



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

09 April 2023

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Voluntary

Entrata Festiva

Flor Peeters

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Let us worship our Risen God.

***Processional Hymn 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

***Prayer of Confession**

God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and dreams, and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to recognize you and to see the pathways you set before us. Open our eyes, that we may see the new life you offer, and thus live out the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response**

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Hymnal, Back Page

***Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

***Response of Praise**

Gloria Patri

Hymnal, Back Page

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name. *(Repeat twice)*

Children in Preschool – Grade 5 go to Sunday school following the children's sermon and will meet their parents in Parish Hall following worship for the Easter Egg Hunt.

First Scripture Reading John 20:1-10 Pew Bible, NT page 114

Second Scripture Reading John 20:11-18 Pew Bible, NT page 115

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Outside the Box Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: So, Mary Magdalene ran and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." John 20:2b

Anthem Alleluia! For Christ the Lord is Risen J.S. Bach

Alleluia! For Christ the Lord is risen!
He is worthy to receive might and wealth, glory
wisdom, might, and honor, blessing now and evermore.
For he is the true and righteous Lord of all in heaven and earth.
King of kings and Lord of lords, we do worship at your throne.

The Church at Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Leader: Let us pray.

**Prayers of the People
and the Lord's Prayer** Hymnal, page 35

***Hymn 248** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! *Hymn to Joy*

***The Presentation
and Dedication of Our Gifts**

Offertory I Am the Resurrection and the Life Heinrich Schütz

*At this time, worshippers are invited to sign and pass the
Ministry of Friendship folders on the center aisle pew racks.*

***Offertory Response** Doxology Hymnal, 606

***Affirmation of Faith** 1 Corinthians 15

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,
if we hold fast: that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures, that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
our Lord and our God. Amen.**

***Anthem** Hallelujah 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. Hallelujah!

Words: Revelation 11 and 19

*Charge and Benediction

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation remains standing for the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Voluntary

Symphony V: Toccata

C. M. Widor

(*) Stand, as you are able

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Liturgists:** The Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle and the Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** Debbie and Jim Parker
- **Bible Bearer & Cross Bearer:** Avery Pound and Bryce Pound
- **Butterfly Bearer:** Jim Bryans
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher), Sophia Choi, Kathy Kenyon, Erin Ekstedt, Keith Hamilton, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Mary Ray, Marilyn Rigney, Brad Steller
- **Music:** Dennis Jones and Neal Smith, Trumpets; Tom Little and Gary Shaw, Trombones; The Westminster Choir, and Dale Rogers, organist

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: “The Easter Story” Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Children in Pre-K – Grade 5 begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. **(Third Floor Chapel)** The story “Easter Joy” Matthew 28:1-10. *Teachers: Cathy Brower, Karen Sherrick*
- **11:00 a.m. – 12 noon**
 - **Holy Week Art Display and Westminster Labyrinth (Parish Hall)**
Through the eyes of renowned artists, we witness the events of Holy Week. Members and friends are welcome to walk the labyrinth.
 - **Easter Egg Hunt for children birth through grade 5 (Parish Hall)**

EASTER MUSIC FUND

To the glory of God and in thanks for Dale Rogers, anonymous
In memory of Donna Wolaver by Sandy Bellatti
In honor of Dale Rogers for wrangling the choir and St. Andrew's Sisters
by Bob and Julie Blythe
In loving memory of our nephew James Blythe, whom we miss every day,
by Bob, Julie, Brian, and Sarah Blythe
In loving memory of Terry Wells by Julie, Bob, Brian, and Sarah Blythe
In loving memory of Heather Huitt, whom we miss every day,
by Julie, Bob, Brian, and Sarah Blythe
In loving memory of Jennie Davis Moy, dear friend and sister, gone too soon,
by Julie, Bob, Brian, and Sarah Blythe
In loving memory of my father, Arthur C. Cragoe, by Cathy Cragoe
In memory of Jack Fixmer by his family
In memory of David R. Kidd with love from Louise Kidd
In memory of our siblings by Mary and Robert Leffler
In loving memory of Dr. Gen Pittman from Jeanne Pittman & family
In honor of Dale Thomas Rogers and the Westminster Choir by Bill Post
Dr. Elizabeth Small-Herrin
DL Stanfield
For the glory of music and Dale Rogers by Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer
In memory of our parents who filled our lives
with the gift of music by Jeanne and Peter VanGieson
In honor of friends at this joyful Holy Season by Nell and Jay VanSice

