



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

17 April 2022

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.
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 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 Pre-K – Grade 2 go to Sunday school following the children's sermon and will meet their parents in Parish Hall following worship for the Easter Egg Hunt.
Grades 3 – 5 remain in worship.

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 Rolling Stone

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb John 20:1

Anthem

Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Philip W.J. Stopford

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!
He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy and say Alleluia!
He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry
He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save:
Now through Christendom it rings that the
Lamb is King of Kings. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 worshipers are invited to sign and pass the
Ministry of Friendship folders on the center aisle pew racks.*

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

*The Westminster Choir exits down center aisle to choir
gallery.*

***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:** Pat and Al Hymans
- **Safety Team:** Marilyn Rigney and Mary Ray
- **Bible Bearer & Cross Bearer:** Bryce Pound and Emily Brower
- **Butterfly Bearer:** Julie Pittman McDonough
- **Ushers:** Bruce Strom (head usher), Braden Barton, Sophia Choi, Erin Ekstedt, Rachael Hickman, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Mary Ray and Marilyn Rigney
- **Music:** Dennis Jones and Neal Smith, Trumpets; Tom Little and Gary Shaw, Trombones; The Westminster Choir, Lyle VanDeventer, bass & Dale Rogers, organist

EASTER MUSIC FUND

In memory of my parents, Barbara and Lowell Anderson, who shared their love of the people and the music of Westminster with each of their children by M. Brownell Anderson

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 honor of Lyle VanDeventer by William Deemer, Jr.

In memory of Martin Duling by Leah Duling

In gratitude for an in-person Easter service by Christie, Robyn, and Will Hovey

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

In honor of our parents and children by Meg and Jim Kontio

In memory of loved ones by Mary and Robert Leffler

In honor of Kathryn Morthland from Walter and Michael Morthland

In honor of Dale Thomas Rogers and the Westminster Choir by Bill Post
In memory of Ellis Hutcheson with love from the Julie and Randy Robbs and family
In memory of loved ones by the Mary Gail & Steve Romack and family
In honor of Dale Rogers and the glory of music by Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer

EASTER DECORATION FUND

Katrina Archer

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 memory of our grandparents by Meridith and James Bryans

In memory of loved ones from Linda & Ed Caupert

In loving memory of Anthony J. Leone by Cathy Cragoe

In honor of Elsie & Bob Fox and Krista Steller by William Deemer, Jr.

In loving memory of Bill Donels by Sue Donels and family

In loving honor and memory of Earl "Wally" Henderson by Brynn Henderson

In memory of cousin Matthew Schertz, celebrating his birthday in heaven today
by Christie, Robyn, and Will Hovey

Mary and Charlie King

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Massey and Mr. Earl Tucker by Camille and Tom Massey

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

In loving memory of Heather Huitt, Roy, Marilyn, and Dave Tungett

and Dan VanDeventer from the Manning, Tungett and Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer families

EASTER MUSIC AND DECORATION FUNDS

In memory of loved ones by Carolyn and Keith Beatty

In memory of Blanche and Frank Logan by Kathy Logan Brown and Gary Brown
Ellen and Rance Carpenter

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

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

In loving memory of my parents, The Rev. Dr. Wm. and Ruth Ellen Cross, by John Cross

