

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026 | 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
Alleluia from *Exsultate, Jubilate*
Katy Williams, soprano

W.A. Mozart

Welcome

*Celebrate the Risen Christ

*Introit

Christ Triumphant

Mark Patterson

*Call to Worship

Leader: At the beginning of the Common Era,
a peasant refused to regard Caesar 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.

People: **God's love lives on.
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!

***Prayer of Easter Hope**

Dear God, we want to be Easter people.
We want to shout your good news.
We want to follow the disciples who ran to look for you.
We want to hear the angel say "do not be afraid,"
but we are afraid.
And we don't know where to look.

Forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.
Our best-laid plans and confidence fray in the world of doubt.
Forgive us. Show us how to trust the good news.

***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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Good News Endures

Jo Forrest

Offertory Anthem

Crown Him!

arr. Dan Forrest

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal (page 35)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

All are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper. Gluten-free elements are available in the center of each plate. The grape juice is non-alcoholic.

Prayer of Sending

*Closing Hymn No. 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

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1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. The Lord of life is risen today! Death's mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Our Strength and Our Song

Mark Patterson

Postlude

Grand Choeur in A

Alexandre Guilmant

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, Chris Hestwood, the Chancel Choir, and Westminster Brass: Joe Herndon and Steve McKnight, trumpet; Julia Nainiger and Ryan Smith, trombone; Von Campanella, timpani.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

APRIL 5-APR 11

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery (Birth–Preschool)*	Rm. 222
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45a	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestream
	Nursery (Birth–Preschool)*	Rm. 222
	Wiggle Room**	WROC Fitness
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Nursery (Birth–Preschool)*	Rm. 222
	Wiggle Room	Rm. 239

MONDAY, APRIL 6

12:00p	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
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TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

9:00a	Men’s Small Group Bible Study	Rm. 231
1:30p	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
4:45p	Cherub Choir (K-2nd Grade)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (3rd-6th Grade)	Rm. 268
	Little Ones and Loved Ones	Rm. 194
5:15p	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00p	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.
6:30p	Taizé Worship Service	Galbreath Chapel
7:00p	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
5:00p	JAM Retreat	Camp Crestfield
	Splash Lagoon - Veritas Youth	Off Site
7:00p	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	AI Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

12:00p	JAM Retreat	Camp Crestfield
All Day	Splash Lagoon - Veritas Youth	Off Site

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

*Nursery - Staffed care for infants through preschool.

***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

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. Our ushers are happy to help you locate the following family resources:

- Nursery care is available for children from birth through preschool in Room 222.
- Worship activity bags and a family restroom can be found in the lobby.
- The Wiggle Room (Room 239) provides a safe space for families to step away, listen to the service, and wiggle while you worship.

Whether you are visiting for the first time or are 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.

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Please extend sympathies to the family of Michael and Susan Molli on the death of Mike's mother, Betty Molli, on March 29.

2026 Easter Memorial & Honoree Flowers

Given by:

Barbara & Richard Allwes & Family

Bacheson & Platt Families

Fritz & Linda Balsinger

Laura Baumann Ecklin

Alexander Bunson

Liz Camody

Lisa Carper

Donna M. Carroll

Linda & Richard Cobb

Barbara Cox

Bill, Karlyn & Tommy Davis

Dave & Sue Davis

R. Loraine Dellaria

In Memory of

Loved Ones

Flo & Bob Lawrence

Loved Ones

Norman & Bartine Pace

Our Parents

Clinton G. & Katharine B. Denny

Jeff & Daniel Carper

John & Loved Ones

Our Family

Loved Ones

Jean, Carl, Tom & Sandy Dauber

Jacqueline, Arthur & Eleanor Davis

Our Parents

Mr. & Mrs. Howard & Anne Richey

Mary Jane Richey Lonick

Given by:

Jay Descalzi
Tom & Kris Drucis
Jeff & Gene Ewing
Raymond & Marilyn Fitzsimmons
Susan Fitzsimmons
Hamish & Jo Forrest
David Frame
John & Suzanne Free

Beth & Jeff Greenwald

Mary Hardy
Evelyn Hawk
The Heilman Family

The James C. Ickes Jr. Family

Wilma Knapp

Catherine Kramer

The Krock Family

Ted & Sara Kyle

Bill & Maureen Ludwig

Janice Maszle

Marge & Frank McCabe

Charlotte McDaniel

Andie & Bob Noah

The Null Family

Ruth O'Brien

Robert & Maryanne Purdy

The Ralston Family

Robert Ralston

James, John & Aki Roberts

Bill & Denise Rost

Elizabeth Schofield

In Memory of:

Joan Descalzi
Hale Oliver
Kay & Kirsten Ewing
Rev. Dr. Gilbert J. Fitzsimmons

Gilbert Fitzsimmons

Hazel Perrin

Mary Frame

William & Jayne Hamilton

Russ Landis

Dick & Donna Heilman

Howard & Doris Bower

Robert Hardy

Zachary, Charlotte, Ruth Ann Hawk & Eugene Peck

Donna & Dick Heilman

James & Emma Ickes

Harry & Virginia Simmons

Samuel Ickes

David Knapp

Michael Brindley

Loved Ones

Ruth & George C. Krock

Betty & Dan Heiple

Richard David Ruhle

Bill & Christine Ludwig

Jack O'Brien

My Parents

Adrian & Betty Oskam

Frank & Eileen McCabe

Larry L. Cotvell

Our Parents

John Null

Jack O'Brien

Our Parents

Abbey Victoria Ralston

Karen Ralston

Abbey & Karen Ralston

Marilyn Roberts & John M. Roberts

Loved Ones

In gratitude for many blessings

Lucille Fitzsimmons

Jane C. Wallace

Given by:

Rick Scott

Harry Serene

Sandy Shanahan

Lois Singleton

Chip Staub

Mary Jean Stephen

Neal & Rebecca Stoczynski

Tim & Sandy Thompson

Judith Viviano

Joan E. Watson

Karen Williams

Jackie, Jeff & Craig Wilson

Greg & Marta Winks

In Memory of:

Laura G. Way

Robert W. Scott

Charlotte & Charlie Massinople

Linda Serene

Loved Ones

Amelia Kelly

Bill Singleton

The Staub, Lanick, Bender & Reif Families

John W. Stephen II

Howard & Jane Edwards

Loved Ones

Joseph Viviano

Dorothy, Thomas & John Watson

Parents, Paul & Marthe Haupt

Craig Wilson

Dan & Mary Winks

Given by:

Hamish Forrest

Anonymous

Linda & Richard Cobb

Lois Franks

Meredith, Katie & Eve Kladakis

Chip Staub

Susan & John Van Cleve

In Honor of:

Rev. Dr. Jo Forrest

Rev. Laura Bentley

Our Family

Eileen Slater

Rev. Jason Freyer

R. Loraine Dellaria

The Staub, Lancik, Bender & Reif Family

Raymond Van Cleve

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