



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday of Lent
15 March 2026 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Solemn Prelude

George Thalben-Ball

***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:

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

Leader:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

People:

Let us thank the Lord, who joined us in the dance of life.

***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 fourth Lenten candle, we remember the covenant of the cross and God's love for the world. Let us pray:

Loving God, thank you for the gift of your grace in the paradox of the cross. Thank you for the Word becoming flesh in Christ Jesus and the journey of love he traveled to Calvary. Amen

***Processional Hymn 301**

Let us Build a House (All are Welcome)

Two Oaks

***Call to Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; 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 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 remain in worship.

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)

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:10-14

Pew Bible, NT page 20

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:13-14

Pew Bible, NT page 7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What Do You Mean By That? -- Salvation

Rev. Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

Anthem

Tender Mercy

Lee Dengler

Tender is the Savior's mercy, like the sunset's golden glow,
Like the gentle rain in springtime, like the softly falling snow.
Yet, within that depth of mercy, lies a strength that has no end;
Like a rock that never crumbles, like a rod that will not bend.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison. Tender mercy, flowing gently, covers
the world with love and grace.
Jesus, let us learn this mercy, taking on your truth and grace,
Showing justice to each other, folding all in love's embrace.
Grant us hearts to free your children from their cages of despair.
Show us how to end divisions. Teach us, Lord to love and dare.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison. Tender mercy, flowing gently, covers
the world with love and grace.

*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpt from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 and Prayer of Dedication

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

Offertory

Reflection

Herbert Howells

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

With you as our shepherd and by sharing our gifts, we can indeed anoint others with grace, prepare feast for the hungry, welcome the stranger, and love those we consider to be our enemies. Bless these gifts, and use our lives for others, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

*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** Grand Choeur in B-flat Théodore Dubois

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

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



SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are given in loving memory of John Kirk by his family.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Sarah A. Bishop
- **Lenten Candle Service:** Suzie Spada
- **Acolytes:** Lily and Connor Hill
- **Greeters:** Kevin and Linda Dorsey
- **Ushers:** Greg Boutelle (Head Usher), Claudia Nash, Todd Lafrenz, Cathy Yokley, Randy Wiseman, Bernie Wiseman, Cameron Hudgins
- **Safety Team:** Peter Van Gieson
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Audra Davison, 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. *Caregiver: Erin Winn*
- **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 stay in worship.
 - **Preschool - Ages 3-5 (Preschool Classroom lower level)** Story: “God Took Care of Noah and the Animals” (Noah)
 - **Kindergarten - Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** This week’s story: “God Chooses David” (1 Samuel 16:1-13) *Teacher: Meleah Berkowitz and Cathy Brower*

- **Grades 3-5 (Third Floor Classroom)** This week's story: "Looking On the Heart" (1 Samuel 16:1-13) *Teacher: Aaron Berkowitz*
- **11:15 a.m. - Noon**
 - **Adult Education Forum** in the Parish Hall on Understanding Psychological Defense Mechanisms. Led by Dr. Brian Richardson.
 - **Fair Trade (West Narthex)**

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.

ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS Please submit any nominations by **today, March 15**. 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.

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. If you are interested in joining in, contact Aaron at berkowitz@wpcspi.org.

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. Rhaskell D. Hunter.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM ON March 22 The Adult Education Forum on **March 22** will discuss the legacy of women in literature, especially Jane Austen following the 250th anniversary of her birth. Led by Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold.

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.

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**.

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 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).

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: \$3,610. 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 64 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.



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, March 16

4:00 PM Personnel Committee (Conference Room)

Tuesday, March 17

6 AM-7PM Election Day Voting (Parish Hall)
9:30 AM Lydia Circle (Library)
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 Subcommittee (Library)
7:30 PM St. Andrews Sisters (Off Site 1)

Wednesday, March 18

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)
5:30 PM Session (Second Floor Classroom)
6:30 PM D & D Group (Library)

Thursday, March 19

12:00 PM Library Guild-day work session (Children's
Library)
5:45 PM Thursday Night Bible Study (2nd Floor
Classroom)
6:00 PM Library Guild-evening work session (Children's
Library)
7:00 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, March 20

9:00 AM Landscape Spring Cleanup
5:30 PM DMA Potluck (Parish Hall)
6:15 PM DMA Program (Parish Hall)

Saturday, March 21

8:00 AM PEO Roundtable Brunch (Parish Hall)

Sunday, March 22

9:00 AM Earth Care Committee (Library)
10:00 AM Worship Service- Communion (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)
11:15 AM Confirmation (Conference Room)

WESTMINSTER STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Anne Marshall
Pastor and Head of Staff

The Reverend Sarah A. Bishop
Associate Pastor for Family
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The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle
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Jennie Alt
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