



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service of Worship

Passion/Palm SUNDAY

April 9, 2017
9:00 a.m.



Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.

This Morning at Westminster

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Community Hall, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Kris Marvel, Carol Neff, Jerry Spilecki, Lisa Stoddard, Josh Thomas, Jennifer Trickey, Gen Wallace-Roe

8:45 – 11:15 a.m. Nursery for babies and toddlers

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 – 4 begin in worship with their families. Following the Time with Children, they walk with a parent to the **Preschool Suite** where they are greeted by the morning coordinator and escorted into **Classroom A**. The children experience simple worship rituals and learn key stories in the Bible. They respond through crafts, songs and prayers.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade begin worship with their families. Following the Time with Children, they walk with their teachers to the Ruth Christie Room. The children learn the language of God’s people through sacred space, stories, parables and liturgical actions. You may pick up your children in the **Preschool Suite Classroom C**.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir** is singing in worship today. Children in grades 3 through 6 will remain in the sanctuary for the entire service.

10:10 a.m.

Education for All Ages

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| ➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers | Preschool Suite |
| ➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program for K – 2 | Youth Music Room |
| ➤ Godly Play 2 | Classroom 4 |
| ➤ Middle Schoolers for Grades 6 – 8 | Classroom 8 |
| ➤ Confirmation Class | Classroom 7 |
| ➤ Sunday Seminars | See page 7 |

11:15 a.m.

Living Mosaics worship in Rodney Chapel. Children are always welcome.

12:00 p.m

Fellowship Time

Meeting Room

Later Today

5:00 pm

180° Youth Dinner and Fellowship

Community Hall/Classroom 6

6:00 p.m.

Clean But Not Straight – NA

Club Room

7:00 p.m.

Parent Support Group for Families with Addiction

Daughtry House Conf. Room

8:00 p.m.

AA

Club Room



Westminster is certified as an “Earth Care Congregation” by the Presbyterian Church (USA). This honor means that we have exhibited exceptional leadership in protecting God’s creation and being good stewards of earth’s resources through our worship, education, outreach and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian Congregations in this country have earned this honored distinction.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Henderer, from her family.

Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event, while expressing praise and thanksgiving to God. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or lwatson@ycst.com for available dates. Dates available are April 23, 30 and May 7, 14, 21 and 28.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Nora Andresen, Fred Carspecken, Jamie Cartmell, Natalie Freeman, Lucille Greth and Julie West.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound** who can no longer attend worship with us, by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Leucia Venable, Ed Hagopian, and Bob Churchill, all at home.

Westminster's Covenant Prayer Group prays weekly for specific needs of the faith community. **You may submit a prayer request** by leaving a confidential message on 302-654-5848, ext. 335, or filling out a prayer request card (in the pew pocket) and placing it in the offering plate.

Afghanistan and Iraq often seems far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans, Iraqis and members of coalition forces continue to die. As Christians, we are called to pray for the spreading of peace and justice and an end to violence. If someone in your family is serving in the military, please let us know, so that we may include that person on our prayer list. Contact Cathy Lang: 302-654-5214 ext. 129, or cathylang@wpc.org.

This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving in various locations:
Brian Gorman, grandson of Art and Barbara Gorman
Sam Pittman, nephew of Roland and Mary Lu Pamm
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
Staff Sergeant Alexandria Mae Morrow, age 25, of Dansville, New York
Staff Sergeant Austin Bieren, age 25, of Umatilla, Oregon
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

WORSHIP NOTES

All children who leave the sanctuary after Children's Time must have a completed yellow security label on their back. If you do not find a security label in the pew pocket, you can obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child's protection. Thank you for your help.

Worship Resources – You can obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7-12 are also available from the ushers.

Are you wearing a nametag? Whether you are a long-time member or new to our church family, wearing a nametag provides others the opportunity to meet you, greet you by name, and for you to become more familiar with others at church. You will find nametags and markers in baskets at all major entrances.

You can make a contribution to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website www.wpc.org and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC OF THE TOWER BELLS

Craig Checkel

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Yes, I was there. And I am there whenever I put my trust in possessions, power, or privilege rather than the way of Christ. God, I promise to love you with my heart, mind, strength, and soul, and to love my neighbor as myself.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship folder to the person next to you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben
(Tune: Hymn #196)

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

We come with our branches, hosannas, and songs!

