



March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship – 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.

TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

8:45 – 12:15 p.m. **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Preschool Suite D

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

Time with Our Children (approximately 9:15 a.m.)

The young and young-at-heart are invited to join the worship leader at the front of the sanctuary. Following the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, young ones through fifth grade may be escorted to Children's Programming or they are welcome to remain in worship.

Children's Programming (9:20 – 10:00 a.m.)

- Preschool Sunday School: Ages 3 and 4 in Preschool Suite Room C
- Joyful Noise Choir: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in the Youth Music Room

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. **Holy Toast Café** in Walton Community Hall
Enjoy free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar.

10:10 – 11:00 a.m. **Children and Youth Programming**

- Nursery Care: Age 4 and under in Preschool Suite D
- Kids Zone Sunday School: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in Classroom 1 (The children in Kids Zone will make sandwiches for Emmanuel Dining Room.)
- Confirmation Class in the Sanctuary

Adult Education (see page 6)

- The Gospel of Mark Series: Who is Jesus in the Gospel of Mark? in Classroom 6
- Have You Ever Wanted to be a Lay Reader in Classroom 5

11:15 – 12:00 p.m. **Living Mosaics worship** in Rodney Chapel

For descriptions of our programs for children and youth, visit wpc.org/children-youth.

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The Music: We are delighted to have the leadership of the Westminster Children's Choir in worship today. The group rehearses each Sunday morning at 9:20 in the Youth Music Room. They will sing in worship again on Mother's Day. For more information or to participate, contact EmilyHaas@wpc.org.

The Sanctuary flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Art Connolly by his wife, Joan. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Please contact Linda Watson at (302) 571-6719 or lwatson@ycst.com. The next available dates for flowers are April 7 and 21.

Westminster's Prayer Team prays for the needs of our community. Please submit your prayer request to wpcprayerlist@gmail.com or online at wpc.org/care-support.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

~ Passages in **bold** print may be spoken by all. At the asterisk (*) please stand in body or rise in spirit. ~

TOWER CHIME

Tim Ohmart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Procesión Alegre

Garry Cornell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

*HYMN No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not give us a spirit of cowardice,
But seeks to inspire in us courage, determination and hope.
Let us confess our reluctance to be bold.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, week after week we yearn to deepen our faith,
but the cross is too threatening for us.
We turn away and seek comfort, not sacrifice;
we embrace privilege, not pain.
Yet the suffering love of Christ touches us deeply.
We yearn to be faithful to you,
but we are weak and afraid.
Grant us strength and courage, O God,
that we may become genuine disciples of Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!
Westminster Children's Choir

Jerry D. Taylor

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna! Lift your voice and sing.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna! Praise the King of kings.
Jesus rides a humble donkey through Jerusalem.
Crowds call out and wave their palms to greet the King of kings!
Wave your palms and sing!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 11:1-10

New Testament, page 9

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

*HYMN NO. 200

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd
vs. 1: choir
vv. 2-5: All

CHRISTIAN LOVE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
 All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his love.
 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
 Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!
 —Isaac Watts (1707)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

*HYMN NO. 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Janet Linker

Westminster Children's Choir

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| Hudson Adams | Charlie McAllister |
| Stell Baddorf | Fionn Murphy |
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TUESDAY AFTERNOON VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITY

PICTURING SCRIPTURE

Tuesday, March 26 • 12 p.m. • Zoom

For the Zoom link, email: steve@leadersinsight.com



Picturing Scripture is an interactive visual tour of the Bible that integrates geographical, historical, literary, scientific, philosophical, socio-economic, and other information to provide context that can be vital in gaining a deeper understanding of Bible passages. Each episode begins with three “inappropriate” things for a Bible study that are surprisingly connected to the passages being discussed. Think of it as “a provocateur-guide to the Bible!”

Alan Keohane graduated from Cambridge University England with a Master’s degree in Natural Sciences. Now retired, he spent most of his career in human services. Alan has taught at the National Leadership Institute on Aging and was a faculty member at Alfred University, New York. He has more than 20 years of experience teaching Bible studies, including two years leading a missional Bible study in inner city Wilmington.

