



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2026 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Third Cello Suite: Sarabande

Johann Sebastian Bach

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Leader:

People of the covenant:

People:

God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

Leader:

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love.

People:

We gather with gratitude for the gift of your mercy.

Leader:

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and a new and right spirit within us.

People:

Restore to us the joy of your salvation as we lift high the cross.

***Lenten Candle Service**

We journey together this season of Lent: a time to reflect, a time to forgive, a time to repent. As we extinguish the fifth Lenten candle, we remember your desire for us to write your covenants upon our hearts. Let us pray:

Loving God, thank you for the cross which proclaims the love of Christ. May we follow the way of our Savior and may we live lives which honor the covenants written upon our hearts. Amen.

***Processional Hymn 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***Call to Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, called to walk with the vulnerable, we run to catch up with the powerful. Asked to pray constantly for others, we are too busy bragging about ourselves. Challenged to notice and to care for those tossed aside by the world, we rush by with our to-do list in our hands. Have mercy on us, God who loves us completely. May we be the grace that a lonely person needs this week; may we be the hope the forgotten are looking for; may we be the peace that the broken long for in a brief moment, even as Jesus, our Lord and Savior, has been our peace, our hope, our grace, and so much more in our lives.

***Silent Confession**

During this silence, worshipers are asked to offer individual 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.

Leader:

Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

***Response of Praise**

Gloria Patri

Hymnal, Back Cover

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end, Amen.

Children's Message

Children in Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 5 will go to their Sunday school classes. Youth in Grades 6-7 will go to Confirmation Prep class.

Congregational Response

Create in Me a Clean Heart

John Carter

Create in me a clean heart, O God;

Create in me a clean heart, O God;

Create in me a clean heart, O God;

and renew a right spirit within me. (Repeat twice)

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:20-25

Pew Bible, OT page 164

Solo It Is Enough Felix Mendelssohn

It is enough, O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers. I desire to live no longer; now let me die, for my days are but vanity. I have been very jealous for the Lord, the Lord God of Hosts, for the children for Israel have broken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword.

From the oratorio Elijah

Second Scripture Reading Luke 10:25-37 Pew Bible, NT pages 71-72

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon What Do You Mean By That? -- Sanctification
Rev. Sarah A. Bishop

***Affirmation of Faith** The Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 75 What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they, whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are, in time, through the powerful operation of God's Spirit, applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole humanity after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise into newness of life. Amen

The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of our God 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 our God is in this place.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Presentation of Our Gifts

At this time all worshipers are invited to sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship folder at the end of each pew.

Offertory Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling Raymond Brown
The text for this anthem is found at 418 in the hymnal.

Offertory Response Doxology Hymnal, 606
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** For all left by the side of society, Gracious Lord, for all whose strength has vanished, Redeeming Christ, for all whose bones are brittle with despair, Renewing Spirit, may our gifts bring hope and healing, peace and plenty, in your name and in your love. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn 692** Spirit, Open My Heart *Wild Mountain Thyme*

***Charge and Benediction**

Closing Response Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go, Orlando Gibbons
My daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,
In all I think or speak or do.

***Voluntary** Fantasia in g-minor Johann Sebastian Bach

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Elder Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Ruklick
11/24/1937 – 03/18/2026
United with Westminster 03/18/1951 – 75 years ago

THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO WESTMINSTER MINISTRIES
ARE WELCOME TO SCAN HERE.



SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Worship Leader:** Rev. Gerry Boutelle
- **Lenten Candle Service:** Emily Standley and Ben Rinehart
- **Acolytes:** Lucy Bassett and Diana Choi
- **Greeters:** Christian and Nora Kennerly
- **Ushers:** Greg Boutelle (Head Usher), Claudia Nash, Todd Lafrenz, Cathy Yokley, Randy Wiseman, Bernie Wiseman, Cameron Hudgins
- **Safety Team:** Todd Knox
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir; Brian Richardson, Baritone; Jacobsen Woollen, Cellist; Dale Rogers, Organist
- **Videographers:** Bill Deemer, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon** Infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds (**Nursery**) gather for play and Bible Story. Story: “Families Can Forgive Each Other (Joseph and His Brothers) *Caregiver: Kara Milward*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Children in Pre-K – Grade 5 begin in worship & go to Sunday school. Youth in Grades 6-7 will go to Confirmation Prep class following the Congregational Response.
 - **Preschool - Ages 3-5 (Preschool Classroom lower level)** Story: “God Promises to Love and Care for Our Families, Too” (Noah)
 - **Kindergarten - Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** This week’s story: “Come Out” (John 11:1-45) *Teacher: Meleah Berkowitz*
 - **Grades 3-5 (Third Floor Classroom)** This week’s story: “The Death of Lazarus” (John 11:1-45) *Teacher: Aaron Berkowitz*
- **11:15 a.m. – Noon**
 - **Confirmation (Conference Room)** Students will gather in the Conference Room for their next lesson. *Teacher: Aaron Berkowitz and Mary Ray*
 - **Adult Education Forum (Parish Hall)**
- **12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Pokémon Club** is calling all Pokémon Trainers – and kids-at-heart to meet in the WPC Children’s Library. We’d love to see you there! We’ve got something for everyone:
 - Littlest kids: Pokémon coloring sheets and stickers
 - Kindergarten & early elementary: A simplified version of the Pokémon card game
 - Older kids: Learn and play the real Pokémon Trading Card GameAll cards are provided – just bring yourself! Every participant goes home with a Pokémon sticker sheet prize. Pokémon Club meets every 4th Sunday of the month. Questions? Contact Aaron Berkowitz at berkowitz@wpcspi.org.