In honor of loved ones by Sue Cull

In honor of our loved ones by Dee Dee and Rick Duffy

In memory of loved ones by Carolyn and Dan Dungan

Betsy Dye
Linda and Roland Folse
In honor of our children and grandchildren by Kathy and Randy Germeraad
Melanie & Bud Green
To the glory of God and in remembrance of Milton Sawyer Haynor, Dorothy Hyatt Haynor,
C. Jay Haynor, and Dr. Patricia M. Haynor with love by Terry Haynor and family
In memory of Faye Hildebrand by Pat Hildebrand-Culler
The Hockenyos Family
Loving memories of Scott Hoff by Elaine Hoff
Pat and Al Hymans
In memory of loved ones by Marci Irvine
In memory of our families by Mary Jo & David Jenkins
In loving memory of Betty Jellema Denham by Blythe, Peter, and Paul Kieffer
In memory of loved ones by Priscilla & Tim Kluge
Judy and Todd Knox and family
In loving memory of John McNutt by Pat McNutt
In memory of Marjorie and Claude Nicholson by their children
In memory of Georgia & Ralph Norton and Megan Norton Salisbury by Maribeth Norton
In loving memory of Glen D. Pittman by Jeanne Pittman and family
In memory of Gerry Hale by the Hale and Pound family
Judy and Fred Prillaman
Marilyn and Jim Rigney
In loving memory of Rosella and Harold Rogers from Dale T. Rogers
In memory of loved ones by Pat Roller
In loving memory of my son, John Benjamin Ruklick, by Betsy Ruklick
In memory of family members by Linda and
Bill Schlosser
Jo Ann and 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 R. Shea
Judy and Harvey Stephens
In memory of Lois Strom by Bruce Strom
In memory of our parents by Julie and Mike Sundquist
Charles Wilkin
In memory of Dr. Elvin Zook by Sharon Zook

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: “Jesus Rises” 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.
 - **Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** The story “Women at the Tomb” John 20:11-18 *Teachers: Andy Sherrick, Karen Sherrick,*
 - **Grades 3 – 5** remain in worship for Easter Sunday.
- **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)**
 - **Adult Education Forum** does not meet today and will resume Sunday, April 24.
- **Junior High and Senior High Youth Group** do not meet today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS. We hope your faith is enriched as we worship together on this Easter Sunday. To learn more about Westminster, please 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.

LENTEN COAT DRIVE – Thank you to all who donated to our Lenten Coat Drive. We received **60 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 **\$267.94** from our children and a total of **\$23,847.28** from the congregation. This includes **\$19,246.25** designated for Ukraine Disaster Relief. Including the Betty Smith Mission Endowment, WPC gave **\$73,847.28** to OGHs.

**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**



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.

WPC HOSTS TABLE AT EARTH AWARENESS FAIR -The Earth Care Team will host a table again this year at the annual Springfield Earth Awareness Fair, taking place on Saturday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Join us at the Henson Robinson Zoo (1100 E Lake Shore Drive on Lake Springfield). The theme will be Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.



RAISING BUTTERFLIES ROUNDTABLE will be hosted by the Earth Care Team on Sunday, May 15, 11:15 a.m. The discussion will be led by Susan Shaw. Come, join the conversation!

ADULT ED FORUM PRESENTS Women's Suffrage History: Sundays, April 24 and May 1 at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. This series will look at the history of efforts by American women to gain the right to vote. We will look at the beginnings of the suffrage movement in the 1840s, key figures in the movement, leading suffrage organizations and the history of the 19th Amendment. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz (Ph.D. in History from U of I Chicago).



RIISING UP OF THE SPRINGDALE LADIES' AIDE SOCIETY

Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 8 at 12 noon

The Women's Suffrage Play **Rising Up of the Springdale Ladies Aide Society** written by Carole Kennerly and directed by Kelly Robertson will be presented **MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND** with a Friday and Saturday evening performance for the community at 7:00 p.m. and a 12 noon Sunday performance in Parish Hall.

The play will be introduced with a brief musical presentation. There will be a Tea Reception following worship Mother's Day on the West Terrace. **Attendees are asked to make a donation to the 2022 Youth Mission Trip.**

YOUTH SUNDAY - On Sunday, May 1 our youth will lead us worship. Seniors and Rev. Christian Choi will present the meditations. Junior and senior high youth will serve as liturgists and ushers. Special music will be provided by our talented youth accompanied by Dale Rogers.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION - Children in the third grade will receive their personalized Bibles on Sunday, May 8, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Our Ministry Partner Team of Cathy Brower, Meridith Bryans, Sara Eldridge, and Linda Purves have been preparing the children for this milestone event on their faith journey. Each child will receive a NRSV Spark Bible with their name engraved on the cover. It is our hope and prayer that these scriptures will become a guiding light for our children.