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, MARCH 24

The Gospel of Mark Series: Let's All Become Rotarians

Presented by Richmond Williams

10:10–11:00 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom

Zoom link: bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom

In today's class, we will continue to discuss the passages on discipleship in the Gospel of Mark.



Have You Ever Wanted to Be a Lay Reader?

Presented by Chip Pfleegor

10:10–11:00 a.m. | Classroom 5

Have you ever thought about reading the scripture in the Sunday service? Come to this class to explore the opportunity to become part of this lay ministry at Westminster. Chip Pfleegor will discuss what is involved and provide tips and training for how to do the readings.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 31

**Easter Sunday
No Adult Education**

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF)

*Presented by Nora Whisnant, Dr. Nadine Kazzaz,
and Dr. Afnan Albahiri*

10:10–11:00 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom

Zoom link: bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom



PCRF brings medical care to suffering children in Palestine and the Levant who cannot get care where they live. This presentation will outline the

dire needs and uses of the donations for children in Gaza.

Let's Talk About It

10:10–11:00 a.m. | Ruth Christie Room

We are happy to bring back this series. Join us for a lively discussion of a timely topic that is current that week/month.

ONGOING/WEEKLY

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study

Wednesdays | 12 p.m. | Zoom

Contact: Robin Rosser (rlrosser@aol.com)

Evening Bible Study

Thursdays | 6–7 p.m. | Zoom

*Facilitators: Randy Williamson
and Mary Anne Peters*

Contact: randywilliamson1@comcast.net

Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event

NO EVENT ON MARCH 28.

*Join us for Westminster's Maundy Thursday
worship service at 7 p.m.*

Next Peace and Justice event:

April 4 | 7 p.m. | Zoom

Zoom link: bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom

Hosted by our Peace & Justice Work Group.

zoom.us/join | Meeting ID: 860 2752 1655

For full descriptions of our programs and more adult education and small group opportunities, visit WPC.ORG/ADULTS or check our events calendar at WPC.ORG/EVENTS. Select adult education programs are available as a livestream/recording on our [YouTube channel](#).

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and PC(USA) Mission Co-workers Betsey and Eric Moe

Holy Week AT WESTMINSTER

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Worship: 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) and 11:15 a.m. (Rodney Chapel)

Palm Sunday begins the final week in the life of Jesus. At the 9 a.m. service, all children are invited to join the procession of palms and hosannas to herald Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palms will be available for the congregation at both services. Nursery care will be provided from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Worship: 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

The service includes scripture passages recounting the Passion and death of Christ, told by our Biblical Storytellers, stirring music by the Westminster Choir, and communion. Nursery care will be provided from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL, MARCH 30

Worship: 5 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, receive our Confirmation Class into membership, and celebrate communion. Please note: The Easter Vigil is a traveling service and includes opportunities for congregational participation, so comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended!

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Worship: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Christ is risen! Join us for festive worship services celebrating Christ's triumphant resurrection. Both services will include an inspirational sermon by the Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones and joyful music, including Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* by the Westminster Choir, Philadelphia Brass, and percussion. Arrive early to enjoy Easter hymns played on the tower chime. Nursery care will be provided from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Easter Breakfast: 10–11 a.m. (Walton Community Hall)

All are invited to enjoy fellowship and a complimentary Easter Breakfast after the 9 a.m. service or before the 11 a.m. service. This hearty meal will include delicious egg and hashbrown casseroles, fruit, and pastries. No reservation needed!

Easter Egg Hunt: 10:15 a.m. (Front Lawn)

All children aged 11 and under are invited to the front lawn between worship services. Children will be divided into three age groups. Bring your own basket or use a bag provided. Rain location: Grace Hall (lower level).

Join us in person or online! All services in the Sanctuary (except Easter 11 a.m.) will be livestreamed/recorded at wpc.org/watch and directly on our [YouTube channel](#).

*The livestream of the Easter Vigil service will begin when the congregation enters the Sanctuary (approximately 5:10 p.m.).