Fill the air with praises to our Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

*HYMN No. 196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess that we do not always follow the way of Jesus.
Too often we follow a path that is laced with prejudice and indifference
rather than a road of respect and compassion.
It makes us feel confident and secure to ignore our failings.
But when your word pricks our conscience,
we realize that our soul has withered,
and we have wandered far away from you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

“Hosanna to the Son”
Joyful Noise and Sing-to-Praise choirs

Jody Lindh

Hosanna to the Son of David,
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Glory be to God on high!

The people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem; Riding on a donkey’s colt, he came,
palm branches spread before him, The disciples didn’t understand what was happening at first;
But when Jesus, the King, was glorified, then they remembered, it had all been written!

At the asterisk (), please stand as you are able*

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Crawford Theodore Mowery
Son of Katharine and Adam Mowery

*The congregation is asked to please refrain from taking photographs
or video recording during the worship service.*

PRESENTATION OF THE PARENTS AND CHILD

Elder Cathy Higgins

OPENING WORDS

People brought little children to see and hear Jesus.
The disciples tried to turn them away, but Jesus said:
**“Let the little children come to me and do not stop them;
For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”**
And Jesus took the children in his arms, laid his hands on them and blessed them.

PROMISES OF COMMITMENT

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? **We do.**

Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your son? **We do.**

CONGREGATION

Will we, the people of the church, nurture and support Crawford, and his parents, and will we encourage him to become a faithful Christian? **We will.**

CHILDREN

Do you promise to help Crawford be a part of our church family by being a friend to him?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOLLOWING BAPTISM

Children through Grade 2 may leave for Godly Care or Godly Play 1, or they may remain in worship.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

New Testament, page 19
Suzie Hurlock, Lay Reader

SERMON

“The Palms and the Passion”

Greg Jones

*HYMN No. 226

“There in God’s Garden”

SHADES MOUNTAIN

OFFERING

Today we join congregations throughout the Presbyterian Church (USA) in receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. This offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – vital ministries that provide hope, help, and empowerment to people in more than one hundred countries throughout the world. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and write “OGHS” in the memo line, or place cash in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelope found in the pew pocket. Let us give generously so that we may share God’s abundant love with neighbors near and far.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”
Westminster Choir

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond’ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O’er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*HYMN No. 215

“What Wondrous Love Is this”

WONDROUS LOVE

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

F. C. Maker

GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family,
we invite you to meet today’s ambassador, Tammy Daley at the back of the center aisle following the service.
She is happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*



Sunday Seminars

The Story of Salvation: A Lenten Bible Study

Today

Classroom 6

Facilitator: Sudie Niesen Thompson

This year our community will begin the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Saturday, April 15th with an Easter Vigil service. Since the early days of the church, Christians have gathered on the eve of Easter to recount the story of salvation, beginning with creation and culminating in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Throughout Lent we invite you to study some of the Old Testament passages that help us tell this story. Please join the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson as we delve into the texts of our "holy history".

History of the Bible

Today through May 14, 2017

Classroom 3

Facilitator: Bob Cox

Have you ever wondered where the Bible came from? Who wrote it? Why do some Christian Bibles have different books? Who decided which books would be included and how were they chosen? Join Bob Cox to explore these and other questions as we use video lectures, archeological discoveries, samples of key texts, and various classroom aids to follow the path of our sacred scriptures from pre-history to the digital age.

Holy Week AT WESTMINSTER

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – TODAY

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) and 11:15 a.m. (Rodney Chapel)
Rejoice with a procession of palms as we begin Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 13

Worship – 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Storytellers will recount the final hours of Jesus' life. In addition to communion, you have the option of participating in the age-old practice of footwashing, as commanded in the Bible, or an anointing of the hands with oil. Nursery care provided from 6:45 – 8:30 p.m. for infants and toddlers.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 14

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Reflect on the crucifixion through silent prayer and meditation in the Sanctuary or walk the Labyrinth in the Meeting Room (adjacent to Rodney Chapel).

EASTER VIGIL – APRIL 15

Worship – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (begins on Westminster's front lawn)

Since the early days of the church, Christians have gathered on the eve of Easter to remember God's work throughout time, beginning with creation and culminating in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join us for a family-friendly worship service on this Saturday evening as we tell the story of God's love for us and celebrate communion.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 16

8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Easter breakfast in Community Hall

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Festive worship services in the Sanctuary to celebrate Christ's resurrection, with a sermon by Dr. Jones and music by the Westminster Choir, brass, percussion, and organ

10:15 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt (parents and children through 2nd grade meet in Grace Hall)

All are welcome!



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