

Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 10, 2022 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

# THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

I Will Exalt Thee Joyful, Joyful Jim Burns, piano Westminster Ringers arr. Cynthia Dobrinski arr. Lorie Line, Kevin McChesney

#### Welcome and Announcements

Introit (11:00)

Little Grey Donkey Cherub Choir Natalie Sleeth

#### \*Call to Worship

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.
We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.
Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.
Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

*Hymn No. 196	All Glory, Laud, and Honor	St. Theodulph arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,		
	to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!	

Our Mission: We seek to be a caring community of faith committed to bringing people to Christ and developing their faith through worshiping God together, teaching the faith, and serving in mission.

- 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*)

\***Prayer of Confession** (adapted Mindi Welton-Mitchell)

On this Sunday, we remember how quickly we change. How fickle we are, We pledge our devotion one moment and turn our backs the next. We go from shouting "Hosanna! Save Us!" to "Crucify Him."

We declare that we love our neighbors and then we turn our backs on the homeless and hungry in our communities.

We speak up for change and justice in one breath, and then continue unjust practices in daily lives by what we consume and the needs we ignore.

Forgive us, O God, for we are half-hearted believers. Forgive us, O God, for we are partial justice warriors. Forgive us, O God, for we tire easily and we forget, and we grow weary.

(A time of silence for personal confession)

### Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### \*Sung Response

O How He Loves You and Me

O how he loves you and me! (repeat) He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you; o how he loves me; o how he loves you and me!

### **Prayers of the People**

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. Sevenfold Amen (8:30)

<b>Anthem</b> (11:00)	This Is the Day Junior Choir	Mark Burrows	
Gospel Lesson Leader: This is the People: Thanks be		NT 83	
Sermon	Crossing Thresholds	Jo Forrest	
Offertory Anthem Hosanna to the Son of David Larry Shackley Hosanna to the Son of David, hosanna to the Promised One. Hosanna to the great Messiah; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Behold the great procession, with Jesus at the head. Your longed-for King is coming, just as the prophets said. Astride a humble donkey, He moves on through the crowd. They line the road with branches, and shout their praise aloud. Prepare the way before Him, and lay your branches down; Messiah comes to save us and claim His victor's crown. The company of angels is praising Him on high, and we, with all creation together make reply. <i>with Stephon Owens, trumpet</i>			
	om all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	OLD HUNDREDTH	
<ul> <li>*Hymn No. 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</li> <li>1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem ran To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breat the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best</li> <li>2 From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and lot the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wa</li> <li>3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.</li> </ul>		t, ıd;	
*Benediction			

#### \*Benediction Response

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Go ye now in peace, and know that the love of God will guide you. Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way. Know that the God who sent his son to die that you might live Will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world.

Postlude

Postlude on All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Alexandre Guilmant

#### \*Please stand if you are able.

**Leading in worship:** Jim Burns, Jo Forrest, Holly Jones, Beth Ketterman, Jim Marshall, Lorraine Milovac, Louise Rogers, the Westminster Ringers, and the Cherub, Junior, and Chancel choirs

### Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the marriage of Paige Gillen and Patrick Schmitz on April 2. the marriage of Caroline Nixon and David Kafafian on April 2.

**Recent hospitalization, surgery, or illness** Haley Kay Hammel

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, April 10

Don't forget your pocket change for the Cherub Choir's special Palm Sunday collection! During worship today and in front of the church from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. this afternoon.

<b>Children's Easter Egg Hunt</b> 9:45 & 11:45 a.m.	Join us today for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your children to their regular Sunday school hour/room. 9:45 Sunday school will dismiss from Room 194. 11:00 Sunday school parents can meet their children after worship in the courtyard for the Egg Hunt.
Haiti Child	Stop by the north entry anytime this morning to learn more about
Sponsorship	Haiti child sponsorship. Current sponsors will be on hand to talk
Celebration	about their experience. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to select a
9:00 a.m 12:30 p.m.	Haitian student's profile and to commit to one year of sponsorship.

# This Week

Outdoor Labyrinth During Holy Week

South Courtyard

Westminster's brick labyrinth in the south courtyard is open to walk anytime. During Holy Week you may meditate on the final days of Christ's journey to the cross, what Christ's sacrifice means to you, and ways to incorporate your reflections as you reenter your daily life.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

# Youth Ministry



# New Podcast – from the Youth Department

This podcast will review the scripture lesson and discussion questions from Veritas, Westminster's youth group, the prior week. Visit **veritalk.podbean**. **com** for links to download and listen.

### There's still time to sign up for the Veritas Summer Mission Trip July 10-16!

Westminster's youth are headed to West Virginia for a week of service working on different types of home repair projects. There are a few spots left! Sign up here: https://www.westminster-church. org/events/event-list/veritas-summer-mission-trip

# This Month



### WROC Talk: Success with Perennials

Tuesday, April 26 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Experience the joy of gardening with perennials this year! Presenters Russ and Melanie Bedner will cover the basics to get you started with confidence, plus show you some of their favorite plants and how to use them. **Cost is free but registration is required** here: http://www.wroc. westminster-church.org



### Westminster Book Group

Wednesday, April 27 Noon – 1:15 p.m. Library At the next Westminster Book Group meeting, we will discuss *The Red Pony* by John Steinbeck, which explores "stories about a boy who embodies both the rebellious spirit and the contradictory desire for acceptance of early adolescence." (Amazon)



# Church-wide Bike Ride

Saturday, April 30 9:30 a.m. Panhandle Trail in McDonald, PA Come enjoy nature and get some exercise while biking on the Panhandle Trail. This is an opportunity to fellowship with your church family of all ages. Wear your new church t-shirt if you have one! Meet at 9:30 in the parking lot. *Rain date May 7*. Contact Sue Davis at planetsue66@gmail.com for more information.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

# Coming in May



# Extended Communion

Sunday, May 1

The Deacons will once again be taking communion to anyone unable to attend Sunday worship. If you would like to receive communion or know of anyone to add to the list, please email Louise Rogers, rogers@westminster-church.org, or call the church office 412-835-6630.

