



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Processional on *Crucifer*

Donald Busarow

Introit (11:00)

Everybody's Got a Place in the Choir
Cherub Choir

Greg Gilpin

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: On Good Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

People: **On Good Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

Leader: On Good Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

People: **But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**

Leader: The good news is dancing!

People: **The good news is on the loose!**

Leader: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

People: **Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.**

*Opening Hymn No. 236

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

*Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, God,

when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.

Forgive us, God,

when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.

Forgive us, God,

when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors.

Show us how to embody your good news in this world.

Show us how to hold onto hope.

Show us how to be your Easter people.

(A time of silence for personal confession)

***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 (11:00)

God Made Me!
Junior Choir

Michael Jothen

Prayers of the People and 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.

Congregational Response

THREEFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 20:19-31

New Testament, page 114

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

In Defense of Thomas

Faith Kemmler

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Easter Song

arr. Mark Hayes

Offering and Pocket Change Collection

***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**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn No. 826**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way.
Know that the God who sent his son to die that we might live
will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world.

***Postlude**

Postlude on *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

Healy Willan

Leading in worship: Faith Kemmler, Jerry Malarkey, Tom Drake, Lorraine Milovac, Beth Ketterman, Lana Kipp, Jim Burns, the Quartet, Chancel, Junior, and Cherub Choirs.

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Sunday, April 12, 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to Jeff Ewing on the death of his father, F. Gene Ewing, on April 3. We offer our prayers for Roy Leuch during a recent hospitalization.

Westminster Seminars TODAY | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

SPRING SERIES: Under Our Own Vine and Fig Tree: The AME Movement
presented by Richard Norris III, our 2024-25 seminary intern. For more info and the Zoom link, go to westminster-church.org/event/westminster-seminars/.



The Pocket Change Project

TODAY | Collection at all three services

Today is the day that we collect pocket change during the offering to support students at La Croix New Testament Mission in Haiti. Members of the Haiti Child Sponsorship Team will also be available in the Welcome Center at the North Entry, and in the WROC before and after Bridge worship. Please seek out these team members if you would like to know more about sponsoring the education of a student.

Mission and Me

Deadline to submit: April 14

The Mission and Fellowship Commission wants to hear about the missions and ministries that inspire you! If there is an organization that you love and are involved with, please consider partnering with us by filling out a mission partner form. For more details and assistance, please contact Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org.



Youth Mission Trip Bingo Fundraiser

Sunday, April 26 | 3:00-5:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Come on down and invite your friends to your favorite church bingo hall (Fellowship Hall) for what is sure to be a great night of bingo fun! All congregation members and friends are invited to attend. Proceeds will go toward the Veritas youth summer mission trip. Online registration is required. Contact Harrison Burgess at burgess@westminster-church.org with any questions. The youth thank you for your support!



WPC Book Group Meeting

Wednesday, April 29 | Noon-1:15 p.m. | Church Library

We will discuss *Woman of God* by James Patterson. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book! Any questions can be directed to Nana Wilson at callingnana@gmail.com.

Single Women's Group - Pirate Game

Thursday, July 9 | Game Time 12:35 p.m. | Cost: \$47

Enjoy an afternoon at PNC Park and root for the Pirates as they play the Atlanta Braves. Transportation included. Space is limited to 13.



Bite Size Bible Podcast, new episodes Tuesdays

Listen in as Laura Bentley and Faith Kemmler wrestle with what the Bible really says, with thoughtfulness and nuance. You can catch up on their most recent series diving into theories of atonement and a special Easter episode exploring the resurrection in each Gospel. Find it wherever you get your podcasts.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

APRIL 12-18, 2026

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

8:00	Splash Lagoon - Veritas Youth	Offsite
8:00	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)*	Rm. 222
8:30	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:30	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestream
	Bridge Sunday School (4yrs-1st Grade)**	Rm. 176
	Bridge Sunday School (2nd-4th Grade)**	Rm. 284
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge***	WROC Fitness
9:45	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)**	Rm. 233
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239

MONDAY, APRIL 13

12:00p	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

9:00a	Men's Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:45p	Little Ones and Loved Ones	Rm. 222 Nursery
	Cherub Choir	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir	Rm. 268
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 Grade)	Rm. 257 JAM
	Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
6:45	Grief Care	Memorial Parlor
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 231
6:00p	Girl Scout Troop 26635	Yahweh Café
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar-Anon (Doors #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
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SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Please see an usher if you need help finding the following:

*Nursery - Staffed care for infants through preschool.

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

***Wiggle Room - Available to families with children who would prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service.



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Children's & Family Ministry



Food & Fellowship Menu



Music & Choirs