



APRIL 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

The Resurrection

Westminster Presbyterian Church



Worship Services: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE *Celebration* OF *Worship*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Westminster Brass

Welcome and Announcements

Jo Forrest

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Introit (8:30)

Easter Fanfare

E.E. Ferguson

Christ is risen! Christ, the Lord, is risen from the tomb. Alleluia!

Chancel Choir

*Introit (11:00)

Ring the News!

Michael Bedford

Cherub Choir

*Call to Worship

Faith Kemmler

Leader: We gather across time and place
to attest to a story that has not lost its power
during centuries of conflict and doubt.

People: **We are here because those before us carried this story
as if it were precious gold;
cherished it as if it were the key to a hidden wisdom.**

Leader: Come, take your places at the entrance to an empty tomb.
Stand in awe.

People: **What we are about to hear again has the capacity to change the world.
Our very presence attests to the rising up of life
from the tomb of despair, and to the uncontrollable power of God.**

***Opening Hymn No. 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***Prayer of Confession**

Faith Kemmler

**Dear God,
When we stand before the empty tomb
we don't always feel the joy of resurrection.
We feel fear, doubt, and distrust. We feel empty.
Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life.
Forgive our doubt of your love.
Forgive our unwillingness to follow the risen Christ.**

(A time of silence for personal confession)

***Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness**

Faith Kemmler

Leader: Christ conquered death to restore us to life.
Believe this good news. Live this resurrection.

People: **We will hope in God's promise
because we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Sung Response**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Verse: Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

Anthem (11:00)

Festival Alleluia
Junior Choir

Allen Pote

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Faith Kemmler

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.

Sung Response

Threefold Amen

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Jo Forrest

Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-19

Jo Forrest

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Seeking: Who are you looking for?

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Crown Him!

arr. Dan Forrest

Alleluia! Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne: Hark!
How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul,
and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all
eternity. Crown Him the Lord of love: behold His hands and side – rich wounds, yet
visible above, in beauty glorified; no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but
downward bends his wondering eye at mysteries so bright.

Congregation, please join in singing verses 3 and 4:

Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave, who rose victorious in
the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing, who died and rose on
high, who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die. Crown Him the Lord
of heaven; one with the Father known, one with the sprit through Him giv'n from
yonder glorious throne. To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died; Be thou,
O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified. Alleluia!

*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

Jo Forrest

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn No. 236

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!
- 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days are quickly sped; Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!
- 4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia!

*Benediction

Jo Forrest

*Benediction Response

Easter Fanfare

E.E. Ferguson

Postlude

Toccata from *Symphonie #5*
Jim Burns and Westminster Brass

Charles-Marie Widor

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Faith Kemmler, Chancel Choir, Cherub and Junior Choirs, Jim Burns, Von Campanella, Christine Hestwood, Beth Ketterman, Holly Jones, Westminster Brass: Joe Herndon, Bob Matchett, Steve McKnight, and Julia Nainiger

At Westminster, children and families are essential members of our community

and we encourage all ages to participate in worship. As we celebrate the resurrection, we invite your family to wiggle, sing, dance, color, and make a joyful noise with the congregation. Coloring sheets and a family restroom can be found in the lobby. If you'd like a little more space to wiggle while you worship, the Wiggle Room provides a safe space for families to step away and listen to the service. Whether you are visiting for the first time or a longtime member, we are blessed to have you join us on this holy morning. We invite you to return often and consider making this your church home.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

APR 9 - APR 15, 2023



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SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC/Lvstrm. WROC Fitness
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239

**Wiggle Room – 9:45 - Upstairs WROC Fitness Room;
8:30/11:00 - Room 239. Available to *families with children from birth through age 3* 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

1:00	Movers and Shakers	WROC Rm. 283
4:30	Youth Bible Study Seeking:Lenten Devotional Group Conversations	RM. 238
4:45	Cherub Choir (Grds K-2) Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6) Little Ones & Loved Ones	Rm. 176 Rm. 268 Rm. 194
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	North Main Entry Rm. 176 Rm. 233 Youth Dept.
6:30	The Artist's Way	Rm. 231
6:45	Grief Care	Rm. 290
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.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

12:00	AA	Rm. 176
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Adult Comm. Mtg.	Rm. 107
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club Scout Pack 366 Adult Committee Meeting WECEP Board Meeting	Zoom Rm. 107 Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:00	Al Anon Outreach Commission	Rm. 131 Rm. 176
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 176
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AA Al Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 231

