



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
PALM SUNDAY  
SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION  
10 April 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Fanfare

C.S. Lang

**\*Ringing of the Bell**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!  
People: **Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**  
Leader: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!  
People: **Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!**  
Leader: Blessed is Jesus Christ who did not turn backward.  
All: **Hosanna! All glory, laud, and honor to the One who comes in God's name!**

**\*Processional Hymn 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor      *Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

**Lenten Candle Service**

We begin Holy Week with our children processing with palm leaves to commemorate the triumphant entrance of Christ when he traveled the Via Dolorosa. As we extinguish the sixth Lenten candle, we remember Christ's resilience and courage on his journey home.

**Let us pray: Holy and Gracious God, give each of us the courage to journey home with confidence and the grace to be generous with one another along the way. May we follow the path of our Savior and may our lives shout with glory, laud and honor to our Redeemer King. Amen.**

## Anthems

Westminster Children's Choir

Six Weeks of Lent before Easter  
My God is So Big  
We Are the Body of Christ  
Creatures Great and Creatures Small  
Hosanna, Hosanna!

## Children's Sermon

### \*One Great Hour of Sharing Dedication

Pastor: O God, you have called us through One Great Hour of Sharing to go into all the world to proclaim the good news.

**People: Send us forth, O God, with your mercy and kindness.**

Pastor: Keep our gaze fixed on the world's pain, but also allow us to see beyond need to the richness of humanity and depth of faith that exist within all.

**People: Send us forth, O God, with your truth and steadfast love.**

Pastor: Strengthen us to be present with one another at the joys and sorrows along the way, echoing the cries of despair and sharing in the songs of hope.

**People: Send us forth, O God, with your integrity. Transform our lives that we might go forth as ambassadors of your justice and peace. Amen.**

### \*Congregational Response 733

We All Are One in Mission

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A simple, great commission compels us from above  
to plan & work together that all may know Christ's love.**

*Children in grades Pre-K-2 go to Sunday School  
following the congregational response.*

## Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

Pew Bible, NT page 83

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation**

Shouting Stone

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: Jesus answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'* Luke 19:40

**Anthem**

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off thy guilty fears:  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne, my surety stands  
My name is written on his hands.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary,  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry,  
"nor let that ransomed sinner die."

My God is reconciled, his voice I hear,  
He owns his child, I can no longer fear,  
With confidence I now draw night,  
And "Abbah, Father," cry, Arise my soul, arise.

**Affirmation of Faith**

Philippians 2:1-8

**If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**

**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**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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:

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.*

Music at the Communion

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.  
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.  
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love. George Herbert

\*Prayer after Communion

**Loving God, give us the humility and confidence of Christ, who, though being one with you, took on the form of a servant and shared our human life and sufferings. May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service and we who have seen the generosity of your love live with kindness and joy. Amen.**

\*Hymn 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*Truro*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Voluntary

Concerto in C

Ernst- Bach

(\* ) The congregation is invited to stand.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** Jeanie, Lily, and Connor Hill
- **Acolytes:** Juliet Boutelle and James Maeda
- **Bible Carrier & Crucifer:** Braden Barton and Bryce Pound
- **Fish Basket Carriers:** Mack Shepherd and Abigail Eldridge
- **Communion Prep Team:** Bill Deemer, Mary Ray, Carol Bloemer, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell, Krista Steller
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Mary Ray, Team Leader, Emily Brower, Bryce Pound, Jay Kennerly, Robyn Hovey, Adam Ekstedt, Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Peter Kieffer, Christy Pound, Krista Steller, Carolyn Swanson, Mal Hildebrand
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher), Braden Barton, Sophia Choi, Mia Marcy, Camille Massey, Julie McDonough, Mary Ray, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady and Alan Schuermann
- **Music:** Westminster Children's Choir, Westminster Choir; Ann Collins, violin; Lyle VanDeventer, bass; Adam Miller, tenor; Dale T. Rogers, organist

## EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Earth Care Team (Library)**
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week: "Palm Sunday" *Caregivers: Caroline Haynor, Valerie Leonatti, Sue Scaife*
- **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: "Jesus Visits Jerusalem" *Teachers: Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz*
- **11:00 a.m. Fair Trade Ministry (West Narthex)** Fair Trade items available for sale to support small businesses. Coordinators: *Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson*
- **11:00 a.m. Pictorial Directory Sign up (West Narthex)** Krista Steller and Julie McDonough
- **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 12: Are You Ready to Cross Over? *Teachers: Rev. Choi and Jim Kincaid*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO OUR 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, you are invited to speak to one of our pastors.

**PALM SUNDAY IS THE CULMINATION OF THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING!** Our children and youth lead us in the Palm Sunday Procession during 10:00 a.m. worship and present their fish boxes. These gifts support hunger programs and disaster assistance administered by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Envelopes are in the pew pockets. The center pews are lined with the 56 coats donated for Contact Ministries.

**THE EASTER MUSIC AND DECORATION FUNDS** provide for the brass quartet for both Easter Day services and the palms and lilies for Holy Week and Easter decorations. For both of these giving opportunities, a list of donors and those whom they are remembering are printed in the Easter bulletin. **The deadline for the bulletin wording is today - Palm Sunday, April 10.**

**THE HELPING HANDS MEAL** on **April 9** was prepared by Melanie Green and Pat Hymans.

**H.E.A.L. FUND** provides “helpful emergency assistance for living” to members of the Springfield community through Contact Ministries and within our church family as needed.

**HOME COMMUNION** will be delivered today to members who are unable to attend worship today. Thank you to the elders and deacons who provide this ministry.

**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.

### HOLY WEEK ART DISPLAY AND LABYRINTH

**April 10-17 in Parish Hall**

Artwork depicting the events of Holy Week is displayed in Parish Hall. Through the eyes of renowned artists, witness Christ’s entry into Jerusalem and the events leading to His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. Westminster’s Labyrinth is also available for walking this week.

### 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 conclude with the solemn stripping of the Chancel accompanied by the *Adagio for Strings* of Samuel Barber.

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

**10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer will preach and the Westminster Choir will be joined with members of the Millikin Brass in Handel’s *Hallelujah Chorus* and other festive music of the season. The Chancel will be filled with the massive cross of lilies, a cherished tradition at Westminster.

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

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, April 11

Holy Week Art Display (Parish Hall)

1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, April 12

Holy Week Art Display (Parish Hall)

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)

1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

4:45 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)

6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #6052 (Kitchen)

6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Off site)

### Wednesday, April 13

Holy Week Art Display (Parish Hall)

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel

10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

4:00 PM Bridges with Guests (Youth Room)

4:00 PM Personnel Committee (Pastor's Study)

4:45 PM Choristers (Music Room)

4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

5:30 PM Board of Deacons (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)

5:30 PM Session Coordinating (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

### Thursday, April 14 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Week Art Display (Parish Hall)

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)

12:00 PM PEO BF Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

6:30 PM Choir (Music Room)

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Friday, April 15 - GOOD FRIDAY

Holy Week Art Display (Parish Hall)

Church Offices Close at 12 Noon

6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

### Saturday, April 16

9:30 AM Worship Music & Arts Chancel Lily Decorating

### Sunday, April 17 - EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 AM Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre K-1)

11:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt

## 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*

**Emily Rowley, Kacey Belitsos**  
*Cooperative Preschool Teachers*

**Lisa Runkle**  
*Financial Administrator*

**Jennie Alt**  
*Church Administrative Assistant*

**Krista Steller**  
*Communications Coordinator*

**Gary Warnick**  
*Building and Property Manager*

**Terry Gietl, Bill Hibbert,  
Eddie Hubbard, Steve Stapleton**  
*Part-time Custodians*