



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Communion Sunday

Third Sunday in Lent

8 March 2026 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Adagio in D-Flat

Franz Liszt

***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:
How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: **My soul longs, indeed, it faints for the courts of the Lord;
My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

***Lenten Candle Service**

We journey together this season of Lent: a time to reflect, a time to reflect, a time to forgive, a time to repent. As we extinguish the third Lenten candle, we remember the gift of the ten words to Moses on Mount Sinai and Christ's journey to the cross. Let us pray:

Loving God, thank you for the gift of your word in the covenant to Moses which provides boundaries on honors relationships on our individual journeys. Thank you for the Word becoming flesh in Christ Jesus and the journey of love he traveled to Calvary. Amen.

***Processional Hymn 720**

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.

You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Savior.

***Silent Confession**

During this silence, worshipers are asked to offer individual prayers of confession.

***Sung Response**

Lord Have Mercy

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, Amen

Children's Sermon

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. *(sung three times)*

Following the response, children in Pre-Kindergarten–Grade 5 will go to their Sunday school classes and youth in Grades 6-7 remain in worship to participate in Communion.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 1:14-20

Pew Bible, NT page 35

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation What Do You Mean By That? –Repentance

Rev. Dr. Anne C.S. Marshal

Anthem **Surround Us with Your Love**

David L. Mitchell

Spirit of God surround us with your love,
as we reach out to you, supported by your Grace,
You shepherd us, abundantly you care,
Your presence is our strength, you guide us in the way,
The way we live, surround us with your love.
Supported by your Light, we see your face in family and friend;
Your presence shines on us, transforms our night to day,
surround us with your love.

**The Presentation of Our Gifts
and Prayer of Dedication**

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

Offertory **A Communion Invitation**

Craig Courtney

Come, if you are lonely, my door is open wide.
All of you are welcome, come and step inside.
Enter with my blessing, no one is denied.
Come, sit at my table, come, sit by my side.

Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine.
If you hunger, take this bread, sit with me and dine.
Every weary trav'ler, every troubled soul,
Rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.

The feast I spread before you, the cup that we will
share, The bread we'll break together, I've lovingly
prepared. Every weary trav'ler, every troubled soul,
Rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.

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.

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 praise you,
O God, creator of the universe...Therefore we lift 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: Holy God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son.....
Remembering the Risen Christ, we take from your creation
this bread and wine as we live for the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving we offer you now the sacrifice of our
lives, for great is the mystery of faith.

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

Leader: Let us now join together in the words that Jesus taught 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. Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the plate.

Communion Music

Surround Us with Your Love

***Prayer after Communion**

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 774**

There is Now a New Creation

Stuttgart

***Charge and Benediction**

Closing Response

Amen

William Smith

***Voluntary**

Postlude on a Tune

Orlando Gibbons
C.V. Stanford

(*) The congregation is invited to stand

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ARE WELCOME TO SCAN HERE



SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Sarah Bishop
- **Lenten Candle Service:** Chelsea, Adam, August, Roscoe and Teddy Ekstedt
- **Acolytes:** Sam Berkowitz and Lily Swanson
- **Bible and Cross Carriers:** Macklin Metzger and Maria Lafrenz
- **Today's Communion Bread** is Light Wheat and was lovingly prepared by Susan Day
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Rachael Hickman, (Team Leader), Sandy Bellatti, Nathaniel Brower, John Cross, Joe Fierstos, Julie McDonough, Pat Moore, Marilyn Rigney, Greg Swanson, Jess Weitzel, Lyle VanDeventer,
- **Communion Prep:** Ann Collins, Bill Deemer, Valerie Leonatti, Leigh Milward, Mary Ray, Krista Steller
- **Home Communion Delivery:** Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer, Krista Steller, Marilyn Rigney, Sue Sawers, Mary Ray, Val Leonatti
- **Greeters:** Kathy and Randy Germeraad
- **Ushers:** Greg Boutelle (Head Usher), Claudia Nash, Todd Lafrenz, Cathy Yokely, Randy Wiseman, Bernie Wiseman, Cameron Hudgins
- **Safety Team:** Brad Steller
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, 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. *Caregiver: Kara Milward*
 - **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 5** begin in worship & go to Sunday school.
 - **Preschool - Ages 3-5 (Preschool Classroom lower level)** God Created So Many Amazing Things (Creation) *Teachers: Leigh Milward and Adam Ekstedt*
 - **Kindergarten - Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** This week's story: Life Giving Water (Exodus 17:1-7) *Teacher: Meleah Berkowitz*
 - **Grades 3-5 (Third Floor Classroom)** This week's story Water From a Rock (Exodus 17:1-7) *Teacher: Aaron Berkowitz*
- **11:15 a.m. – Noon**
 - **Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)** Women and the Law led by Rachel Hickman J.D.

