

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Services



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



THE Celebration OF Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Westminster Brass

Introit

Easter Fanfare

E.E. Ferguson

Rejoice in the Resurrection

Laura Bentley

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: At the beginning of the common era,
a peasant refused to regard Cesar as god or
play by the rules of the establishment.

People: **This man, Jesus, had a weakness
for the outsiders and the broken.
His love for people threatened the Roman order,
so he was executed.**

Leader: On the first Easter day,
an empty tomb shows that suffering and death are not the end.
God's love can roll away a stone to the prison of death and
God's love lives on.

People: **We gather in this sanctuary,
in God's presence to proclaim again he is risen.
He is risen. Praise 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!

A Word for All Ages

Dee Waters

*Sending Prayer: Go with us Lord and guide the way through this and every coming day.
That in your spirit strong and true, our lives may be a gift to you. Amen.*

***Prayer of Easter Hope**

Dear God, on this morning of alleluias,
we confess to you how human we are.
We haven't done any great evil,
but we have failed to do good when we had the chance.

We have not intentionally hurt anyone,
but too often looked aside of the forgotten and oppressed.
We know the tomb was empty,
but find it difficult to trust in the resurrection and share the good news.

Bring us new life. Where we are tired and stressed,
give us the energy to begin again.
Change our indifference into tender grace.
Forgive us of all the hurts we have and have done to others.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Dawn has broken and new life is revealed. In Christ we have the forgiveness of sins, the promise of new life now and the hope of resurrection. In Christ is the fullness of life. Come, join in.

People: **We know we are loved and forgiven. We know that life is full of possibility that has no end. Amen and amen.**

***Sung Response - Hymn No. 240** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

(Refrain)

Prayers of the People

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.

Choral Response

SEVENFOLD AMEN

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

The Gospel of Mark 16:1-8

New Testament, page 54

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Storybook Endings

Jo Forrest

Offertory Anthem

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;

And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords.

*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

—Continued

***Closing Hymn No. 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATAS

1. 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.
2. 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 burning eye
at mysteries so bright.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Easter Fanfare

E.E. Ferguson

Postlude

My Spirit Be Joyful

J.S. Bach

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Dee Waters, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Chancel Choir, and Westminster Brass (Steve McKnight and Joe Herndon, trumpet; Mark Snyder and Julia Nainiger, trombone).

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.

Sunday School for PreK through 4th Grade - Room 233

Children will begin worship with their families. Following the Word for All Ages, they will be dismissed to their Sunday School teachers. After worship, parents will meet their children at their classroom.

The Wiggle Room - Room 239

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

MAR 31-APRIL 6, 2024



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SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:30	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room**	Sanctuary Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.) Wiggle Room - The Bridge** Westminster Seminars	WROC/Lvstrm. Rm. 176 WROC Fitness Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Wiggle Room** Sunday School (PreK-4th Grade)	Sanctuary/Lvstrm. Rm. 239 Rm. 233
7:00	Youth Choir (Grades 7 - 12)	Rm. 268

***Sunday School** – dismissed from worship after children's message. A time for children in PreK through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 1

12:00	AA	Fellowship Hall
7:00	The Grace Westminster Book Club Zoom	

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

7:00	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
8:45	THS Board Meeting	Rm. 231
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
6:00	Community Engagement Commission	Rm. 238
	Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	Rm. 268
7:30	Scout Troup 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

9:00	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:45	Little Ones & Loved Ones Cherub Choir (Grades K-2) Junior Choir (Grades 3 - 6)	Rm. 194 Rm. 176 Rm. 268
5:30	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (PreK-2nd Grd) Kids' Connection (3rd/4th Grds) JAM - Youth Group (Grds 5-6) Veritas Youth Group (Grds 7-12)	Rm. 233 Rm. 176 North Main Entry Youth Dept.
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

7:00	Chancel Choir Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) Lenten Study	Rm. 268 Rm. 283
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:00a	Seed to Supper Program	Rm. 194
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Children's &
Family Ministry



Food &
Fellowship Menu



Music &
Choirs

2024 Easter Memorial / Honoree Flowers

Given by:

In Memory of:

Barbara & Richard Allwes	Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles
Bacheson and Platt Families	Flo & Bob Lawrence
Fritz & Linda Balsinger	Loved Ones
Bea Bartko	David Bartko Grandparents
John Baumiller	William & Mary Baumiller
Ray & Kristy Berrott	Bob Shaw Ron & Ruth Berrott
Taylor Blice	Mother & Father
Jan Blice	Mother & Father, sister Deb, brother Bill
Von & Suzanne Campanella	Loved Ones
Donna Carroll	John Carroll & Loved Ones
W.B. Carson III Family	Loved Ones
Susan Castelli	Family & Friends
The Coady Family	Reed Schieve
Bobbie Copeland	Loving husband and father, David J. Copeland
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Sally Grabowski	Parents Ben & Florence Milcarek
Drew Hauth	Jane & Chuck Hauth
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Bev Hilty	My husband, Dave Hilty
Isabelle Holzapfel	John Holzapfel
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Karen & Russ Kern	Dr. George Carrick & Ren Simmons
The Kerr Family	Virginia Byerly Kerr
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The Krock Family	Ruth & George C. Krock Betty & Dan Heiple
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The Langlois Family	Al Thompson Margy and Jim Langlois
Marilyn Lindstrom	Carl Lindstrom and our parents
Bill & Maureen Ludwig	Jack O'Brien Bill & Christine Ludwig

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In Memory of:

Adrian & Betty Oskam

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Our Parents, Ruth & Bill McConnell

Our Sister, Janice McConnell

Loved Ones

My wise parents and grandparents

Betty Lubic & Lillie Sirakos

Christine Michael Torie

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Our Parents

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Katheryn & George Pitcairn Sr.

Karen Ralston

Abbey Victoria Ralston

John M. & Marilyn Roberts

Jane F. Skutt

For family members no longer with us

Jane Wallace & Lucille Fitzsimmons

Stuart L. Schurr

Charlotte & Charlie Massinople

Linda Serene

Loved Ones

Robert D. Sheap

Loved Ones

Bill Singleton, husband

Amelia Kelly, mother

William Singleton

Amelia Kelly

John W. Stephen II

Peter & David Swaney

Loved Ones

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Our Parents

Dorothy, Thomas & John Watson

Parents, Paul and Marthe Haupt

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Given by:

Anonymous

Ethel & Rick Collins

Bill & Denise Rost

In Honor of:

The Rev. Dr. Jo Forrest

The Rev. Laura Bentley

Our Family

With grateful hearts for many blessings

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