



*Welcome*  
**TO**  
*Westminster*  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent • March 10, 2024**

**Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo**

**Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain**

**Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff**

**Lay Leader: Sara Sweeney**

Sunday, March 10, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. Service

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.* ▪ **BOLD** text is sung or spoken in unison.

## PRELUDE

*I Come with Joy*  
Handbell Choir

## INTROIT

*Wait for the Lord*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God's reach is endless.

**God's mercy is unstoppable.**

God's grace is lavish.

**God's love is constant.**

God's wisdom is vast.

**God's hope is stubborn.**

God's presence is here—with us, among us, moving through us.

**Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.**

We are in God's house.

**Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.**

## \*HYMN #20

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, God is always waiting for us. The porch light is on. The door is unlocked.

We might be late for curfew, but God is just so glad we're home. So let us pray the prayer of confession together, trusting that no matter what we do or what we leave undone, God will always welcome us home. Let us pray.

## *\*Prayer of Confession*

**Gracious God, all we like sheep have gone astray, each of us turning our own separate ways. Draw your children back to your loving embrace; restore us to our inheritance as your sons and daughters. Reconcile our hearts to you, that we may become ambassadors of your reconciling love to all the world. Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**

## *\*Silent Prayer*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, we worship a prodigal God—a God who is extravagant in mercy and excessive in grace.

**For no matter how many times we run, no matter how far we go or how lost we get, God is standing at the end of the driveway waiting for us.**

The doors are open. The feast is for you. This grace is extravagant.

**We are forgiven!**

*\*Response*

*Glory Be to the Father (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**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**HYMN #175**

*Seek Ye First*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FAITH IN ACTION**

Freida Graves, Faith Farms

**WORD THROUGH MUSIC**

*Live a Humble*

Westminster Chorale

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER**

O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Offertory*

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Westminster Chorale

*(Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to exit for Fellowship Time in Room 301 prior to Sunday School starting at 10 a.m.)*

*\*Doxology #606*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and bodies to the re-creating power of your Word, that we may see the world through the mind of Christ and live in the world as a foretaste of your new creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Prodigal Grace*  
Rev. Angela Ryo

## \*HYMN #65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*New in Christ* by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman



## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*How Beautiful*  
Steve Strain, trumpet and John Magrou, piano

## WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

### **New Concerns**

The family of Jean Armstrong

### **Weekly Concerns**

Ron Allen  
Elizabeth Allen-Flores  
Lou Anselmo  
Patty and Matt Andrews (parents of Kelly Rommelfanger)  
The Borbely family  
The Cafmeyer family  
Charlotte (niece of Barb McKinney)  
Mary Lou Crowley (leader of The 3 Bs)  
Grace Delcano (friend of Amy Carter)  
Cole Eplway  
Dave Ferguson  
Lars Grow (grandson of Bob Grow)  
Diane Karlen  
Laura Kenworthy (niece of April Cafmeyer)  
Wade Lietzau (father of Jenny Coble)  
The Ludwig family  
Heidi Morgan  
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)  
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)  
The Orrick family  
Sharon Orr and family  
Octavio Ruiz (neighbor of Chuck Weier)  
John Shields  
The Strain family  
Pat Snyder (mother of Christine Cangiano)  
Ann Sullivan (neighbor of Chuck Weier)

Bob Vliek (brother of Jim Vliek)  
Kimmy Walker (friend of Nora Alfonsi)  
Sandy Walsh in the passing of her niece,  
Judith Mills  
Wendy Wilke-Sola

### **Continuing Care & Prayers**

Ron Allen  
David Cafmeyer  
Cheryl Clement (Alan Carlson's niece)  
Jan & Charlotte, cousins of Barb McKinney  
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend of the Pedricks)  
David Dal Santo (Husband of Dawn)  
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)  
Bruce Elliot (cousin of Chuck Weier)  
Mike Feege  
Ed Harrison  
Kim Karlen  
John & Carole Keener (family of Ron Robbins)  
Joe McDaniel  
Betty Morris  
Morgan Orrick  
Richard Simkins  
Elaine Schnider and her friend Debbie (friends of Robin Webber)  
Colleen Splant (friend of Chuck Weier)  
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)  
Shelly Walsh (friend of Chuck Weier)

# CONTEMPORARY *service*

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

*Prodigal*

Sidewalk Prophets

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Matt Redman

FAITH IN ACTION

Freida Graves, Faith Farms

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

MESSAGE

*Prodigal Grace*

Rev. Angela Ryo

REFLECTION/OFFERING

*Shelter*

Pat Barrett

CLOSING SONG

*Sing & Shout*

Matt Redman

RISSING



# Today's Events



## **Sunday School from 10 - 10:30 a.m. in Room 301**

Children Kindergarten through 5th Grade will receive a lesson on "The Greatest Commandment" with Mrs. Eplawy and Mrs. Shelton.



## **Youth Grades 6 - 12th grade**

Our youth are invited to visit the Mission Fair in South Hall between worship services.



## **Westminster Forum with Rabbi Len Zukrow at 10:30 a.m. in room 209**

Topic: Passover: Symbols of the Seder over time and Elijah the prophet, messianism and passover



## **WPC Partners in Action - from 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

Enjoy complimentary coffee and treats while learning about our many non-profit partners and various volunteer opportunities throughout our local community and beyond!



## **Girl Scout Cookie Sale - from 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

Cookies are \$6 per box (*Cookies can be donated to Loaves & Fishes for the shelter!*) All Girl Scouts who attend WPC are welcome to help at our booth!

# Upcoming Events



## **Drop Our Drawers for Lent - Donation Drive through March 30**

Join us to support LOVE Inc & La Jornada's work with children by donating new children's underwear! Various sizes are needed. Donations can be dropped off to the black bins in Fellowship Hall or you can shop La Jornada's Amazon Wish Lists. These links are available on our app/website under "Upcoming Events".



## **Holly Week Communal Art Exhibit/Prayer Stations Canvases are due soon!**

Please bring back your canvas artwork for the Holy Week Art Exhibit/Prayer Stations by Sunday, March 17.



## **Youth Group March Special Event - Saturday, March 16 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Youth are invited for a quick dinner in Room 401 prior to heading over to the high school to see the middle school play at 7 p.m. RSVP to Tricia Shelton to ensure a ticket to the play.



## **WPC Coffeehouse - Sunday, March 17 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Gather with us in the WPC Lounge for an evening of Celtic music, spoken word, and snacks.



## **Parables, Peeps & Pizza - Wednesday, March 20 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

Families are invited to join us in South Hall for pizza and diorama making of a parable. Peeps and other craft supplies will be supplied. Just come with your own box for your parable diorama.



## **Easter Sunday Spring Flowers - Order by March 17**

Purchase spring flowers for \$20.00 each, with check made payable to Westminster (Please note "Easter flowers" on the memo line). Flowers may be given in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Please include your preference on a note enclosed with your check. Drop your off check to the church office or in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Envelopes are available at the information table.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS:**

We have begun the task of updating the Member photo wall. As you may have noticed all the photos have been taken down. In the next few weeks, the frames will go up with names only. The construction on new member section & confirmation class has begun. We are still