EASTER DECORATION FUND

In memory of Robert Bellatti by Sandy Bellatti
In loving memory of Fred and Betty Blythe by Bob, Julie, Brian, and Sarah Blythe
In loving memory of Ken and Lois Davis and Kathy Stittsworth by Julie and Bob Blythe
In loving memory of Aunt Viola by Julie Blythe
In loving memory of Scott Hoff by Linda & Michael Brady
In memory of our grandparents by Meridith and James Bryans
In memory of loved ones from Linda & Ed Caupert
In loving memory of Tony Leone by Cathy Cragoe
In loving memory of Bill Donels by his family
To the glory of God and in loving memory of Milton Sawyer Haynor and Dorothy Hyatt Haynor,
Charles Jay Haynor, and Dr. Patricia Haynor with much love from Terry and Caroline Haynor
Judy and Dale Huston

In memory of Bill, his parents, my parents, and my brother by Marci Irvine
In memory of Linda Lee Janus by her children: Mark, Todd, and Anne-Marie

In memory of Stan Papp by his family

In loving memory of our loved ones from the Pittman family

In memory of my parents, Herbert & Jane Stebbins by Pat Roller

Barbara Stewart

In memory of Lois Strom by Bruce Strom

In loving memory of Heather Huitt, Roy, Marilyn, & Dave Tungett
and Dan VanDeventer from the Manning, Tungett, and VanDeventer families

In memory of my parents, John and Eileen Wilkey by Brinton Wilkey

EASTER MUSIC AND DECORATION FUNDS

In memory of my parents, Barbara and Lowell Anderson by M. Brownell Anderson

In memory of Berle & Jeanette Beatty and Elizabeth Harrison by Carolyn and Keith Beatty

Ellen and Rance Carpenter

In honor of our children by Rev. Christian and Sophia Choi

In loving memory of David Gaines and David Matthew Coontz by Deb & Drew Coontz

In loving memory of Morris D. Cooper, Sr. by Virginia Cooper and family

In memory of our parents, family, and friends by Carol and Dick Cordier

In loving memory of my parents, The Rev. Dr. William M. and Ruth E. Cross, by John Cross

In honor of loved ones by Sue Cull

Bill Deemer

Margery Dodds

Dee Dee and Rick Duffy

Celebrating the beauty and promise of this Easter Season and
in loving memory of our parents by Carolyn and Dan Dungan

In loving memory of Margaret Kosick and Lee Shipley, Sr. by the Eldridge Family

In loving memory of Henry and Darleen Germeraad, Bill and Mary Schnirring,

and Marilyn Kennedy by Kathy and Randy Germeraad

Sharon and Matt Gilmour

In loving memory of Gerry Hale by her family

In memory of Wally Henderson by his wife Brynn Henderson

Gone too soon. Remembering Scott Hoff by Elaine Hoff

Georgina Hudspeth

Pat and Al Hymans

In memory of Sarah & Frank Jenkins and Mary & Al Mattern
by Mary Jo & David Jenkins

In loving memory of Rev. Irving and Mrs. Rhea Kenyon by Kathy Kenyon

In loving memory of Betty Jellema Denham by Blythe, Peter, and Paul Kieffer
Mary and Charlie King

In memory of our parents by Priscilla and Tim Kluge

In appreciation of the majesty of celebrating the Resurrection at WPC
by Judy and Todd Knox

Eleanor and Richard Leary

In memory of Robert & Jan Massey and Earl Tucker by Camille & Tom Massey

In loving memory of John McNutt by Pat McNutt

In memory of William L. Meriwether, George Johnson, and Wilbur Wright by Kathryn Meriwether

In memory of Georgia & Ralph Norton and Megan Norton Salisbury by Maribeth Norton

In memory of our parents from Mary and Morley Peura

Sharon Reynolds

In memory of loved ones by Marilyn and Jim Rigney

In memory of my parents with love from Julie and Randy Robbs and family

In memory of Helen and Clyde Knock by Mary Gail and Steve Romack

In loving memory of Rosella and Harold Rogers

In memory of loved ones by Pat Roller

Sharon Reynolds

In memory of loved ones by Betsy Ruklick

With gratitude for my sister, Sandy, brother, Steve, and their families by Diane Rutledge

Eric Schmidt

In memory of loved ones by Nancy and Lon Scott

To the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Susan and Michael Shaw

Susan Shea

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Dick Maldaner and Jane Smith

by Anne & Andy Smith

In memory of our loved ones by Judy and Harvey Stephens

Martha and Alan Stutz

Carolyn and Brad Swanson

In memory of Joann Wehrle and Walter & Luanna Hinesley by Vonnie Hinesley & Roy Wehrle

Kate Wilson

In memory of Dr. Elvin Zook by Sharon Zook



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS. We hope your faith is enriched as we worship together on this Easter Sunday. Please help yourself to a welcome brochure located in the pew pockets and check out our website at www.wpcspi.org. During the Offertory we invite you to complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in exploring membership at Westminster, please indicate when you sign the folder or speak to a pastor.



