



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter
April 4, 2021
Morning Worship
9:30 A.M.

The Prelude

This Joyful Eastertide
(based on Vreuchten from *Psalmen*, arr. Livingston, Jr)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Easter Joy
(Hymn #366 and lyrics #196, arr. Butler)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
(Tune: Salzburg, lyrics Hymn #196)

Mighty victor from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

† **The Call to Worship**

Romans 6:8, 14:9

Leader: Come, let us worship, for if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

All: For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

† **The Hymn of Adoration**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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† **The Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† **The Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell*; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;** the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.*
***"catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.*

† **The Gloria Patri**

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.

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The Call to Repentance

Romans 3:10-20, Church Bible, pg. 940

The Silent Confession of Personal Sins

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, please save us from ourselves. Save us from the artifices and deceits of our sin, from the treachery of our perverse nature, from denying your charge against our offenses, from a life of continual rebellion against you, from wrong principles, views, and ends. We know that all our thoughts, affections, desires, and pursuits are alienated from you. We thank you that Jesus Christ strides forth as the victor, conqueror of death, hell, and all opposing might. He bursts the bands of death, tramples the powers of darkness down, and lives forever. We thank you that the claims of justice are satisfied, that the devil's scepter is shattered, that his wrongful throne is leveled. Give us the assurance that in Christ we died, in him we rose, in his life we live, in his victory we triumph, and in his ascension, we shall be glorified. His death is our life, his resurrection our peace, his ascension our hope, his prayers our comfort. Amen. (Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

The Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 15:50-57, Church Bible, pg. 962

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 53:7-12, Church Bible, pg. 614

† **The Psalter**

Preserve Me, O My God

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The Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Sing Alleluia
(Music by Bach, Arr. by Douglas Wagner)

Sanctuary Choir

With endless rejoicing, with endless rejoicing,
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia.
With endless rejoicing, with endless rejoicing,
Sing alleluia, singing alleluia, singing alleluia.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God

“Resurrection and Mission”
Luke 24:44-49

Mr. Joe Steele
Church Bible, pg. 885

† **The Hymn of Response**

In Christ Alone

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† **The Benediction**

† **The Doxology**

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† **The Postlude**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
(Markworth)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 4. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; *Al - le - lu - ia!*

sons of men and an - gels say; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 fought the fight, the bat - tle won; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Christ hath burst the gates of hell; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 where, O death, is now thy sting? *Al - le - lu - ia!*

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 lo, the sun's e - clipse is o'er; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 death in vain for - bids him rise; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Once he died, our souls to save; *Al - le - lu - ia!*

sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 lo, he sheds his blood no more. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al - le - lu - ia!*

5. Soar we now where Christ has led, *Alleluia!* 6. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
 Foll'wing our exalted head; *Alleluia!* Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
 Made like him, like him we rise; *Alleluia!* Thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Alleluia!* Hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

Preserve Me, O My God

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1. ¹Pre - serve me, O my God; you are my ref - uge true.
 2. ⁴Those seek - ing oth - er gods shall mul - ti - ply their pain;
 3. ⁶The lot that fell to me is beau - ti - ful and fair;
 4. ⁸I keep be - fore me still the LORD whom I have proved;
 5. ¹⁰For you will not for - sake my soul un - to the grave,

²I say, "You are my Lord. I have no good a - part from you."
 their gifts of blood I of - fer not; their gods I will not name.
 • the her - i - tage in which I dwell is good be - yond com - pare.
 at my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.
 nor will you leave your Ho - ly One to see the tomb's de - cay.

³The saints through - out the earth — in them is my de - light,
⁵O LORD, you are to me my cup and por - tion sure;
 • ⁷I praise the LORD a - bove, whose coun - sel guides a - right.
⁹My heart is there - fore glad; my tongue with joy will sing.
¹¹Life's path - way you make known, full joy of bound - less store

for ex - cel - lent are they who live as ho - ly in your sight.
 the lot that you as - sign to me you guard and keep se - cure.
 • My heart in - structs me in his love in sea - sons of the night.
 My bod - y, too, will rest se - cure in hope un - wav - er - ing.
 is found with you; at your right hand are plea - sures ev - er - more.

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in

song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -

fier - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,

when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -

ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.
 his and he is mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

IN CHRIST ALONE L.M.D.
 Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
 arr. Ruth Coleman

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ANNOUNCEMENTS IN MORNING BULLETIN
THIS WEEK & BEYOND

April 4, 2021

Adult Growth Groups: We offer several men's, women's, and co-ed groups for study, fellowship and prayer throughout the week. To see the full list of available groups, select 'Adult Groups and Classes' under 'Ministries' on the homepage of the church website.

Church Workday: We are having a churchwide workday on **Saturday, April 17th** from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There are many different types of jobs that are appropriate for all ages beginning at Middle School and up! We are aiming for 40 participants so please sign up on the Blue Sheet or use the link in the weekly email.

Communicants Class: We will be offering a class for children (recommend 1st grade readers and older) who are interested in becoming communing members of our church. The class will run for 7 – 8 weeks during the Sunday school hour and there will be weekly reading and homework assignments. The first class will be held on **Sunday, April 11th**. Sign up on the Blue Sheet today. Questions? Contact Sydney Knight (Sydney.knight@wpc-hsv.org) or Pastor Joe (joe.steele@wpc-hsv.org).