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.

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

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets on **Monday, March 9, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Mary Peura will lead Lesson 7 in Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ by The Rev. Dr. Rhshell D. Hunter.

THE CAPITOL BIG BAND PROGRAM – Wednesday, March 11 7:00 p.m. The Capitol Big Band will play an upbeat, bold and brassy program with undertones of smooth and jazzy music from the Swing-Era in the Parish Hall. The program will be a great remedy for the winter blahs.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST will meet on **Thursday, March 12, at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Anthony Salvo, retired from CWLP, will speak about the CWLP Power Plant. Please RSVP on our website or by contacting the church office.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY NEEDED FOR A TUMULTUOUS WORLD, Friday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. After 70 years during which the U.S. was the lynchpin for global stability, prosperity and decolonization, Russia ended the era by invading Ukraine. What new U.S. global policy is now needed to navigate through the perils of open-range nationalism, environmental risk and decay and new deadly technologies? A Talk and Presentation by Roy Wehrle.

OPEN FORUM AND DISCUSSION ON WAR Dr. Roy Wehrle will moderate and lead a discussion, **Sunday, March 15 at 9:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Our country is at war. This brings an angst of soul to many of our members, in which some strongly are in favor and others are equally distressed. Members and friends will have the opportunity to come together before worship to hear each other's views on where we are and where we are going with this war?

ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS- FILLING UNEXPIRED TERMS Due to personal life circumstances, two elders and one deacon have stepped down from their roles. The nominating team is currently working to nominate 2 elders (class of 2026 and 2028) and 1 deacon (class of 2027) for unexpired terms. There is a particular need for elders to help lead adult formation and stewardship. If you would like to nominate yourself or another church member, please contact elder, Julie Robbs (Julie.robbs10@gmail.com), with the name of the person you wish to nominate, their involvement in the church, any pertinent background on their interest or background, and whether you would like to nominate them as an elder or deacon. Please submit any nominations by **March 15**.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM ON MARCH 15 The Adult Education Forum on **March 15** will be on Understanding Psychological Defense Mechanisms. This class will discuss psychological defense mechanisms which are unconscious psychological strategies that protect individuals from anxiety and stress. Led by Dr. Brian Richardson.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets on **Tuesday, March 17, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Ziegler Library. Sharon Turner will lead Lesson 6 in Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ by The Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS A group of intrepid adventurers have been meeting with Dungeon Master Aaron Berkowitz on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday (March 4th and 18th) at 6:30 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library to explore the 1st century AD ancient Near East. If you are interested in joining in, contact Aaron at berkowitz@wpcspi.org.

FAIR TRADE SUNDAY, MARCH 15 Shop at the Fair-Trade table on **Sunday, March 15**. Come check out our chocolate and other Equal Exchange items following worship! Despite the increased cost of coffee, chocolate, and olive oil, Westminster's Fair-Trade prices remain unchanged. Shop after the service in the West Narthex. Becky Martin and Jeanne Van Gieson oversee this mission.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP Junior High Youth Group will have their next gathering **Wednesday, March 25 at 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room and Parish Hall. Thank you to Jeanie Hill for providing dinner.

