



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

3 April 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Voluntary

Grant Peace, We Pray

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord. In our time peace,  
oh, send us. For there is none on earth but thee, none  
other to defend us. Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.

### \*Ringing of the Bell

*The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

### \*Call to Worship

Isaiah 43

Leader:

Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.

People:

**For the Lord is about to do a new thing!**

Leader:

Now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?

People:

**The Lord has prepared a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert to give us drink.**

Leader:

Declare God's praise, O people!

Let us, with every living thing, honor the Lord!

## Lenten Candle Service

As we extinguish the fifth Lenten candle and continue our walk toward Holy Week, the ordinary object of oil reminds us of the tenderness and the generosity of the woman who anointed Christ's head with oil on his journey to the cross. Let us pray:

**Jesus, you remember us. You honor what we offer in love, be it expensive oil or a heartfelt lament. When we come to you and pour ourselves out in love or fear or doubt or praise, you welcome us. When we feel we have nothing to give, you embrace us and tell us we are enough. Thanks be to you, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*St. Denio*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Author of Life and Source of all hope, as we journey through this holy season, we confess that we forget you walk with us, love us, and nudge us to turn from what is evil and towards the good. O Lord, help us to look clearly at our lives and the world so that we may set aside our distractions, embrace all you love, and proclaim good news with joy. Restore us, renew us, and remember us as we seek you in our word and deed. Hear now your silent prayers of confession.

**\*Sung Response**

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Hymnal, Back Cover

**\*Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Response of Praise**

Gloria Patri

Hymnal, Back Cover

**Children's Sermon**

*Students in grades Pre-K – 5 will go to Sunday school class during the Congregational Response.*

**Congregational Response**

Spirit of the Living God

*Living God*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**First Scripture Reading**

Matthew 26:6-13

Pew Bible, NT page 29

**Second Scripture Reading**

John 12:1-8

Pew Bible, NT page 106

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Value in Oil Rev. Christian K. Choi  
*Text: Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.*  
*Matthew 26: 13*

**Anthem** I Waited for the Lord Felix Mendelssohn  
I waited for the Lord, God inclined unto me, God heard my complaint. O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 31*

Leader: Why is Jesus called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

All: **Because Christ has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of His body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by God’s Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom Christ has won for us.**

### The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of our God is in this place,  
I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of our God is in this place.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

### Prayers of the People The Lord’s Prayer

### The Presentation of Our Gifts

*At this time all worshipers are invited to sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks.*

Offertory	Andante Religioso	Felix Mendelssohn
*Offertory Response	Doxology	Hymnal, 606
*Prayer of Dedication	Loving God, you alone are worthy of all glory, honor and praise. We offer these gifts of our labor and our lives with joy and gratitude. Bless and transform all we offer that these offerings become a source for hope and a balm for healing in our homes, community, and to the ends of the earth, in Christ's name, Amen.	
*Hymn 792	There Is a Balm in Gilead	<i>Balm in Gilead</i>
<b>*Charge and Benediction</b>		
*Voluntary	Nachspiel	Felix Mendelssohn
	(*) The congregation is invited to stand.	

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are in honor of the people of Ukraine whom we hold in our prayers.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Lenten Candle Service:** Carol Bloemer and Mia Marcy
- **Greeters:** Nancy and Rich Canady
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher), Braden Barton, Erin Ekstedt, Mia Marcy, Mary Ray, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Julie James and Alan Schuermann
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Lyle VanDeventer, Bass, Amelia Tungett and Eleanor VanDeventer, sopranos, Dale Rogers, organ

## EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon** **Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week: “David and Goliath” *Caregivers: Caroline Haynor, Dee Dee Duffy, Linda Caupert, Meg Kontio*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** **Children in Pre-K – Grade 5** begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school (**Third Floor Chapel**) following the Congregational Response. This week’s lesson: “Seeing Jesus” *Teachers: Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt, Sophia Choi*
- **11:00 a.m. Parish Nurse Ministry (Church Office)** Ellen Carpenter is available for blood pressure checks and consultation.
- **11:15 a.m. – Noon** **Adult Ed Forum (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)** presents “Women’s Suffrage Stories.” We will examine excerpts from both British and American suffrage texts in preparation for the presentation of the Women’s Suffrage Play on Mother’s Day Weekend. Led by Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class (Conference Room)** Lesson: BGBQ Session 3 & 11: What is sin and How Do We Turn from it? Will you Devote Yourself to the Prayers? *Teachers: Rev. Choi and Jim Kincaid*
- **5:00 p.m. Trivia Night (Parish Hall)** Each year, members support our youth at the Trivia Night Mission Trip Fundraiser. **Questions begin at 5:30 p.m.** This year we are excited to welcome Aaron Berkowitz and new member Mark Luttrell who will create and present the questions.



**WE WELCOME VISITORS!** Information about who we are can be found on our website at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org). Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining Westminster, speak to Dr. Kieffer or Rev. Choi.

**THE HUNGER ACTION TEAM** prepared a monthly meal for the Springfield Warming Center on **Wednesday, March 30**. The next meal will be on **Wednesday, April 27**. Please contact Krista Steller [ksteller@wpcspi.org](mailto:ksteller@wpcspi.org) to participate.

**PARISH NURSE** Ellen Carpenter is available today for blood pressure checks the in the Church Office.

**One Great  
HOUR  
OF SHARING**

**THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** denominational offering is received through Lent and provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, food to the hungry, and empowerment to the poor and oppressed. Gifts designated **UKRAINE RELIEF** will be forwarded to the PC(USA) specific disaster relief fund.

**ADULT EDUCATION FORUM PRESENTS: Women’s Suffrage Stories today at 11:15 a.m. and next Sunday, April 10.** This series explores the vivid, forceful, and sometimes graphic literature of the women’s suffrage movement, an underexplored trove of both art and history. We will examine excerpts from both British and American suffrage texts, asking the question, “Why aren’t these works more commonly taught in schools?” Led by Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold (Ph.D. in 19th Century British and American Literature from UNC Chapel Hill).

**KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION & FELLOWSHIP** gathers **Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Knitters are invited to a potluck salad luncheon on **Tuesday, April 5**. The knitters will honor Linda Shaefer at their luncheon on Tuesday, April 5 as she moves to be near her daughter in New Jersey. Please contact Mary Jo Jenkins for more information.

**LANDSCAPE GUILD** scheduled a workday for **Wednesday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m.** Spring cleanup has begun as teams work within their designated zones. Thank you to team captains: Sue Cull (Front Terrace), Peter Kieffer (North of Sanctuary), Andy Sherrick (Parking Lot Islands), Jeanne Pittman (West Terrace), Dale Rogers (South Entry), and Scott Day (Memorial Garden).

**RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE** meets **Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Dee Dee Duffy (3400 Elderberry, 62711). We will discuss Lesson Six "Bathsheba." RSVP directly to Dee Dee Duffy at 217-652-8909.

**A SYMPOSIUM ON UKRAINE** will be presented **Thursday, April 7, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.** in the Third Floor Classroom. Led by Dr. Roy Wehrle (Ph.D. in Economics from Yale) and Dr. Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold (Ph.D. in Political Science from Princeton), the symposium will address the context, current events, and global ramifications of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

**THE HELPING HANDS MEAL** on Friday, **April 9** meal will be prepared by Melanie Green, Pat Hymans, and Krista Steller. Ministry Partners are needed for June, August-December! If it is your first time, we have members that will partner with you. Please contact Jennie Alt with any questions.

**FAIR TRADE SUNDAY** is **April 10**. Coffee, tea, and chocolate are for sale in the West Narthex Sunday, April 10 after worship to support economically just, environmentally sound farming practices.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** meets **Monday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. The lesson is on "What Are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?" Contact Sue Baker at 217-299-5216.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** is **Thursday, April 14 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Yves Doumen of the Motherland Gardens will speak on a community garden on the east side of Springfield. David Mitchell will give the devotion and Bud Green will provide breakfast. RSVP with weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** meets **Tuesday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m.** in Third Floor Classroom. The lesson is on "What Are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?" Contact Nancy Canady at 217-899-9890.

**DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)** will meet **Friday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m.** The program will be given by Brad Ware, from our local F.B.I. office, on "Preventing Senior Scams." We are returning to a potluck style meal, so bring a side dish to share. Please RSVP with our weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office by April 20.

**AN ORGAN RECITAL** will be presented by Dale Rogers on **Sunday, April 24. 4:00 p.m.** at the First Methodist Church (201 W North St, Decatur, IL 62522). It is a different repertoire than the program played here at Westminster.

**THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP** will meet **Tuesday, April 26. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library. The April book is On Tyranny by Timothy Snyder.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS** taken **April 28-30, May 17-18, and May 24-25, 2022**- Sign-ups have begun online at ([www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)) for the dates listed above. Stop by the table in the West Narthex following worship today and a deacon will assist you in the sign-up process.

#### **APRIL GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH MARCH MENU**

Canned Chicken/Tuna, Canned Fruit in 100% Juice, and Baked Beans or Veggies. Feminine hygiene products, diapers, toilet paper, toothpaste. (No baby food, please.) Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex and to Jess Werner who delivers them to the Central Illinois Foodbank.



**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10**  
**10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer will preach. During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, Sunday school children and youth will lead us in the processional with palms and their One Great Hour of Sharing fish boxes. The center aisle pews will be lined with donated coats. The Westminster Children's Choir will sing and the Westminster Choir will sing *Arise, My Soul* by Dan Forrest.

**THE PASSION OF CHRIST ART DISPLAY**  
**April 10-17 in Parish Hall**

Artwork depicting the Passion of Christ will be displayed in Parish Hall. Through the eyes of renowned artists, we will witness Christ's entry into Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week leading to His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. Westminster's Labyrinth will be displayed in Parish Hall during Holy Week for those who would like to practice this discipline of prayer.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE, APRIL 14**  
**7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Reverend Christian K. Choi will preach, and the Westminster Choir will sing *Drop, Drop Slow Tears* by Owens and *At the Foot of the Cross* by Dengler. This service will include the solemn stripping of the Chancel accompanied by the *Adagio for Strings* of Samuel Barber and the seven words of Christ.

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17**  
**10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer will preach, and the Westminster Choir will be joined by members of the Millikin Brass in Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* and *Christ the Lord is Risen Again* by Stopford and other festive music for Easter Day. The Chancel will be filled with the cross of lilies, a cherished tradition at Westminster.

***Easter Egg Hunt in Parish Hall follows 10:00 a.m. Worship.***

**THE EASTER MUSIC FUND and DECORATION FUND** donations provide for special music and lilies. For both of these giving opportunities, a list of donors and those whom they are remembering are printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations with wording requested by Palm Sunday, April 10.

**LENTEN COAT DRIVE** – We are collecting new or lightly used coats in the West Narthex which will line the center pews of our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday and then be donated to Contact Ministries. Thank you for the 39 coats donated already.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, April 4

- 9:00 AM Garden Club (Parish Hall)
- 3:00 PM Symphony Gala Planning (3rd Floor Classroom)
- 5:30 PM Lenten Mindfulness Course (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom )
- 6:30 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, April 5

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 11:00 AM Knitters Lunch (Parish Hall)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)
- 3:00 PM Compass for Kids (Parish Hall)
- 4:45 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
- 6:30 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
- 7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (off site)

### Wednesday, April 6

- 9:00 AM Landscape Guild Workday (Parking Lot)
- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 4:00 PM Bridges (Youth Room)
- 4:45 PM Choristers (Music Room)
- 5:30 PM Mission & Community Service (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)
- 6:30 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

### Thursday, April 7

- 11:00 AM PEO Chapter HU (Parish Hall)
- 12:00 PM Staff Luncheon
- 6:00 PM Ukraine Symposium (3rd Floor Classroom)
- 6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
- 7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Choir Room)

### Friday, April 8

- 5:00 PM Meal Delivered to Helping Hands Shelter

### Saturday, April 9

- 11:00 AM Church Mice (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)
- 11:00 AM Weitzel Baby Shower (Parish Hall)

### Sunday, April 10

- 10:00 AM Holy Communion
- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K- Grade 5)
- 11:00 AM Fair Trade Sale
- 11:15 AM Confirmation (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

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