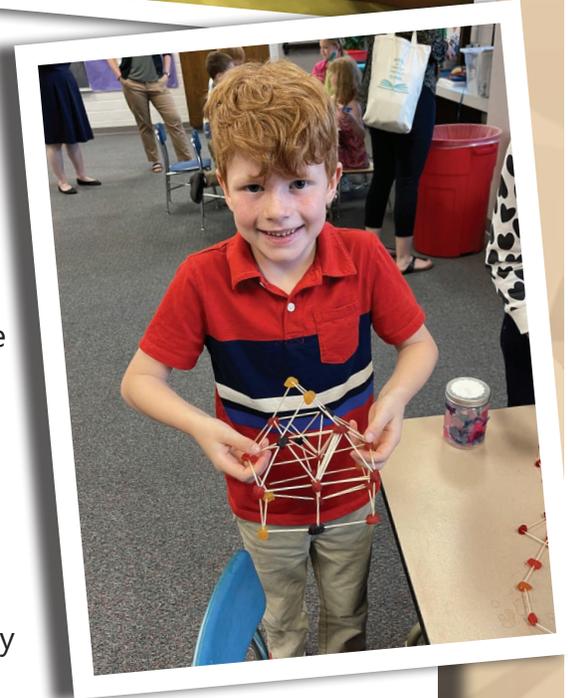
PICKUP

Yellow team will pickup in the gym (Commons) between 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. This time will be reserved for our younger kids so that it is a safer environment. The Blue team will be coming to the gym around 7:15 p.m. You're welcome to stay until 7:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS

We will need volunteers for Wednesday team table parents, Team Teachers and Dinner Clean Up Assistance. On Sunday mornings we will need Team Teachers. For all of these volunteer jobs please consider helping once a month to keep the positions filled. If you are available for any of these please email Laura@westpres.org.

Read about special events for all ages on page 24.



WEDNESDAY YELLOW TEAM SCHEDULE

- **Dinner: 5:30 to 6:10 p.m.**
- **Music: 6:05 to 6:25 p.m.**
- **Class: 6:25 to 7:00 p.m.**
- **Gym Time: 7:00 to 7:15 p.m.**
- **Pickup: Before 7:30 p.m. in the Gym**

Blue Team Sunday Mornings

3rd to 5th
Graders

SUNDAY MORNINGS

WORSHIP

Worship begins at 9:15 a.m. in The Sanctuary. We have kids bulletins with clipboards and crayons as well as books on a cart in the Narthex (Hallway outside of the Sanctuary.) We encourage children of all ages to join us in worship!

WORSHIP DISMISSAL

During worship kids are invited to leave with the other kids to go to Sunday School. The Blue team kids will go to room 304 on the third floor.

Their lessons will be learning about the Bible lesson that is being preached on that Sunday. The Blue team will be working with their Bibles this year and will look up the lesson and read it together. We will also have crafts and games that correspond to the Bible story. When we are done we will return to the gym. The Blue team will return between 10:15-10:30 a.m.

YEAR ROUND

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AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

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BIBLES

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NEWSLETTER

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YELLOW TEAM SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **Worship: 9:15 a.m.**
- **Dismissed from Worship: Around 9:40 a.m.**
- **Class: From 9:40 to 10:15 a.m.**
- **Pickup: Kids will return to the Gym between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m.**



Blue Team Wednesday Nights

3rd to 5th
Graders

WESTMINSTER WEDNESDAYS

DINNER:

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SEATING:

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FOOD SERVICE:

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MUSIC CLASSES

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WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Blue Team classes will follow the curriculum called “Holy Moly.” Students engage in the Bible story with activities, interactive games, and creative crafts to engage in the Bible story. They will also use their Bibles to find the verses and get more comfortable with interacting with it.

PICKUP

The Blue team will be in the gym from 7:15 to 7:30 p.m. having free play. The yellow and red team will have free play from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS

We will need volunteers for Wednesday team table parents, Team Teachers and Dinner Clean Up Assistance. On Sunday mornings we will need Team Teachers. For all of these volunteer jobs please consider helping once a month to keep the positions filled. If you are available for any of these please email Laura@westpres.org.



Read about special events for all ages on page 24.

WEDNESDAY BLUE TEAM SCHEDULE

- **Dinner: 5:30 to 6:10 p.m.**
- **Music: 6:05 to 6:25 p.m.**
- **Class: 6:25 to 7:15 p.m.**
- **Gym Time: 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.**
- **Pickup: Before 7:30 p.m.in the Gym**

Junior High Wednesday Nights

6th to 8th
Graders

WESTMINSTER WEDNESDAYS

DINNER:

The evening begins in Westminster Hall (directly below the Sanctuary) with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. There is no cost for this meal but a donation basket will be available if you'd like to help offset the costs.

