

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025 | 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
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from *Messiah* G.F. Handel
Katy Williams, soprano

Welcome

*Celebrate the Risen Christ

*Passing the Peace

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the dark before dawn,
we believe that God is alive.
In the midst of our grief,
we believe the spirit is at work.

People: In the chaos of our broken world,
we believe that love reigns,
for no stone could hold back God
and no violence could keep God's love from us.

Leader: So today we sing, Alleluia!
Christ has died
and Christ is risen!

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| <p>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!</p> <p>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!</p> | <p>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!</p> <p>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!</p> |
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***Prayer of Easter Hope**

Dear God,
in raising Jesus from the tomb
you have given us the sure sign of
the power of love over human violence.
You have given new life to all creation.
We confess that we still fall into fear.
We continue to cling to selfish ways
and doubt your power to make all things new.
Forgive our lack of faith.
Have mercy on our weakness.
Raise us from fear to become
witnesses to the reality of Christ's resurrection.

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

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

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.

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

Anthem	Since by Man Came Death from <i>Messiah</i>	G.F. Handel
Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.		

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.	
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Choral Response	SEVENFOLD AMEN	
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Prayer for Illumination		
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Scripture Lesson	Luke 24:1-12	New Testament, page 90
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.	
	People: Thanks be to God.	

Sermon	Become a Witness	Jo Forrest
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Offertory Anthem	Hallelujah from <i>Messiah</i>	G.F. Handel
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*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		
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*Closing Hymn No. 239	Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing	GELOBT SEI GOTT
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*Benediction		
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*Benediction Response	He Is Lord	arr. D.M.
He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!		

Postlude	Symphony No. 1, Final	Louis Vierne
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Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Richard Norris III, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, Katy Williams, the Chancel Choir, and Westminster Brass (Steve McKnight and Joe Herndon, trumpet; Jeremiah Umholtz and Julia Nainiger, trombone).

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45a	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestream
	Bridge Sunday School (4yrs-1st Grade)	Rm. 176
	Bridge Sunday School (2nd-4th Grade)	Rm. 284
	Wiggle Room**	WROC Fitness
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 233
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239

MONDAY, APRIL 21

12:00	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Rm. 107
7:00	Session Meeting	Galbreath Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00a	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:15	Pastor Nominating Committee	Rm. 238
7:30	Boy Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

9:00a	Men's Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:45	Cherub Choir (K-2nd Grade)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (3rd-6th Grade)	Rm. 268
	Little Ones and Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:15	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Kids' Connection (5yrs-2nd Grade)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (3rd-4th Grade)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (5th - 6th Grades)	N. Main Entry
	Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
6:30	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Fellowship Hall
	Sushi Night	Kitchen
7:00	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Al Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

*Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message; 11:00 a.m., report directly to Room 233. A time for children 4 years 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 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.



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Children's &
Family
Ministry



Food &
Fellowship
Menu



Music &
Choirs

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.

11:00 Sunday School for 4 years old through 4th Grade - Room 233

The Wiggle Room - Room 239

2025 Easter Memorial/Honoree Flowers

Given by:

Barbara & Richard Allwes & Family
Bacheson and Platt Families
Fritz & Linda Balsinger
Bea Bartko
John Baumiller
Barbara & Les Botkin
The Burton Family
David & Denise Burton
Liz Camody
Von & Suzanne Campanella
Donna M. Carroll
Barbara Cox

Blair, Missy, and Callee Dalbon

Dave & Sue Davis

R. Loraine Dellaria

Lynn Cummings Dempsey

Jay Descalzi

In Memory of:

Loved ones from Ball, Blinn, Davidson families

Flo & Bob Lawrence

Loved Ones

David Bartko

William & Mary Baumiller

Our parents

Dr. Margaret Burton

Loved Ones

Clinton G. & Katharine B. Denny, parents

Loved Ones

John & Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Michael Shields, brother

Jason Shields, cousin

Joe Kascak, uncle

Our parents

Mr. & Mrs. Howard and Anne Richey

Mary Jane Richey Lonick

Loved Ones

Joan Descalzi

Given by:

Leslie Engelmeier

Jeff & Gene Ewing

Susan Fitzsimmons

Hamish & Jo Forrest

Beth & Jeff Greenwald

The Heilman Family

Kathleen & Creed Hess

Bev Hilty

Isabelle Holzapfel

The James C. Ickes Jr. Family

Russ & Karen Kern

Wilma Knapp

Kathy Knopp

Catherine Kramer

The Krock Family

Traci Krzywicki

Ted & Sara Kyle

Marilyn Lindstrom

Bill & Maureen Ludwig

Marge & Frank McCabe

Tim & Jane McConnell

Charlotte McDaniel

Jim & Judy McMaster

Joni & Ruth McMillen

Barbara Myers

Andie & Bob Noah

Ruth O'Brien

Hedy & George Pitcairn

In Memory of:

