



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Services of Worship
Passion/Palm Sunday

April 17, 2011

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.



Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome, in Christ's name, to all who would worship here or join us in fellowship. We affirm that there can be no exclusion within the body of Christ. We invite all children of God to join us as disciples of Christ and participate fully in the life of our congregation.

This Morning at Westminster

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Holy Toast Café, in Community Hall, offers free coffee and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

Deacon Team of the Month

Jill Voss, Carla Krupanski, Patti Ridout, Diane Chandler

8:45 a.m. – noon Child Care for Cribbery (birth – toddler)

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Worship

After TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, if you wish, your children may leave the Sanctuary and go to:

- ❖ **Godly Care** – A unique opportunity for children ages 2-4 to get to know God through music, crafts, prayers and stories. Classes are in **Under Six Classroom A.**
- ❖ **Godly Play** – Children in Kindergarten and 1st grade gather in the **Ruth Christie Room** to learn the language of God's people through sacred space, stories, parables and liturgical actions. You may pick up your children in **Under Six Classroom C.**
- ❖ **Godly Kids** – Children in grades 2, 3 and 4 will become "Hebrew Scouts," re-living the stories of the Exodus. You may pick up your children in **Under Six Classroom C** following worship.

10:10 a.m.	Education for All Ages	
	➤ Under Six Sunday School	Under Six Classrooms
	➤ Education Event for Grades K-5	Grace Hall, Classroom 4, Youth Music Room & Sanctuary
	➤ Middle Schoolers on the Move Gr. 6-8	Classroom 1
	➤ Confirmation Class for 9 th Graders	Classroom 8
	➤ Senior High Gathering	Classroom 3
	➤ Adult Education Classes	See page 7

10:10 a.m.	125 th Anniversary Committee	Meeting Room
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11:15 a.m. Worship

Later Today

2:00 p.m.	Israel/Palestine Film Series "Little Town of Bethlehem"	Community Hall
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

PASTORAL STAFF: Gregory K. Jones, Head of Staff
Anne R. Ledbetter, Associate Pastor
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

CHURCH EDUCATOR: Susan Moseley

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Debbie Brown

MUSIC STAFF: Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music
Mary Beth Davis, Director of Music for Children, Youth and Handbells
Section Leaders/Soloists: Diana Milburn, Ruth Bailis, Justin Gonzalez, Brian Carter

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo Collins from her family.

Sanctuary Flowers - Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event, while expressing praise and thanksgiving to God. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or lwatson@ycst.com. Dates available for flowers are May 1, 29 and June 5, 26.

Worship Resources – You may obtain large print hymnals and hearing devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3-6 and *Kids' Notes* for ages 7-12 are available from the ushers. *Kids' Notes* emphasize *listening* and *seeing* during worship.

Are you wearing a nametag? Whether you are a long-time member or new to the church, wearing a nametag provides others the opportunity to meet you, greet you by name, and for you to become more familiar with others at church. You will find nametags and markers in baskets at all major entrances.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Those recently hospitalized:** Wayne Casey, Wilma McDowell-Kaup, Natalie Krause, Carolyn McKeown, Polly McPheeters.
- ❖ **Westminster's homebound family** who can no longer attend worship with us by sending a card, saying a prayer, visiting! This week we ask you to remember Edie Lennox, Wesley Wing 3969 and Grace Austin, Apt. 3613, both of Methodist Country House, 4830 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807.
- ❖ **Our brothers and sisters** in worldwide ministry in Guatemala, Kenya, Congo and Israel/Palestine.

Westminster's Covenant Prayer Group prays weekly for specific needs of the faith community. **Anyone may submit a prayer request** by leaving a confidential message on 302-654-5848, ext. 335, or filling out a prayer request card (in the pew pocket) and placing it in the offering plate.

Iraq and Afghanistan often seem far away, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Iraqis, Afghans and members of coalition forces, continue to die. As Christians, we are called to pray for the spreading of peace and justice and an end to violence. If someone in your family is serving in the military, please let us know, so that we may include that person on our prayer list. Contact Colleen Falasco: 302-654-5214 ext. 131, or cfalasco@wpc.org.

This week we pray for

- Those known to the WPC Community presently serving overseas:
 - Iraq: Chase James Afghanistan: Ann Exline Starr
 - Middle East: Matt Burton Japan: Andy Stoffer
- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:
 - 1st Lieutenant Daren Hidalgo, age 24, of Waukesha, Wisconsin
 - Sergeant Robert Sisson, Jr., age 29, of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
 - Corporal Johnathan Taylor, age 23, of Homosassa, Florida
 - Staff Sergeant Jerome Firtamag, age 29, of Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia
 - Specialist Brian Tabada, age 21, of Las Vegas, Nevada
 - Specialist Andrew Wilfahrt, age 31, of Rosemount, Minnesota
 - Private 1st Class David Fahey, Jr., age 23, of Norwalk, Connecticut
 - Staff Sergeant Chauncy Mays, age 25, of Cookville, Texas
- Those who have returned from service, possibly suffering from wounds or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Eternal God, I give thanks for this day of worship and pray that I may use this day to remember that you are God and I am not. I pause from my daily routine to reflect on how I am spending my time. Am I carving out time for prayer in order that I may follow your ways? Am I sharing my resources with those in need? Am I sharing Christ's love with others? Strengthen my willpower so that I may order my life according to your will. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Christ's Entry Into Jerusalem

Stanley E. Saxton
(1904-1994)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We wave palms, for today we welcome Christ into our midst.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

We shed tears, for we know where Christ's journey will take him.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Our shouts of joy are mixed with cries of anguish,
as we remember the final days of our Lord.