Previous meals have included Chicken with mac-n-cheese, taco bar, pasta bar, grilled cheese with soup, burgers, pizza and more! All menus are designed around what the majority of kids will eat. Weekly meals will be announced in our newsletter and in the kids bulletin. If your student has special dietary needs please e-mail drobertson@westpres.org.

SEATING:

Special tables are always reserved for the junior high students. There will be two long tables labeled "Junior High"

FOOD SERVICE:

Food will be served from 5:30 to 6:10 p.m. As you arrive you will get in line and get your food, unlike previous years when would dismiss tables. Around 5:50 a second helping will be offered.

AFTER EATING:

When the students are done eating they will stay at their Junior High table. Around 6:10 they will help clean up the room with the Senior High students.



PARENTS LOUNGE

We have a parent's lounge, located near the nursery, in room 205, that will be open for parents to relax in while their student is in class.

MUSIC CLASSES

Throughout the year Junior High will have "pop-up" music activities. These will consist of 3-4 rehearsals during class time with the students presenting the music in worship together. Watch our newsletter for updates.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Jr. High students will be walking through the Book of Mark with Pastor Bill to help them discover Jesus the same way the Disciples did. They meet in the Junior High room (305). We have worked hard to make this a comfortable room for the students to hang out.

PICKUP

At 7:00 p.m. the Junior High Students will be dismissed from their class. They will have the option to stay in their class room or go to free play in the gym (Commons.) Please discuss where your student will meet you when they are done.

VOLUNTEERS

Parents are welcome to sit in on classes to be an extra set of eyes on the students. Be warned, you may be asked questions as well! Parental input can help to provide real-world examples and experience that help support and develop group conversation.

Read about more Junior High Activities on pages 18 & 19.

WEDNESDAY JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE

- Dinner: 5:30 to 6:10 p.m.
- Clean-up: 6:15 to 6:25 p.m.
- Class: 6:25 to 7:00 p.m.
- Classroom or Gym Time: 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.



Junior High Sundays

6th to 8th Graders

SUNDAY MORNINGS WORSHIP

Worship begins at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We encourage youth to attend worship as frequently as possible and participate. If your student is interested in ushering or being a liturgist (person who reads during worship) please contact Drew at drobertson@westpres.org.

JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Following worship 6th-12th grade students meet in the Senior High Suite after donuts and juice in the commons. In Sunday School we talk about what challenges students face in the week of school ahead and where faith can guide us through what lies ahead.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation currently takes place in 8th grade. Last year we combined 7th and 8th graders to make a larger group so this year we will be taking a break from Confirmation. We will return next year.

SCHEDULE:

Junior & Senior High

Donuts & juice after Worship

Meet in 321 (Sr. High Suite): 10:30 a.m.

Students return to Commons: 11:00 a.m.



Junior High Special Events

6th to 8th Graders

JUNIOR HIGH NIGHTS

Once in the fall and once in the spring the Jr. High students are invited to hang out at church together on a Friday night. Event programming varies with student and societal interests. Past events include Board/Arcade/Nintendo Switch Game Night, Art Projects, and Movies.

HOOT-N-HOWL CARNIVAL

Junior High have a tradition of setting up the Hoot-N-Howl Carnival the night before the event. We have lots of fun getting games ready and testing to make sure the candy and prizes are good. During the carnival Junior and Senior High students are asked to volunteer during the event on October 21 to help run the games.

PROGRAM YEAR END CAMPFIRE:

The campfire acts as our year-end bridge-crossing ceremony for our programs. We honor our 5th graders as they leave the kids program for the youth program; we honor our 8th graders as they move to high school; and we honor our seniors as they graduate high school. We sing campfire songs and worship together as we close out the school year with smores and fellowship.

YOUTH WEEK:

Our Junior & Senior High Students participate in a week-long day-camp style mission week where we spend each day doing something different in the community. Students meet from 8 AM – 4 PM each day with lunch provided. Past volunteer opportunities and events include hiking and swimming at Big Creek State Park, the ARL, Coffee Cats Café, The Des Moines Art Center, DMARC, Meals from the Heartland, mini golf, Jasper Park, washing the church bus, and more.



Senior High Wednesday Nights

9th to 12th
Graders

WESTMINSTER WEDNESDAYS

DINNER:

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SEATING:

Special tables are always reserved for the senior high students. There will be two long tables labeled "Senior High"

FOOD SERVICE:

Food will be served from 5:30 to 6:10 p.m. As you arrive you will get in line and get your food, unlike previous years when would dismiss tables. Around 5:50 p.m. a second helping will be offered.

