



**WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMMUNION SUNDAY**
Second Sunday of Lent
13 March 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Canon

Robert Schumann

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration.**

Leader: The one thing we ask of the Lord,

People: **To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life
and to behold the beauty of the Lord.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God together

Lenten Candle Service

As we extinguish the second Lenten candle and continue our journey toward Holy Week, we remember with grateful hearts Christ's journey to the cross as the pioneer of our faith. We seek that same strength on the paths of the journeys we travel. Let us pray:

Holy and loving Christ, thank you for refusing to give up on us and on the world. You gave up your very life for our sake, pouring yourself out completely so that even the cross could be transformed into a means of life and grace. Sustain and empower us to run our race of faith with the same spirit and resilience that we may be part of the great cloud of witnesses. Amen

***Hymn 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

***Prayer of Confession** Holy God, source of all life, we offer the truth of our lives to you: the fears that stifle us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, and the doubts that limit us each day of our life's journey. God of mercy, strengthen us for the crosses we are called to carry. Give us courage in unlikely places, insight to witness your perspective of the world, love to embrace the neglected, faith to trust that you are Emmanuel with us. Forgive us and reconcile us to be intimately close to you. 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.**

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri Hymnal, Back Cover

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response

Spirit of the 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

Children in grades pre-K through 3 go to Sunday School class following the Congregational Response. Children in grades 4 and 5 are invited to remain in worship for communion.

First Scripture Reading Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 Pew Bible, NT page 198

Second Scripture Reading Mark 8:31-38 Pew Bible, NT page 44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Take up Your Cross

Rev. Christian K. Choi

*Then [Jesus] called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
– Mark 8:34*

Anthem

Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs

Mark Hayes

Surely, surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquity. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
Isaiah 53:4-6

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

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

Offertory

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Johannes Brahms

*Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...
Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, page 35

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

*The elements are served without interruption. Partake of the bread as you receive it and hold the cup until all have been served so that we may symbolize our unity in Christ.
Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the plate.*

Music at the Communion

What Wondrous Love is This

Southern Harmony 1835

*Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, thank you for the cross that you have taken up on our behalf. Thank you for sharing yourself freely to all at this table. May all who share in this feast be strengthened to bring your hope and joy to the world by taking up our own crosses and following you. Amen.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Postlude on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons C.V. Stanford

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are in honor of the resilient people of Ukraine whom we hold in our prayers.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Lenten Candle Service:** Marilyn and Jim Rigney
- **Greeters:** Priscilla and Tim Kluge
- **Communion Prep Team:** Bill Deemer, Mary Ray, Carol Bloemer, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell, Krista Steller
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Jim Kontio (Lead), Aaron Berkowitz, Becky Huston, Dave Leonatti, Lynn McMenemy, Michael Morthland, Karen Sherrick, John Stafford, Krista Steller, Eleanor VanDeventer, Pete VanGieson, Bill Ward
- **Elders and Deacons Delivering Home Communion:** Dee Dee Duffy, Melanie and Bud Green, Valerie Leonatti, Lynn McMenemy, Marilyn and Jim Rigney, Bruce Strom
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head), Mervice Alah Abung, Rich Canady, Terry Haynor, Julie McDonough, Jim Parker, Bob Stuart, and Brinton Wilkey
- **Safety Team:** Julie James
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir; Michael Morthland, bassoon, Matt Nall, piano, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, 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: “Daniel in the Lions’ Den” *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Children in Pre-K – Grade 2 begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. **(Third Floor Chapel)** “O Jerusalem” *Teachers: Sophia Choi and Cathy Brower* **Grades 3-5** remain in worship on Communion Sundays.
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** Confirmation **(Third Floor Classroom)** Echo the Story: Session 11: Judges *Ministry Partners: Rev. Choi, Jim Kincaid*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon** Adult Education Forum **(Second Floor Classroom)** presents **GIANTS**. Session two of this three-week course will focus on Elijah Lovejoy and his connections with the Yale Band and the charter members of our congregation. The research of Archivists Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer have enriched this presentation. *Led by Dr. Peter Kieffer*

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.

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.



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 22 coats donated already.

LENTEN COURSE: Mindfulness, Meditation, & Resiliency meets **Mondays, March 14, 28, April 4, 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 gathers **Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets **Monday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. The lesson is on “Mary 1 and 2.” Contact Sue Baker at 217-670-2052.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets **Tuesday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m.** in Third Floor Classroom. The lesson is “Mary 1 and 2.” For more information, contact Nancy Canady at 217-899-9890.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) will meet **Friday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Following a meal provided by the church, Dr. Diane Rutledge will speak about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five.

CONFIRMANDS VISIT TEMPLE B'RITH SHOLOM on **Friday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m.** Junior high youth and their parents will gather for worship and a visit with Rabbi Lynn Goldstein. Afterwards, we will have dinner together and share what we have learned and experienced.

FAIR TRADE will be held **Sunday, March 20** in the West Narthex.

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

Join Mr. Rogers as he features the Music of Bridge, Couperin, Bach, Scarlatti, Carter, Franck, Elmore, and Saint-Saëns. The Presbyterian calendar has designated March 20 as “Mr. Rogers’ Day.” Come, celebrate Westminster’s dedicated and gifted Mr. Rogers!

TRIVIA NIGHT returns **Sunday, April 3** at 5:00 P.M. Each year, members support our youth at the Trivia Night Mission Trip Fundraiser. *Dine in!* (\$5) and *Come play!* \$15 per person. 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>

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS TAKEN APRIL 28-30, MAY 17-18, AND MAY 24-25, 2022 Westminster’s last Pictorial Directory was published in 2018. This year’s directory will be published by Unique Church Solutions of Universal Church Directories. See the Friday email for instructions about online signups or call the church office. Thank you to the Board of Deacons for coordinating this important endeavor.



HOLY WEEK

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 *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.

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Monday, March 14

- 1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 5:00 PM Session Coordinating (Pastor's Study)
- 5:30 PM Mindfulness Lenten Course (3rd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, March 15

- 9:30 AM Lydia Circle (3rd Floor Classroom)
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 3:00 PM COMPASS
- 4:00 PM Steadfast Neighbor Task Force (Pastor's Study)
- 4:45 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
- 4:45 PM I.T. Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 5:30 PM Family Ministry (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (off site)

Wednesday, March 16

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Office)
- 4:00 PM Bridges (Youth Room)
- 4:45 PM Choristers (Music Room)
- 5:30 PM Session (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 PM Preschool Open House (Preschool)

Thursday, March 17

- 6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Choir Room)

Friday, March 18

- 6:30 PM Confirmands Visit Temple B'rith Sholom
- 6:30 PM DMA Potluck (Parish Hall)
- 7:15 PM DMA Program (Parish Hall)

Saturday, March 19

- 11:00 AM Celebration of Life for Barb Dirksen (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 12:00 PM Celebration Luncheon (Parish Hall)

Sunday, March 20

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre K-5)
- 11:00 AM Fair Trade Sale (West Narthex)
- 11:15 AM Adult Education Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 11:15 AM Confirmation Class (3rd Floor Classroom)
- 4:00 PM Organ Recital by Dale Rogers

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