Dwight A. Seeley

Susan Beasley

Galen Evans

Kay & Kirsten Ewing

Gilbert Fitzsimmons

Jack & Margaret Forrest

Evelyn Preuninger

Hazel Perrin

Russ Landis

Dick & Donna Heilman

Howard & Doris Bower

Donna & Dick Heilman

Mary & Creed Hess

Agnes & William Ehrgott

David Hilty

John Holzapfel

James & Emma Ickes

Harry & Virginia Simmons

Samuel Ickes

George Carrick

Ren Simmons

David Knapp, husband

Michael Brindley, grandson

Walt Knopp

Loved Ones

Ruth & George C. Krock

Betty & Dan Heiple

Robert & Wilma Horner

Meredith Miller

Carl Lindstrom

Bill & Christine Ludwig

Jack O'Brien

Adrian & Betty Oskam

Frank & Eileen McCabe

Our Parents, Ruth & Bill McConnell

Our Sister, Janice McConnell

Col. James H. Metz

Kristin Lee McMaster

Betty Lubic & Lillie Sirakos

James Myers

Loved Ones

Jack O'Brien

Grace & Edward Streets

Kathryn & George Pitcairn Sr.

Given by:

Robert & Maryanne Purdy

Ralston Family

The Rhoa Family

James, John & Aki Roberts

Bill & Denise Rost

Pat Schofield

Rick Scott

Harry Serene

Sandy Shanahan

The Simon Family

Lois Singleton

Joan & Peter Stephans

Mary Jean Stephen

Neal & Rebecca Stoczynski

Bonnie Thompson

Tim & Sandy Thompson

Judith Viviano

Joan E. Watson

Laura West

Karen Williams

Jackie & Jeff Wilson

In Memory of:

Our parents

Abbey Victoria Ralston

Karen Ralston

Al & Mary Margaret Rhoa

Dick & Anita Crum

L. K. Smith

Paul Jr. & Priscilla Swain

Marilyn Roberts & John M. Roberts

Jane Skutt

To the glory of our risen Lord

With love, for those we have lost

Jane Wallace

Lucille Fitzsimmons

Laura G. Way

Robert W. Scott

Charlotte & Charlie Massinople

Linda Serene

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Amelia Kelly

Bill Singleton

Their parents and grandparents

John W. Stephen II

Craig Stoczynski

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Joseph Viviano

Dorothy, Thomas & John Watson

Janet Zuberbuhler ("Grammy")

J. Robert Zuberbuhler ("Bop-Bop")

Dorothy Herman

Parents, Paul and Marthe Haupt

Gregg Yeager

John H. Wilson

Craig Wilson

Given by:

Anonymous

Lois Franks

John & Suzanne Free

Charlotte McDaniel

Ruth O'Brien

Susan & John Van Cleve

In Honor of:

The Fellowship of L.I.F.T.

Dan Paul

Luca Angelo Mizzi

Family and veterans of the Vietnam War on
the 50th anniversary of it ending

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Raymond Van Cleve

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Westminster Seminars Puritan and Presbyterian: A British and American History

April 27 (No seminars TODAY) | Galbreath Chapel

Speaker: John Wilson - This series considers the religious situation in England in the 17th century as the context of the migrations to New England and as the source of New England church and theology.

For more info and the Zoom link, go to
<https://westminster-church.org/event/westminster-seminars/>.



Coming Up Next Month: What Is the Christian Hope?

May 4, 11, 18, and 25 | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

Speaker: John Burgess, Professor of Theology, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary - A Christian thinker once said, "I am not an optimist, but I do have hope." This series will explore the distinctive Christian hope that God is at work to bring all things to good, even when we cannot see clearly how - whether because of personal crisis or social change. Scripture and Christian teaching will guide our discussion.

Pocket Change Project

Palm Sunday through Mother's Day

The Cherub Choir, along with Children's & Family Ministry, invites all children and families to join us this year in collecting pocket change to help sponsor school children in Haiti! Our designated collection at all services is Mother's Day, May 11. Special collection boxes are available for everyone in the narthex or at the reception desk.

GIVE TODAY!

Or text WPCUSC POCKETCHANGE to 73256.



Gentle Yoga

Fridays, April 25-June 6 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

A gentle form of the classical hatha yoga poses and slow-moving yoga postures. Students can use a chair for balance, and they should be able to get up and down off the floor. To register, go to wroc.westminster-church.org.



Help Assemble QuickKit Bags

Sunday, April 27 | After each worship service | Room 274

Come and make QuickKits with us! QuickKits are bags of essential items like deodorant, shampoo, a toothbrush, and more put together in a reusable bag. We will fill them together and put them throughout the church to take and give to those in need. For questions, contact Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org.

Listening Sessions With Members of PNC

Sunday, April 27 or May 4 | 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) wants to hear from you! Please join us for one of these listening sessions:

Following the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services in the Sanctuary

Following the 9:45 worship service in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday Reading Group

Tuesday, April 29 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

We will discuss Andy Weir's *Project Hail Mary*, a story of redemption and sci-fi.

WPC Book Group

Wednesday, April 30 | 12:00 p.m. | Church Library

We will discuss *Accidental Saints: Finding God in all the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. All are welcome!

Bite Size Bible Podcast

In the Bite Size Bible podcast, friends from Westminster (and some special guests) join me for candid, unedited conversations to try to make sense of the Bible. We dive into questions like, "What is the Bible? How should I read it? What does it mean that scripture is inspired?" and many more. These are big questions, but with nuance, thoughtfulness, and some humor, we'll explore them bit by bit. If you have questions, contact Laura Bentley at bentley@westminster-church.org.



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