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*HYMN No. 89

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ELLACOMBE

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Susan Moseley

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
we confess that it is much easier
to say we follow Jesus than to do it.
We accept more readily the ways of the world
than the strange Way of the cross.
We love the lovely and lovable.
We balk at putting your worthy goals
ahead of more selfish desires.
We aim to save our lives, not lose them.**

**Forgive us, O God,
and teach us to be faithful to the way of Christ
regardless of the cost.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

God never abandons us in our suffering or our adversity.

Even when we are unfaithful, God does not give up on us.

ANTHEM

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”
Westminster Choir

Everett Titcomb
(1884-1968)

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry,
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scattered branches strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the skies
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes,
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp, ride on to die:
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin,
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
The Father on his sapphire throne
Expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 26:36-46

New Testament, page 26
Beth Singewald, Lay Liturgist

SERMON

“Can’t We Just Skip the Cross?”

Greg Jones

*HYMN NO. 97

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”
Verses 1-3

REDHEAD 76

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in Jesus Christ, our savior and liberator;
the expression of God’s redeeming and restoring love;
the mark of humanness and the source of courage and power;
God of God, light of light, ground of our humanity.
We believe that God lives in broken homes and broken hearts,
and suffers with us in our loneliness, rejection and powerlessness.
But through death and resurrection, God gives life and dignity;
transforms the context of our struggle, inspires the content of our vision,
promises liberation to the oppressor and the oppressed,
grants new sight to the blind and hope to those in despair.
We believe God revives our decaying soul,
resurrects our defeated spirits, renews our hope for wholeness
and reminds us of our responsibility to work with God
in ushering in God’s new order here and now.**

An affirmation of faith from Hong Kong

OFFERTORY

“Pie Jesu”
Ruth Bailis, mezzo-soprano

Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

Pie Jesu Domine,
dona eis requiem sempiternam.

*Merciful Lord Jesus,
grant them rest everlasting.*

*During the offering, please sign your name and pass the red folder down your row.
As folders are returned to the center aisle, note the names of fellow worshippers on your pew.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (page 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*HYMN No. 92

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ST. CHRISTOPHER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Were You There?”

African-American spiritual

GOING FORTH

If you are visiting with us, we invite you to meet today’s ambassador, Bill Nace, at the back of the sanctuary. He will have a gift for you, and can share information regarding our many ministries for children, youth and adults.

Memorial Easter Lily



ORDER FORM

You are invited to place lilies in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Cost: \$20 per plant. Please complete the form below, make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and return to Susan Alexander at the front desk no later than Monday, April 18.

Please specify the number of plants. _____ @ \$20 each

Choose from the following options.

- _____ Please deliver to a homebound member.
- _____ I will pick up at 12:00 p.m. Easter Sunday.

Complete the information below (please print).

In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

Given By:

Name _____

Holy Week at Westminster

APRIL 17
Palm/Passion Sunday
Worship at 9:00
and 11:15 a.m.

APRIL 21
Maundy Thursday
Worship at 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 22
Good Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Walk the labyrinth
Silent prayer

APRIL 24 –
EASTER SUNDAY
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Festive worship

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Easter breakfast
in Community Hall

10:10 a.m.
Easter egg hunt &
basket making
in Classroom 6



Adult Education Classes This Morning

Westminster By Heart – Led by Mary-beth Howard and Shelley Gnade, in the Ruth Christie Room

Westminster By Heart will be preparing for the Maundy Thursday service for which they provide leadership through the telling of the stories. This service always proves a meaningful, spiritual experience for tellers and listeners alike. Whether you wish to participate yourself or just want to get closer to the stories that are at the heart of our faith, you are welcome. Come and join us.

The Four Acts of Prayer -Led by Class Members, April 17, May 1, 8, 15, in the Daughtry Classroom

In this video series, Walter Wangerin teaches that prayer is more than communication; it is a conversation between God and each one of us. In the ten lessons of The Four Acts of Prayer, Wangerin uses stories to explore the vital elements of the complete circle of praying – we speak, God listens, God speaks, we listen.

Making Container Gardens - Led by Anne Ledbetter, in Classroom 6

Want to try your hand at gardening, but not use a rotor tiller? Join us Sunday morning and get the basic ingredients for a small container garden which you can keep indoors by a sunny window until the weather warms. We will have containers and soil, as well as suggestions for plantings for a nominal cost. You may try to grow your own pizza garden, soup garden or salad garden! Before you know it, you'll prove you do indeed have a green thumb, and a healthier diet. As they say on the tube, "hurry while supplies last!"