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

9:00	Inquirers Gathering	Rm. 283
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Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs

2023 Easter Memorial / Honoree Flowers

Given by:

Jon M. Anderson
Fritz & Linda Balsinger
John Baumiller
Drue & Tony Bellora

Kristy Berrott
Alex & Susan Bunson
Donna Carroll
Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Carson III
The Coady Family

Barbara Cox
R. Loraine Dellaria

Jay Descalzi
Susan Fitzsimmons
The Fitzsimmons Family
Hamish & Jo Forrest
Suzanne Free

Sally Grabowski
The Hammel Family
Jim & Cecile Harris

The Heilman Family
Bev Hilty
Dorothy Huff
The James C. Ickes Jr. Family

Karen & Russ Kern
Kathy Knopp
Kathy Knopp & Family
The Krock Family

Traci Krzywicki
Ted & Sara Kyle
Flo Lawrence & Family
Marilyn Lindstrom
Bill & Maureen Ludwig

In Memory of:

Mrs. Loraine Paul Anderson
Loved Ones
Mr. & Mrs. William Baumiller
Betty Simpson, Diane Simpson & Mac Simpson
Susan Niederberger
Ruth & Ron Berrott
Our Parents
John Carroll & Family
Loved Ones
Peter Amadt, John & Laura Hegarty
Agnes Schmalt, Joe & Helen Coady
Loved Ones
Mr. & Mrs. Howard I. Richey
Mary Jane Richey Lonick
Joan Descalzi
Gilbert Fitzsimmons
Rev. Dr. Gilbert J. Fitzsimmons
Jack & Margaret Forrest
Patricia Lynwood Hamilton
William & Jayne Hamilton
Parents, Ben & Florence Milcarek
Bob & Sue Harper
Madlyn & Woody Hobson
Les, Gerry & Tom Harris
Donna & Dick Heilman
Dave & Other Loved Ones
Susan R. Niederberger
James & Emma Ickes
Harry & Virginia Simmons
Samuel Ickes
Dr. George Carrick & Ren Simmons
Alice Nacey
Walter Knopp
Ruth & George C. Krock
Betty & Dan Heiple
Reverend Wilma Horner
Sara Cathcart Ruhle
Bob Lawrence
Carl Lindstrom
Jack O'Brien
Bill & Christine Ludwig

Given by:

Marge & Frank McCabe

Tim & Jane McConnell

Dr. & Mrs. James McMaster, Jim & Judy

Joni & Ruth McMillen

Barbara Myers

Andie & Bob Noah

Ruth O'Brien

Susan Philips-Castelli

Hedy & George Pitcairn

Kelly & Richard Ralston

Mark & Laura Rhoa

Marilyn, Jim, John & Aki Roberts

Bill & Denise Rost

Nancy Schneider

Pat Schofield

Rick & Alicia Scott

Sandy Shanahan

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Carole & Roy Strobe

Mark & Kerry Swaney

Bonnie Thompson

Tim & Sandy Thompson

Claire & Charlie Thornburgh

Flo VanCara Sheap

Susan & John VanCleve

Monica VanZandt

Joan E. Watson

Barb & John Wehn

Jackie, Jeff & Craig Wilson

Craig & Angela Zavadil

In Memory of:

Adrian & Betty Oskam

Frank & Eileen McCabe

Our Parents, Ruth & Bill McConnell

Our Sister, Janice McConnell

Kristin Lee McMaster

Lillie Sirakos & Betty Lubic

Jim Myers

Our Parents

Jack O'Brien

Husband, Frank, and Family

Grace & Edward Streets

Katheryn & George Pitcairn Sr.

Abbey Victoria and Karen Ralston

Donald Watson

Mary Margaret Rhoa

John M. Roberts

Jane F. Skutt

Family Members

Son, Christopher Norton

Jane Wallace & Lucille Fitzsimmons

Charlotte & Charlie Massinople

Laura & Arthur Way

Loved Ones

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Peter & David Swaney

Loved Ones

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Jack & Helen Watson

Charlie & Ennid Thornburgh

Robert D. Sheap

Our Parents

Mother, Jacqueline Moorefield

Dorothy, Thomas & John Watson

Our Parents

John Wilson

Henry Sisson

Richard & Rosalie Zavadil

Given by:

Anonymous

Mark & Laura Rhoa

Bill & Denise Rost

In Honor of:

Rev. Dr. Jo Forrest

Eleanor Rhoa

Our Grandchildren

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