**TEACH THE
CHILDREN
SO IT WILL
NOT BE
NECESSARY
TO TEACH
THE ADULTS**
- Abraham Lincoln

THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM will meet Thursday, May 11, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Springfield Arts Association (700 North 4th Street) for their final 2021-2022 gathering. Children and Youth grades K-12 will participate in a special art project as we culminate our year together with the theme "Be the Light." Sign up with Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020, 21 AND 22 will be recognized and commissioned on Sunday, May 15, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a time of celebration and a milestone on the faith journeys of our youth. The Board of Deacons will host a reception honoring the Confirmands following worship.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GARDEN PARTY will be **Saturday, May 18** at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Kathy Germeraad (1800 Illini Road, Springfield). Come, enjoy a brunch and fellowship. RSVP to Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org and let us know if you need transportation. The members of the PW/ Ruth and Naomi Circle will serve as hostesses for this year's brunch.

HEROES OF THE FAITH MUSICAL

On Founders' Sunday, May 22, the Westminster Choristers will present "Heroes of the Faith." The musical is a field trip through the Heroes of the Faith Museum where we encounter Moses, Deborah, Elijah, and David.



WCP CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY on Founders' Sunday, May 22, 2022. All WCP alums are invited to join us as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Westminster Cooperative Preschool, recognize the vision of those who created our preschool, and honor the teachers and parents who have served through the years.

2022 FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 22

50th Anniversary of Westminster Cooperative Preschool

Dedication of Steadfast Neighbor Site and Landscape Plaque

Westminster will celebrate Founders' Sunday May 22 as we give thanks for the vision and fortitude of the thirty charter members who gathered on May 26, 1835 to begin our journey together. This year we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Westminster Cooperative Preschool and Dedicate the Steadfast Neighbor Site and Landscape Plaque. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. and a picnic reception following in Parish Hall.

Each year on Founders' Sunday, the Endowment Committee thanks those who have given and invites others to join the Albert Hale Circle. Those who make a gift or pledge by Sunday, May 15, will be included in the Albert Hale Circle that will be published in the bulletin on May 22 and in the June Reporter.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUNE 13-17 from 9:15 a.m. to noon, children ages 3 to grade 5 will gather to experience God's love while exploring scriptures that refer particularly to God's use of water as an agent of creation, salvation, healing, blessing, and health. We will learn about the way in which access to water effects the everyday lives of children in other parts of the world, and some suggestions about ways we can help. Contact Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org if you would like to join our team of VBS Ministry Partners.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK The dates for this year's neighborhood outreach are **June 27 – July 1**. Once again, we will assist with exterior repair and improvement projects. Please consider joining us for one or more days of the fourth week of June as we spread goodwill in the neighborhood! If you are interested, contact Todd Knox at hardknox1@mac.com.



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, April 18

6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, April 19

9:30 AM Lydia Circle (3rd Floor Classroom)
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Library Guild (Children's Library)
4:45 PM I.T. Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM Family Ministry (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Off site)

Wednesday, April 20

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Office)
10:30 AM Preschool Spring Fun Fair (Parish Hall)
4:00 PM Bridges (Youth Room)
4:30 PM Choristers (Music Room)
5:30 PM Session (3rd Floor Classroom)
6:30 PM Confirmation Dinner (West Narthex)

Thursday, April 21

11:00 AM Memorial Service for Mrs. Kyle Schultz (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM Memorial Luncheon for Mrs. Kyle Schultz (Parish Hall)
6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Music Room)

Friday, April 22

5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 PM DMA Potluck (Parish Hall)
7:15 PM DMA Program (Parish Hall)

Saturday, April 23

1:00 AM Earth Day Fair at Henson Robinson Zoo
2:00 PM AAUW Quilt Raffle (Parking Lot)
4:00 PM Marissa Stafford Wedding (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 24

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Adult Education Forum
4:00 PM Dale Rogers' Organ Recital (Decatur 1st UMC)
5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Parish Hall)

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