Visit the church's website at www.westminster-church.org for additional details on any event or activity listing and to view a complete church calendar, located under the "Events" menu item.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

# This Week

# **Easter Flower Delivery**

Sunday, April 17, following 11:00 a.m. worship or Monday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Looking for a one-time volunteer opportunity? One of our homebound members would love a flower this Easter. Pick up flowers at the church and drop off to our members who were recently hospitalized, elderly, and at home or in a senior community. **Deadline to volunteer is Wednesday, April 13.** 

# **Grow Living Stones**

Sunday, April 24, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Church in Beechview

Work with other Westminster volunteers to set up and serve food...there is a job for everyone. Sign up early! Details here: https://www.westminster-church.org/ serving/opportunities-to-serve#community

# Save the Date – Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

#### **Mission Trip to Kentucky** Saturday, May 28 – Friday, June 3

Help people in a tornado ravaged community in Kentucky by supporting cleanup and rebuilding projects. There is work for all skill levels. For details, email Paul Conley at conley1973@

### World Vision 6K Walk/Run for Clean Water Saturday, May 21, 9:00 a.m. @ Westminster

Please join us here at Westminster to have fun, to be physical, to reconnect with friends you haven't seen in a while, and to live out God's love. Stay tuned for additional details and the link to register!

For more information about these or other volunteer opportunities, visit our website or contact Jan Baumann at 412-835-6630x205 or 412-559-1034 or baumann@westminster-church.org.

verizon.net

# CALENDAR

# APRIL 11-

# Holy Week & Easter Sunday Calendar Notes

Rm. 152 Yahweh Café Fellowship Hall WROC WROC Zoom

WROC

Please note, there will be **NO Wednesday evening activities** – *with the exception of Grief Care* – on Wednesday, April 13, in observance of Holy Week. On Easter Sunday, April 17, there will be **NO Westminster Seminars, Sunday School**, or **Confirmation**. The Wiggle Room will be available during 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. worship services.

### MONDAY, APRIL 11

WNSK Closed - Spring Break			
7:00	WCDC		
9:30	PACC Movie Matinee		
12:00	AA		
5:30	Cardio Kickboxing		
6:45	Cardio Strength Fusion		
7:00	WECEP Board Meeting		
8:10	Adult Pickup Basketball		

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 12**

	WNSK Closed - Spring Break	
7:00	Men's Discussion Group	Rm. 238
	WCDC	Rm. 152
9:00	Membership Commission	Rm. 238
	Zumba	WROC
10:15	Strong Bodies /Strong Bones	Fellowship Hall
11:15	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
5:30	PACC Activity Night	Yahweh Café
6:30	Centering Prayer	Zoom
7:00	Al Anon	Rm. 131
	Outreach Commission	Rm. 176
8:00	Adult Pickup Volleyball	WROC

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

	WNSK Closed - Spring Break
7:00	WCDC
10:00	Gentle (Hatha) Yoga
12:30	Movers and Shakers
6:45	Grief Care

Rm. 152
Fellowship Hall
Fellowship Hall
Memorial Parlor

### THURSDAY, APRIL 14

	WNSK Closed - Spring Break	
7:00	WCDC	Rm. 152
7:30	Maundy Thursday	
	Worship Service	Sanctuary

### FRIDAY, APRIL 15

WCDC Closed - Good Friday WNSK Closed - Spring Break 9:00 Church Office Open (until noon)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

no events scheduled.

# EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

6:30	Sunrise Service
8:30	Traditional Worship
	Wiggle Room
9:00	Welcome Center
9:45	Contemporary Worship
	Wiggle Room
11:00	Traditional Worship
	Wiggle Room

North Courtyard Sanctuary Rm. 239

WROC/Livestrm. WROC Fitness Sanctuary/Livestrm. Rm. 239

Please check our website calendar for the most up-to-date listing of events and activities: https://www. westminster-church.org/events/calendar. To schedule an event or make a room reservation, please contact Kathy Long at 412-835-6630x200 or long@westminster-church.org for current availability.

# Easter Flowers Deadline is Tomorrow, April 11

Last chance to order Easter flowers! Please make checks payable to "Westminster Presbyterian Church," and write "Easter flowers" on the memo line. Checks and forms <u>must be received by</u> <u>Monday, April 11</u>, so that your gift can be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

EASTER FLOWE	RS ORDER FORM		1 Part
□ In memory	In honor		Mar II
Name of memorial,	honoree (PLEASE PRI	NT)	
Please deliver	flower to a shut-in	I will pick up the flower	
My name			_
Please retu	ırn this form to the chur	rch office by Monday, April 11.	

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