AFTER EATING:

When the students are done eating they will stay at their Senior High table. Around 6:10 they will help cleaning up the room with the Junior High students.



PARENTS LOUNGE

We have a parent's lounge, located near the nursery, in room 205, that will be open for parents to relax in while their student is in class.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Sr. High students will be exploring what it's like to have faith during and after high school and the real-world challenges faith helps to answer. They meet in the Senior High Suite (321) which is north of the balcony. We have worked hard to make this a comfortable room for the students to hang around in.



PICKUP

At 7:00 p.m. the Senior High Students will be dismissed from their class. They will have the option to stay in their class room or go to free play in the gym (Commons.) Please discuss where your student will meet you when they are done.

VOLUNTEERS

Parents are welcome to sit in on classes to be an extra set of eyes on the students. Be warned, you may be asked questions as well! Parental input can help to provide real-world examples and experience that help support and develop group conversation.



**Read about more Senior High Activities
on pages 22 & 23.**

WEDNESDAY SENIOR HIGH SCHEDULE

- Dinner: 5:30 to 6:10 p.m.
- Clean-up: 6:15 to 6:25 p.m.
- Class: 6:25 to 7:00 p.m.
- Classroom or Gym Time: 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Senior High Sundays

9th to 12th Graders

SUNDAY MORNINGS

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SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Following worship 6th-12th grade students meet in the Senior High Suite after donuts and juice in the commons. In Sunday School we talk about what challenges students face in the week of school ahead and where faith can guide us through what lies ahead.

SCHEDULE:

JR. & SR. HIGH (6TH TO 12TH GRADE)

DONUTS & JUICE AFTER WORSHIP

MEET IN 321 (SR. HIGH SUITE): 10:30 AM

STUDENTS RETURN TO COMMONS: 11:00 AM



Senior High Special Events

9th to 12th Graders



SENIOR HIGH NIGHTS- Fall, New Years, and Spring get together at the church and out in the community for only Senior High Students. Event Programming varies with student and societal interests. Past events include, Bowling, Escape Room, Game Night, and Mini Golf.

PROGRAM YEAR END CAMPFIRE:

The campfire acts as our year-end bridge-crossing ceremony for our programs. We honor our 5th graders as they leave the kids program for the youth program; we honor our 8th graders as they move to high school; and we honor our seniors as they graduate high school. We sing campfire songs and worship together as we close out the school year with smores and fellowship.

YOUTH WEEK- Our Junior & Senior High Students participate in a week-long day-camp style mission week where we spend each day doing something different in the community. Students meet from 8 AM – 4 PM each day with lunch provided. Past volunteer opportunities and events include hiking and swimming at Big Creek State Park, the ARL, Coffee Cats Café, The Des Moines Art Center, DMARC, Meals from the Heartland, mini golf, Jasper Park, washing the church bus, and more.

SENIOR HIGH SUMMER TRIP:

Each Summer our Senior High Students embark on a trip together. Past trips include, Presbyterian Youth Triennium (Purdue University), Chicago, Kansas City, Baltimore, Miami, and more. This summer (2024) we will be heading to California (Los Angeles & Fresno) for a week of cultural, environmental, and missional learning.

Special Events

Throughout the year we have numerous special events for kids, youth and families. Watch newsletters for information.

PARENTS MORNING/NIGHT OUT

Drop the kids off at the church and we'll watch them on our special parents night/morning out. This year's dates are Friday, September 8, Saturday December 9 and Friday, February 9. Sign-ups will be at westpres.org/pno

KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Join us on the front lawn the first Sunday after Labor Day as we kick-off our upcoming program year! We'll have a bounce house, snacks and even a chance to dunk Pastor Scott!

HOOT-N-HOWL

Saturday, October 21 join us for our annual Organ concert and Halloween carnival! This year the kids will start in the Sanctuary for a small part of the concert before coming downstairs for the carnival. Make sure to wear your costume!

ADVENT PARTY

The first Sunday of Advent we gather after Sunday school in the gym (Commons) for our Advent party. We'll have music, snacks and crafts!

EASTER CELEBRATION

On Easter Sunday, between services, we will have special activities designed to teach kids the Easter story including baby chicks or ducks!

PROGRAM YEAR-END CAMPFIRE

As the program year comes to an end we celebrate our students who are 5th graders who are moving to junior high, junior high to senior high and our high school seniors who are graduating. We'll have food snacks and worship outdoors.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS is held the second week of July and is Monday through Friday. Kids play games, eat snacks and hang out with friends while learning about mission and Bible stories. We finish the week on Celebration Sunday with a party on the lawn.