STEADFAST NEIGHBOR HABITAT BUILD PROGRESS– Work continued at 636 S. Glenwood during Holy Week as professionals installed roofing, siding, soffit, fascia, and mechanical. Following the City Inspection on April 19, insulation will be installed by professionals. *The next scheduled work opportunity for ministry partners are April 21-22, 28-29, and May 5-6 to hang drywall on-site and paint exterior doors and baseboards at Habitat.*

LENTEN COAT DRIVE – Thank you to all who donated to our Lenten Coat Drive. We received **105 coats** which lined the center aisle on Palm Sunday. They were donated to Contact Ministries.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING – Thank you to all who contributed to our denomination offering which was dedicated on Palm Sunday. We received **\$207.53** from our children and **\$5,225** from the congregation.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets **Monday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Mary King will lead devotions and Sue Baker will lead Lesson Eight: Sabbath and Justice.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP meets on **Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. A brown bag lunch will be held at noon on the second **Tuesday, April 11.** Beverages and dessert will be provided. You do not need to be a member or attend Westminster to join our group. Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657.



JOIN THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER IN DONATING LAYETTE ITEMS during April in the box in the West Narthex. Items will be donated to Kumler Outreach Ministries in early May. If you would like to shop online, you can have them shipped directly to the church.

PW LUNCHEON will be **Friday, April 14 at 12 noon.** The program will be given by Sue Sawers on the “The Connections between PW and the Presbytery of Great Rivers.” Carolyn Beatty will be the kitchen chair and chair of the day. Please R.S.V.P. on our website or by calling the church office.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN will gather **Thursday, April 13 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Robert Stuart, Jr., attorney, and elder of WPC, will speak on “The Basics of Trusts.” Tim Kluge will provide breakfast and Jim Dolan will give devotions. RSVP with weekly email, website, or by calling the church office.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) will meet **Friday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m.** for a potluck and Program at 6:15 p.m. Brian Dickerson from BLH Computers will speak about their Recycling program and BLH Museum. RSVP with weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets **Tuesday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Ziegler Library. Nancy Scott will be the hostess and Sharon Zook will lead Lesson Eight: Sabbath and Justice.

WPC HOSTS TABLE AT EARTH AWARENESS FAIR on **Saturday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at the Henson Robinson Zoo (1100 E Lake Shore Drive on Lake Springfield). FREE shuttle service offered by SMTD. Shuttle will leave from the downtown Transfer Center to the Henson Robinson Zoo every 30 minutes starting at 10:30 AM at the Transfer Center, and with the last bus leaving the zoo at 4:30 PM. This year's exhibit is "Toys from Trash." We are collecting clean used T-shirts and socks through April 21 near the South Door in the West Narthex. We will display ways to repurpose them into dog toys and puppets.



THE ADULT ED FORUM presents *Solutions to Climate Change: An Interactive Presentation* on **Sundays, April 16 and 23**. At the first session participants will engage in an interactive presentation led by Andy Panelli who will show how each suggested action will impact climate change on a MIT/Sloan simulator that will model their proposed solution instantly in real-time. The second session will be a follow-up led by Dr. Werhle. *Andrew Panelli is a group leader for Citizens' Climate Education, which is a non-profit and non-partisan grassroots organization dedicated to educating the public on smart climate solutions. Dr. Roy Werhle is Emeritus Professor at the University of Illinois at Springfield where he taught globalization & international governance for 49 years.*



THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet **Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library to discuss Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds. The group moved their March book to April. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

YOUTH SUNDAY – On **Sunday, April 23** our youth will lead worship at the 10:00 a.m. service. This year's theme is The Road to Emmaus based on Luke 24:13-35. Seniors Emily Brower, Aerwyna Eastvold, Louisa Eldridge, Mia Marcy, and Bryce Pound will present meditations. The Scripture reading of the day will be presented as a skit by Kristianna Eastvold, Matthew Scott, and Sam Simonson. Junior and Senior High youth will serve as liturgists and ushers. Special music to nourish our spirits will be provided by Aerwyna Eastvold, and Amelia Tungett, accompanied by Dale Rogers.