Congratulations on Westminster’s 10th+ year of recertification as an Earth Care Congregation! The steps our congregation has taken to care for God’s earth are inspiring!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about us is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and on our website 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 with one of the pastors.

LIBRARY GUILD is working on processing and cataloging the books in both libraries. **This month**, they will be reshelving the books in the Ziegler Adult Library to get them back in the Dewey Decimal order. The library cart, located by the elevator, has been refreshed with new books for all ages. “Discipleship: Faith and Finance” and “National Treasure or Trash: War, Memory, and the Intergenerational Cost of Combat” written and donated by a friend of the congregation, Michael Hart, will also be on the cart.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PW are looking for two Co-Moderators and Mission Coordinator. Tier One Co-Moderator (Communications) will prepare PW Yearbook with Jennie Alt, write PW Yearly Report and communicate with tier 1 board members. Tier Two Co-Moderator (Programs) will plan programs for three luncheons, present devotion/prayer at luncheons and introduce speakers, and coordinate with tier 2 board members. Contact Eleanor VanDeventer at ehuitt@yahoo.com.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP Junior High Youth Group will have their next gathering **Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room and Parish Hall. Thank you to Jeanie Hill for providing dinner.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM ON March 29 The Adult Education Forum on **March 29** will be an exploration and discussion of the forgotten and blurred Biblical history of Mary Magdalene and recent scholarship to reset her place as The Tower, a faithful follower of Christ. Led by Dr. Richard Leary.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP Senior High Youth Group will have their next gathering **March 29 at 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room and Parish Hall. Thank you to Cara and Chris Barnett for providing dinner.

THE EASTER MUSIC AND DECORATIONS FUND welcome donations of \$25 each. For both giving opportunities, a list of donors and those whom they are remembering are printed in the Easter bulletin. Make checks to WPC with the appropriate designations or pay online using the church website. The deadline for the bulletin wording is **Monday, March 30**.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER Westminster Cooperative Preschool is planning a delicious fundraiser at Portillo's! Come by on **March 31, between 5 and 8pm**, let them know you are there for WCP, and 20% of the proceeds from your meal will be donated directly to WCP. Invite a friend, and don't forget to try the famous Chocolate Cake Shake! You can also order online using the code PORTILLOS66

TRIVIA NIGHT MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER – Sunday, April 12 5:00 p.m. Each year, members support our youth mission trip at the Trivia Night Mission Trip Fundraiser. Sign-up yourself or your team online. Childcare will be available in the nursery. Gather your friends and join us for a fun, competitive evening supporting our mission-minded youth.

- Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased on our website or on the night.
- Round Sponsorship is \$100 - You or your business can sponsor a round and will be featured on the screen between rounds. This does not include the cost of individual tickets. Contact Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org).

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29 At 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, the Reverend Anne C.S. Marshall will preach. 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 and Adult Choirs' will sing.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ART DISPLAY Artwork depicting the Passion of Christ will be displayed in the Parish Hall from **March 29 to April 5**. Westminster's Labyrinth will be displayed in the Parish Hall during Holy Week for those who would like to practice this discipline of prayer.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE on **April 2 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. The Reverend Anne C.S. Marshall will preach, and the Westminster Choir will sing. This service will include the solemn stripping of the Chancel accompanied by the "Adagio for Strings" of Samuel Barber and the seven last words of Christ.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5 At 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, the Reverend Anne C.S. Marshall will preach, and the Westminster Choir will be joined by members of the Millikin Brass in the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah* and *Christ the Lord is Risen Again* of Philip 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 follows **10:00 a.m.** worship on **Easter Sunday, April 5**.

LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



One Great Hour of Sharing Collected to date: **\$4,450**. Last year: **\$3,775**. We are grateful for the generosity of Westminster.

Lenten Coat Drive The Lenten Coat Drive will collect coats in the West Narthex. These coats will line the center pews of our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday and be donated to Contact Ministries. **We have received 74 coats so far.**

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, March 23

- 9:30 AM King's Daughter's Board Meeting (3rd Class)
6:00 PM WCP Board Meeting (Off-Site 1)

Tuesday, March 24

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM COMPASS for Kids
5:15 PM Membership Sub-Committee (Conf. Room)
6:00 PM Apostles Read Book Club (Library)
6:00 PM Congregational Care Meeting (Conf. Room)
7:30 PM St. Andrews Sisters (Off-Site 1)

Wednesday, March 25

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel
10:00 AM Sing by Heart Choir (Parish Hall)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
2:00 PM Roy Wehrle (Conference Room)
3:30 PM DBSA Group (3rd Floor Classroom)
4:00 PM Bridges (Tower Classroom)
4:00 PM Property Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:00 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
5:00 PM Deliver Meal to Helping Hands
5:15 PM Membership Committee (Library)
5:30 PM Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Room)
6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee (Conference Room)

Thursday, March 26

- 5:15 PM Membership Committee (Library)
5:45 PM Thursday Night Bible Study (2nd Class)
7:00 PM Choir (Music Room)

Saturday, March 28

- 10:00 AM Adopt a Street-Earth Care Committee (Parking lot)
11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)
12:00 PM Pat Picchi's 100th Birthday Open House (Parish Hall)

Sunday, March 29

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Confirmation Prep (Conference Room)
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K- Grade 5)
(3rd Floor Chapel and Classroom)
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)
5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Room)

WESTMINSTER STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Anne Marshall
Pastor and Head of Staff

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