Men Can Be Social: On **Friday, April 16th** at 6:30 p.m., you are invited to join with other men to sit by a fire and simply enjoy one another's company at either the home of Tom Adams or Nat Causey. You are free to go to either home but consider the following suggestion: If your FIRST name begins with A-M, go to the Causey's home (6401 Dunnivant Place, Huntsville). If your FIRST name begins with N-Z, go to the Adams' home (25 Braxton Street, Huntsville). Whichever location you choose, please RSVP to the host: Nat at npcausey@gmail.com or Tom at teadams102557@gmail.com.

Prayer & Praise email: If you are unable to attend corporate worship in person, we still want for you to make your prayer requests known so that we can pray for one another. Send your prayer or praise requests to office@wpc-hsv.org and write "Prayer Request" in the subject line. If you would like your prayer request to remain confidential, then please annotate as such. Please submit all prayer requests no later than 4:00 p.m. each Monday. We will continue to publish our weekly prayer and praise email on Tuesday of each week.

Wednesday Evening Activities: We will resume our normal Wednesday evening activities this week. Join us for fellowship, prayer, choir, youth group and catechism training for our children. The meal service will be from 5:45 until 6:15. Cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 per family cap. Please pay by cash or check on the night of the meal. **Please be sure to indicate your meal order on the back of the Blue Sheet so that we know how many to plan for.** College & Career will meet at 7:30.

WPC Women's Weekend: Join us for a focus on living as women who are disciples of Christ. We will enjoy lots of fellowship and take a look at what we will be doing together this summer! On **Friday, April 23rd** there will be small group dinners from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. On **Saturday, April 24th**, we will meet at the church from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast from Bubba's and encouragement from Robin Roberts! Please sign up on the Blue Sheet if you would like to participate or host a meal.

SAVE THE DATE

- Ladies' Craft Night: April 12, 2021
- Men Can Be Social Event: April 16, 2021
- Church Workday: April 17, 2021
- Women's Ministry Event: April 23-24, 2021
- Church Picnic at Monte Sano: May 8, 2021
- Graduate Sunday: May 16, 2021
- Vacation Bible School: June 22-25, 2021

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David Hammond, Stephen Hooks, Jim Roberts, Nick Robison, Joe Steele

Home Worship Guide

Beloved congregation,

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic is affecting every family, business, and institution in our country. Even churches like ours are not exempt from its life-altering influence. As you know, Westminster Presbyterian Church has a deep commitment to the Bible-mandated practice of corporate worship on the Lord's Day. As much as we would love to continue assembling as a unified body every week, we know it is necessary to do our part to protect the members of this body and the community around us by honoring social distancing recommendations. Therefore, our parishioners will need to worship with us corporately via Livestream until further notice.

One of the benefits of being able to worship together in our beautiful sanctuary is that it naturally engenders a corporate atmosphere of reverence mingled with joy. Visible markers of corporate reverence include our rising together during the invocation, the offering up of solemn prayers, periods of sustained silence, and attentive listening. Visible markers of corporate joy include the vigorous singing of praises, heartfelt confession of creeds, delighting in the assurance of pardon, and offering up of tithes and offerings.

Our goal during this challenging season is to retain as much of this corporate worship experience as we possibly can. Please use the suggestions in this guide to help you toward this end.

As you follow along with the streamed worship, we encourage you to worship at home just as you would at church. For this to happen, you will need to be intentional about the following:

- Find a place in your home that is devoid of unnecessary distractions. Be careful about not allowing your smartphone, tablet, radio, pets, magazines, or anything else to divert your attention from worshipping the Triune God in Spirit and truth.
- Have your Bible and worship bulletin readily accessible. We have slightly modified our bulletin to facilitate easy viewing and printing at home. We strongly recommend having printed copies of the bulletin for your family members, especially the children.
- Dress appropriately as a means of rightly framing your mind toward the task at hand. For most people, it will be difficult to foster a serious and contemplative attitude of worship if they are lounging around in pajamas. How we dress has a profound influence on our behavior.
- Unless providentially hindered, be sure to stand with the congregation when asked to do so. Standing will unite your posture with the gathered assembly and also serve as a natural deterrent to laziness.
- Audibly participate in all corporate prayers, confessions, and singing. The purpose of our Livestream worship service is to glorify God, not to be entertained. There is no such thing as a "passenger" in the worship of God. He has created everything to be participating actively in his praise (Psalm 148).
- Participate in pastoral prayers by bowing your head, closing your eyes, and agreeing silently with the prayers offered up to God. Don't use this as a time to recharge your coffee cups.
- Every Livestream service will still contain an offertory hymn. We urge you to use this time to make an online offering or write a check for later mailing. Even though we cannot meet together, our church and missionaries are still very much dependent on your regular tithes and offerings.
- Participate in sermons by actively listening and engaging with the text of Holy Scripture.
- In sum, approach this Livestream worship service precisely as you would if you were present in the sanctuary.

Beloved, these are challenging times, but they afford us a unique opportunity to express our corporate solidarity as God's redeemed people. Many of our friends, neighbors, and co-workers remain blind to the glorious Gospel of our crucified and risen Savior. The confusion and fear of the unbelievers around us will likely increase during this season of uncertainty. Please invite them to join us in corporate worship. In doing so, you will be offering real hope to their imperiled souls.

~Pastor Joe