

Palm Sunday

Service for the Lord's Day
April 14, 2019



*...who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form...*

Philippians 2:6-7

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elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today!
Feel free to take a *Welcome to Westminster* pamphlet from the pew rack. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible. If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Opening Voluntary

8:30

Valet will ich dir geben

J. S. Bach

11:00

La Cathédrale engloutie

Claude Debussy
Lily Frautschi, piano

◆ Processional Hymn 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

◆ Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

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

Anthem 11:00

Hosanna, Sing!

words and music: Douglas Wagner

To you, O Lord, Hosanna we sing, who down to earth salvation brings,
Our guide and our eternal King; Hosanna, sing!

Now at the gates of the city, the people all did throng
to welcome Christ, their Lord and King, and join this triumph song.

Branches they laid in his pathway, as shouts did fill the sky.
From happy hearts that love the Lord, Hosanna is their cry!

Call to Confession

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later shouted, "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week, we see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior. In honesty and hope, let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

while you humbly rode into the city on the back of a donkey,

we confess we parade around our wealth and flaunt our positions of power.

While you followed the difficult way to the cross,

we confess that we take the easy way out, denying you and running away.

While your hands fed and healed and held us,

we confess that our hands serve ourselves and fail to reach out to those around us.

We confess that we sing "Hosanna," but cry "Crucify."

Have mercy on us! Help us to lay at your feet all that we are,

trusting you to forgive what is sinful and to heal what is broken.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS No. 74

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

John 8:2-11

*Hear this good news: Though we are broken, Christ died for us.
Though we are sinners, God loves us.
Beloved, Christ has become our light and salvation.*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Congregational Response

No. 88

All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

◆ Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements for the Church and Community 11:00

A Time for Children and Youth 11:00

Ministry Moment

One Great Hour of Sharing

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

OT pg. 640

Anthem

Sent by the Lord

traditional Cuban melody

traditional words translated by Jorge Maldonado

Sent by the Lord and I; my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is mine to do, to set it really free.
Oh, help me to obey; help me to do your will.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:28-40

NT pg. 78

Sermon

Look at Them

Ken Henry

- ◆ Affirmation of Faith

We believe Jesus is the Son of God and our Lord and Savior.

We believe God knows us individually and loves us equally.

We believe we should reflect God's love through our interactions with others.

We believe the light of Christ guides us and overcomes darkness.

We believe God is molding us to fulfill a greater purpose. Amen.

- ◆ Hymn 76 11:00

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

The Offering

Offertory

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

Samuel Wesley, arr. James Easson

Jesu, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills my breast;

text, Bernard of Clairvaux

But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find

A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of humankind!

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,

To those who fall how kind though art. How good to those who seek.

But what to those who find? Ah! This nor tongue nor pen can show;

The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;

Jesu, be thou our glory now, and through eternity. Amen.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering

HS No. 52

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,

Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:

We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;

Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication

Giver of all good things, let your grace flow through us;

a generous stream, unstoppable, refreshing, abundant.

We release these gifts into your river of love,

flowing out to all the world. Amen.

- ◆ Hymn 100

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Johannes Brahms

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Joyce Kerns by Forrest and Suzanne.

Holy Week

April 18 at 6 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service

Gather in fellowship hall to share a simple meal and an interactive worship service that includes communion.

April 19 at 6 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Join us for a contemplative Tenebrae service with candlelight, Psalms, and the music of Thomas Tallis and William Byrd.

Saturday, April 20, at noon

Easter Egg Hunt, Lunch & Bake Sale

Enjoy lunch with the Westminster church family. Then, pick up some delicious goodies at the bake sale and hunt for some eggs!

Easter Sunday

April 21 at 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Worship

Communion at the 8:30 service; special music at both services.

at 9:30 a.m.

Brunch

After the 8:30 service or before the 11 a.m. service, come to fellowship hall for brunch with the Westminster church family!



Hearing Enhancement – Westminster is equipped with personal hearing assistance devices for use by our worshippers. These are available in the narthex, to be checked out from the ushers before services. Our sanctuary is equipped with “T-coil” technology.

Large-Print versions of the bulletin, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, and our own *Hymnal Supplement* are available for use during the service. If you would like to use any of these large print copies, please ask an usher.

Children and Worship – Families are encouraged to worship together, whenever possible. We strive to include children who are first graders and older in our worship service. Children’s pew Bibles, children’s bulletins, and worship bags are available from the ushers. A “comfort room” is available downstairs for those with small children who might need a place to rest or play. A speaker in that room makes it possible to hear the service.

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Participants in Worship

Liturgist

Lynne Clements

Sound Engineers

8:30 John Kleinschmidt

11:00 Barb Mann

Lay Readers

8:30 Betsy Donohoe

11:00 Allen Hench

Fellowship Team

Ruth Wadlington

Sally Telford

Greeters

8:30 Lucille Digges

11:00 Dana Eastman, Billie Best

Deacon of the Day

Cheryl Oliver

Acolyte

Annabelle Garth

Ushers

8:30 Lee Lewis and

Liza Millett

11:00 Paul Schakel (head)

Forrest Kerns

Dan Nissen

Coming Up

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Christian Ed. Classes

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal,
choir room

12:30 p.m. Session Meeting,
library

Monday, April 17

6 p.m. Associate Pastor

Nominating Cmte, lounge

Tuesday, April 18

6 p.m. Peace, Justice & Inclusion
Cmte, lounge

Thursday, April 18

6 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

Friday, April 19

6 p.m. Good Friday service

Saturday, April 20

10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal,
choir room

Noon Easter Egg Hunt with
lunch and bake sale

Easter Sunday, April 21

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Brunch

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WESTMINSTER NEWS & EVENTS

The offering today is for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Please join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way in which Presbyterians come together to work for a better world through the following programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

A **Special Congregational Meeting** is called for Sunday, May 5, at 12:15 p.m. to elect Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2022, elect a Nominating Committee, amend the WPC Congregational Manual, and other business. To read the changes to the manual, go to the news section of www.westminsterva.org.

Westminster's **Prayer Shawl Group** meets on Monday, April 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lower lounge. We'll continue work on our special project.

Easter Egg Hunt with Lunch and Bake Sale, Saturday, April 20: Hop on over to Fellowship Hall for a delicious lunch (\$10/person), followed by an Easter egg hunt for elementary-age children. In addition, the J2A Class will sell baked goods. Buy tickets after worship today in the Gathering Place or in the church office during the week. All proceeds support the J2A Youth Class Pilgrimage. Can't make it but would like to support the cause? Contribute baked goods (drop off Friday or early Saturday) or make a donation and take a candy-filled egg home with you!

On Easter morning at 9:45 a.m., all are invited to a time of celebration as we gather to feast, sing, and flower the cross. Come to fellowship hall for a brunch between the services. Please bring flowers to transform the bare cross. To sign up for food visit www.westminsterva.org or you may bring something to share.

Join us for the **Men's Breakfast**, on Thursday, April 25, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Greencroft Club. You may also come between 8 and 8:30 a.m. to enjoy an early coffee. To register, contact Allen Hench, ahench@embarqmail.com.

Westminster **Child Care Center Spring Festival**, is on Friday, April 26, 5-7 p.m. Join other families for fun, food, and activities (including a cake walk and raffle – all with a focus on the natural environment) at the Spring Festival in fellowship hall and the courtyard. We also need four volunteers to help at activity booths between 5 and 7 p.m. Proceeds support the WCCC Scholarship Fund. Ellen Hench will be available in the Gathering Place following the 11 a.m. service on April 14 or 21, to answer questions and sign up volunteers.