RETURN OF DMA DMA (Don't Mention Age) meets on **Friday, March 20**, with a **potluck at 5:30 p.m., then a program that starts at 6:15 p.m.** Bring a side to share with others. Kathryn Harris, retired director Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, will portray Elizabeth Keckley who was Mary Todd Lincoln's seamstress and confidant. An RSVP is suggested.

POKEMON CLUB meets on **Sunday, March 22, from 12:30-2:00 p.m.** with Aaron Berkowitz in the Children's Library. All children and the young at heart are welcome. No experience necessary and all supplies will be on hand.

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.

- Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner is available for \$5.00 and prepared by Pat Hymans and her kitchen team. Participants are also welcome to bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Questions begin at 5:30 p.m. Once again, we welcome Aaron Berkowitz and Mark Luttrell who will create and present the questions.
- Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased on our website or on that 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).

LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



One Great Hour of Sharing - The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering invests in the PC(USA) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People ministry. Received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. You may donate by check, noting "One Great Hour of Sharing." To give online, view the QR code in this bulletin with your phone camera. Once you accept the web location, choose One Great Hour of Sharing from the dropdown list of funds. **Collected to date: \$2,910. Last year: \$3,775.**

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 57 coats so far.**

BEATITUDES: LENT AT HOME STUDY

Each week our entire church family will receive a card and/or email with a devotional around the Beatitudes from Matthew 5. The devotional card will have a scripture, artwork, reflection questions, and prayer. There is also an invitation for creative art practice. Our Beatitudes Lent At Home Study is for all ages and all definitions of family. A card will be available each week next to bulletins on Sundays as well as through the weekly email. To download the entire set, scan the QR code below.





Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29 **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 Choir will sing, and the Westminster Choir will sing *Fling Wide the Gates* from John Stainer's *Crucifixion*, and the poignant *Carol of the Hill* by Stephen Paulus.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ART DISPLAY **March 29 – April 5 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 2 **7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Reverend Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall will preach, and the Westminster Choir will sing *Cross Cry*, *He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word*, and *Miserere Mei*. 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 5 **10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Reverend Dr. 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 *Easter Rejoicing* of Jonathan Willcocks 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.



DEACONS BRING LILIES to members who are shut-in and who have lost loved ones since Christmas as we find comfort and strength in our Risen Lord.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, March 9th

1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM Preschool Open House (Preschool Classrooms)
5:30 PM Strategic Planning (Conference Room)

Tuesday, March 10th

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
11:00 AM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM COMPASS for Kids
7:30 PM St. Andrews Sisters (Off Site)

Wednesday, March 11th

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel
10:00 AM Sing by Heart Dementia Friendly Choir
(Parish Hall)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
3:30 PM DBSA Group (3rd Floor Classroom)
4:00 PM Bridges (Tower Classroom)
4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (Conference Room)
5:00 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
5:30 PM Congregational Care (Library)
5:30 PM Congregational Fellowship (Conference Room)
6:00 PM Board of Deacons (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:00 PM Capital Big Band Program (Parish Hall)

Thursday, March 12th

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)
4:00 PM Personnel Committee (Library)
5:45 PM Thursday Night Bible Study (2nd Floor
Classroom)
6:00 PM SNE Mission Task Force (3rd Floor Classroom)
7:00 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, March 13th

1:00 PM Helping Hands Bagged Lunch Prep (Kitchen)
7:00 PM Roy Wehrle Forum (Parish Hall)

Saturday, March 14th

11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Symphony Guild Scholarship Auditions
(Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 15th

9:00 AM Open Forum Discussion on War (Parish Hall)
10:00 AM Worship Service- (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K- Grade 5)
(3rd Floor Chapel and Classroom)
11:00 AM Fair Trade Sale
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)
4:00 PM Symphony Guild (Parish Hall)

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