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*Processional Songs

*Hymn No. 88

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1. Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One.
(Refrain)**

**2. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present.
(Refrain)**

**3. To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
(Refrain)**

**4. Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!
(Refrain)**

At the asterisk (), please stand as you are able.*

*Song

“Hosanna! Hosanna!”

Leader: - - - - - All: - - - - -

Je - sus rode in-to Je - ru - sa - lem. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!

5 Leader: _____ All: _____

All the peo - ple sang their praise to him. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!

9 Leader: _____ All: _____

Came to town up-on a don - key's back; Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!

13 Leader: _____ All: _____

Seemed low - ly but he's Lord in fact. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -

17 san - na! Hear the peo - ple say Ho - san - na! Save us to - day. Ho -

21 san - na! It's a faith - ful song. Ho - san - na! Sing it all night long!

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Children's Time

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Scripture Lesson

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New Testament, page 26
Dick Jolly, Lay Liturgist

Sermon

"Can't We Just Skip the Cross?"

Greg Jones

Song

"We Sang Our Glad Hosannas"
Verses 1 and 2: Ensemble
Verses 3 and 4: All



1. We sang our glad ho - san - nas and waved our branch - es high, but
2. We heard an an - gry Je - sus in Tem - ple courts de - clare, "Be
3. We served him at the ta - ble with wine, un - leav - ened bread. "The
4. We saw a suf - fering Je - sus a - lone, with - out a friend, and



5 some were si - lent, frown - ing, as Je - sus rode on by. They
gone you mon - ey chang - ers! This is a house of prayer." Though
one who will be - tray - me now eats with me," he said. His
heard the voic - es shout - ing a - buse un - til the end. We



9 sought a roy - al Sav - ior, but did not un - der - stand a
man - y came for heal - ing and stayed to hear his word, still
friends would not be - lieve him, but one by one that night, as
wept as we stood watch - ing Love's light grow dim and die, and



13 king could rule by lov - ing in - stead of by com - mand.
other - ers, hos - tile, plot - ted and thus his death as - sured.
sol - diers came to take - him, they scur - ried out of sight.
cried, "Why did this hap - pen? God, tell us, tell us why?"

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Offering

*During the offering, please sign your name and pass the red folder down your row.
As folders are returned to the center aisle, note the names of fellow worshippers on your pew.*

Offertory Anthem

“Let This Mind Be In You”
Vocal Ensemble

Craig Courtney

Prayers of the People

Refrain

“Stay with Me”



Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch__ and pray,__ watch__ and pray.__

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Lord’s Prayer (page 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, using “debts” and “debtors”)

*Closing Song

“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?”



1. Must__ Je - sus bear the cross a - lone,__ and all the
2. How__ hap - py are the saints a - bove,__ who once went
3. The__ con - se - crat - ed cross I'll bear__ till death shall



6 world go free?____ No,__ there's a cross for ev - ery -
sor - rowing here!____ But__ now they taste un - min - gled
set me free;____ And__ then go home my crown to



12 one__ and there's a cross for me.____
love__ and joy with - out a tear.____
wear,__ for there's a crown for me.____

Benediction

Postlude

WESTMINSTER COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

Please fill out this survey and leave it in the baskets provided as you depart the sanctuary after worship.
The Communications Advisory Board thanks you for your participation!

1. Please indicate your relationship with Westminster Presbyterian Church. (Please choose ONE.)

- Member
- Visitor

2. Which of the following communications from Westminster do you read regularly? (Select all that apply.)

By "regularly," we mean at least once a month.

- Sunday Bulletin
- Weekly announcements sheet distributed with Sunday Bulletin
- The Weekly Word*
- The Chimes*
- Web site
- I do not read Westminster communications regularly.

3. Which of the following communications from Westminster is MOST useful, and why? (Please choose ONE.)
Even if you do not use Westminster communications regularly, please choose the medium you would go to *first* for information.

- Sunday Bulletin
- Weekly announcements sheet distributed with Sunday Bulletin
- Verbal announcements from pastors before worship
- The Weekly Word*
- The Chimes*
- Web site

4. Which of the following communications from Westminster is LEAST useful, and why? (Please choose ONE.)
Even if you do not use Westminster communications regularly, please choose the medium you would go to *last* for information.

- Sunday Bulletin
- Weekly announcements sheet distributed with Sunday Bulletin
- Verbal announcements from pastors before worship
- The Weekly Word*
- The Chimes*
- Web site

5. How can Westminster improve communications within the congregation? (Please be specific.)

6. Would you like to receive the *Weekly Word*, our quick-read electronic newsletter, each Thursday via e-mail?

- Yes. My e-mail address is _____
- No
- I already receive the *Weekly Word*.

7. Would you like to receive our monthly newsletter, *The Chimes*, electronically and in color instead of having a black and white copy mailed to your home?

- Yes. My e-mail address is _____
- No
- I already receive *The Chimes* electronically.

Name (optional): _____