



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Third Sunday of Lent
20 March 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Largo e spiccato

Vivaldi-Bach

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 55

Leader:

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy, and eat!

People:

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Leader:

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

People:

**Seek God while God may be found,
call upon God while God is near;**

Leader:

Return to the God with whom there is mercy,
grace, and compassion;

People:

the God in whom we trust to guide us. Amen.

Lenten Candle Service

As we extinguish the third Lenten candle and continue our journey toward Holy Week, the ordinary object of the coin reminds us that some things cannot be bought. May God give us the wisdom and insight to seek out the priceless gift of God's steadfast and gracious presence in our lives.

Let us pray:

Holy and loving God, in you we live and move and have our being. Everything we have comes from you, every breath, every moment, every relationship, every provision. On the paths of the journeys we travel, may we find strength in the priceless gift of your steadfast and gracious presence in our lives. Amen.

***Hymn 816**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, yet we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your hope for our lives. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. Hear now our 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

Isaiah 55:1-9

Pew Bible, OT page 685-686

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Priceless

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Isaiah 55:1

Anthem

Agnus Dei

Giacomo Puccini

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
Grant us thy peace.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of
you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. Amen.

The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of the Lord 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 the Lord 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

Prélude

César Franck

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of generous provisions, we are grateful for the many ways you care for us and provide for the needs of your people. In word, water, bread, and wine, you nourish and sustain us. By these gifts we now share, may others know of your providence and be nourished for the journey before them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 696**

O God, You Are My God Alone

Gratus

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

DALE ROGERS' ORGAN RECITAL
Sunday, March 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Join Mr. Rogers as he features the Music of Bridge, Couperin, Bach, Price, Carter, Whitlock, Franck, and Saint-Saëns. The Presbyterian calendar has designated March 20 as "Mr. Rogers' Day." Come, celebrate Westminster's dedicated and gifted Mr. Rogers!

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Lenten Candle Service:** Kate, Michael, and Walter Morthland
- **Greeters:** Kate, Michael, and Walter Morthland
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head), Mervice Alah Abung, Rich Canady, Terry Haynor, Julie McDonough, Jim Parker, Bob Stuart, and Brinton Wilkey
- **Safety Team:** Pete VanGieson
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Adam Miller, tenor, 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: “Wonder Together” *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor, and Priscilla Kluge*
- **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. “The Good Neighbor” *Teachers: Karen and Andy Sherrick*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Confirmation will not meet during spring break.**
- **4:00 p.m. Dale Rogers Organ Recital (Sanctuary)** Dale will feature the Music of Bridge, Couperin, Bach, Price, Whitlock, Carter, Franck, and Saint-Saëns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are can be found on our website at 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. New members will be received and recognized on Sunday, March 27.

WE WELCOME Dr. Lonnie Lee, Barbara, their son Deron, daughter-in-law Haley, and granddaughters Caroline (age 7) and Margot (age 3) to worship this morning. Dr. Lee’s second book is under contract to be published as a joint imprint of Lexington Books and Fortress Academic as part of their Anglican Studies Series.

FAIR TRADE items are available today in the West Narthex. Thank you to those who have supported this mission during the pandemic, and special thanks to Jennie Alt for her assistance.

SESSION APPROVED UKRAINE RELIEF from the Betty Smith Mission Allotted Fund. The total designation of \$100,000 will be divided equally between PC(USA) Disaster Relief and UNICEF.

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.

**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

A SYMPOSIUM ON UKRAINE will be presented on three consecutive Thursdays, March 24, 31, April 7, 6:00 – 7:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Led by Dr. Roy Wehrle (Ph.D. in Economics from Yale) and Dr. Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold (Ph.D. in Political Science and Biblical/Theological Studies from Princeton), the symposium will address the context, current events, and global ramifications of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

EARTH CARE – Westminster received word they have been recertified for the seventh year as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation. This recognizes our environmental stewardship achievements.

APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meets **Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** The Apostles Read Library Book Group will meet Tuesday, March 22. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room. The March book is *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu.

LENTEN COURSE: Mindfulness, Meditation, & Resiliency will not meet March 21 and will resume **March 28, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** Led by Dr. Virginia Dolan, this class is the evidence-based program from Benson Henry Institute at Mass General in partnership with Harvard Medical School.

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. Reservations are due by April 1.** Please contact Mary Jo Jenkins for more information.



TRIVIA NIGHT returns **Sunday, April 3!** 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 at our website or at <https://bit.ly/3lxTdYv>.

Childcare is available in the nursery. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased on our website, from a youth or in the West Narthex today. **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. **Sponsor a round \$100!** This year you or your business can once again sponsor a table. Contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcpsi.org for details.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS

APRIL 28-30, MAY 17-18, AND MAY 24-25, 2022-

Sign-ups begin on Sunday morning, March 27 in the West Narthex following the 10:00 service. Members may sign up by calling the church office or sign up online now using the following instructions:

- Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- Click on the gold box on the right side of the homepage entitled "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login"
- Enter your church code **il225**
- Enter your church password **photos** and click Enter
- Select the desired photography date and then choose your appointment time
- Please supply the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- Enter your email address to receive an email confirmation
- Click on the **Schedule Appointment** button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)





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 30 coats donated already.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, March 21

6:30 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, March 22

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM COMPASS
5:00 PM Hunger Action (Pastor's Study)
5:30 PM Family Ministry (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:00 PM Apostles Read (Conference Room)
6:30 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
7:00 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (off site)

Wednesday, March 23

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
4:00 PM Property Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:00 PM Membership Meeting (Pastor's Study)
6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee (Pastor's Study)
6:30 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

Thursday, March 24

6:00 PM Ukraine Symposium (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM Westminster Choir

Friday, March 25

1:00 PM PEO State Convention Mailing (Kitchen)

Saturday, March 26

11:00 AM Church Mice

Sunday, March 27

9:00 AM Congregational Care Meeting (Pastor's Study)
9:30 AM New Member Session (Parish Hall)
10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K- Grade 5)
11:15 AM Confirmation (3rd Floor Classroom)

WESTMINSTER STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Pastor and Head of Staff

The Reverend Christian K. Choi
Associate Pastor for Parish Life

The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle
Parish Associate

Dale T. Rogers
Director of Music and the Arts

Deb Watts Elliott
*Saturday Worship Pianist and
Music Coordinator*

Karen Sherrick
Director for Children's Ministry

Leigh Milward
Nursery Coordinator

Ellen Carpenter
Parish Nurse

Pat Hymans
Hospitality Coordinator

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Lisa Runkle
Financial Administrator

Jennie Alt
Church Administrative Assistant

Krista Steller
Communications Coordinator

Gary Warnick
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