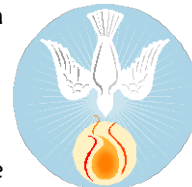
MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING- On **Sunday, April 23 at 11:15 a.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom, all potential 2023 Summer mission participants are invited to an Informational Meeting.

We will review details of the mission trip **SATURDAY, JUNE 24 – SATURDAY, JULY 1** to Selma, AL where we will assist in clean up and rebuilding following the devastating tornadoes in January. The Team Member Covenant, all paperwork and the \$300 fee are due on Sunday, April 23.



Additionally, we will visit the 16th Street Baptist Church, Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham, the Equal Justice Museum in Montgomery, and cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. Mission Trip Participants will read and discuss Bryan Stevenson's book Just Mercy in preparation for their sojourn together. Attorney Stevenson was instrumental in the founding of The Equal Justice Museum in Montgomery. Any questions, text or call Mary at 217-494-3810.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2023 will be recognized and commissioned on Sunday, April 30 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a time of celebration and a milestone on the faith journeys of our youth: *Samuel Robert Batterman, Maria Grace DeJong, Abigail Elizabeth Eldridge, Maria Elizabeth Lafrenz, James Jaewon Maeda, Macklin Donelan Metzger*



Each youth will receive a NRSV Student Bible, which is a gift from Westminster. The Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons will host a reception honoring the Confirmands following worship. Thank you to those who served as mentors to our confirmands: Brad Steller, Dr. Judy Knox, Jeanne Van Gieson, Jen DeJong, Dr. Peter Kieffer, and Marilyn Rigney.



TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS SUNDAY, APRIL 30

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M. 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 Mark Luttrell who will create and present the questions. Sign-up yourself or your team

online by scanning the QR code. Childcare is available in the nursery.

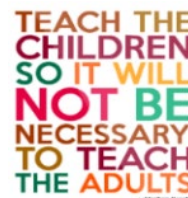
TICKETS ARE \$20.00 and can be purchased on our website, from a youth or in the West Narthex this Sunday. **DINNER IS \$5.00** and available for purchase at 5:00 p.m. thanks to Mary Ray, Pat Hymans, and their kitchen team. Participants are welcome to bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.

SPONSORSHIP IS \$100 - This year you or your business can sponsor a round. Your business will be featured on the screen between rounds. Contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org for details.



RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet not meet in April. Their next meeting is **Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Anne Haaker (313 Thames River Dr, 62711). Christy Pound will lead Lesson Seven: Sabbath and Self-Care and Linda Folse will lead Lesson Eight: Sabbath and Justice. The circle will also discuss details of the Garden Party on Saturday, May 20, which the circle will host.

THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM will meet Wednesday, May 10, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Temple Israel (1140 W. Governor St.) for their final 2022-2023 gathering. Join us for our last gathering in the 2022-2023 program year as we participate in a project honoring our theme “Caring for the Earth.” Participants are asked to bring used crayons for the Crayon Initiative which prevents a waxy mess in landfills by melting them down and creating new crayons for donations to children’s hospitals. Sign up with Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Food Truck Party June 5-9 from 9:15 a.m. to noon, children age 4 to age 11 are invited to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer’s biggest party! This street party helps children build on the practice of using daily prayer to turn to God for their needs - and also to serve as the hands of God for ensuring that the needs of others are met. Register by scanning the QR Code or use the link <https://westminster.mycokesburyvbs.com>



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, April 10

1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (2nd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, April 11

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
12:00 PM Knitters Lunch (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:30 PM WCP Board Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, April 12

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Office)
4:00 PM Bridges (Youth Room)
4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (Conference Room)
5:30 PM Board of Deacons (2nd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, April 13

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)
2:00 PM PEO BF Meeting (Parish Hall)
4:00 PM WPC Pastor at IL Pres Home (Off site)
6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Music Room)

Friday, April 14

11:00 AM PW Board Meeting (Conference Room)
12:00 PM PW Luncheon (Parish Hall)
5:00 PM Meal Delivered to Helping Hands Shelter
5:30 PM DMA Potluck (Parish Hall)
6:15 PM DMA Program (Parish Hall)

Saturday, April 15

Sunday, April 16

Holy Communion

8:45 AM Scripture Rehearsal for Youth Sunday (Sanctuary)
8:45 AM Sermon review for Youth Sunday (Pastor's Study)
10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5 (Chapel)
11:15 AM Adult Education Forum (Parish Hall)
5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Parish Hall)

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