



Welcome  
TO  
Westminster  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent • March 17, 2024**

**Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo**

**Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain**

**Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff**

**Lay Leader: Brandon Smith**

Sunday, March 17, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. Service

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

## PRELUDE

## INTROIT

*Wait for the Lord*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

May we find courage here—

**courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.**

May we find hope here—

**hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.**

May we find truth here—

**truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.**

May we find all that we seek.

**And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.**

## \*HYMN #35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION (Jeremiah 31:33)

"The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "When I will make a new covenant with my people. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest." Friends, we are God's people. Yet even as we strive to know our God and walk in God's paths, we fall short. Trusting in God as a merciful covenant partner, let us confess our sin together:

## *\*Prayer of Confession*

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine." Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## *\*Silent Prayer*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## *\*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 #828**

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WORD THROUGH MUSIC**

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

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**

Gracious God, it is our joy to return the gifts of our lives to you. May our offering this morning forever bring glory to your name, and may we continue to work tirelessly for the well-being of your whole creation. Amen.

## *Offertory*

*Medley of Irish Melodies*

Barry and Beth Reasoner

*(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*

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING**

Patty Dawes

## *\*Hymn #288*

*Spirit of the Living God*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. Then, anointed with your word, send us out to share the good news we have received. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

John 12:1-8 (CEB)

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

*The Essential Impulse*

Rev. Michael Pennanen

**\*HYMN #688**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart  
(Verses 1, 3, 5)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Sackow's Jig*  
Barry and Beth Reasoner



**Guest Preacher: Parish Associate, Rev. Mike Pennanen**

A retired pastor, Mike Pennanen is WPC's Parish Associate, which means he can help with pastoral needs when Pastor Angela is unavailable. He was a hospice chaplain for several years as well. In high school, Mike was chosen for the part of the monkey in a play about Noah's ark. This fell short of his ambitions, but he made the best of it. He and wife Valerie live in Hammond with their adult daughter Abby. Son Chris lives nearby.

**WPC PRAYER REQUESTS**

**New Concerns**

Don Hill

**Weekly Concerns**

Ron Allen  
Elizabeth Allen-Flores  
Lou Anselmo  
Patty and Matt Andrews (parents of Kelly Rommelfanger)  
The Borbely fam  
The family of Jean Armstrong ily  
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)  
Heidi Morgan  
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)  
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)  
The Orrick family  
Octavio Ruiz (neighbor of Chuck Weier)  
John Shields  
Ann Sullivan (neighbor of Chuck Weier)  
Bob Vliek (brother of Jim Vliek)  
Kimmy Walker (friend of Nora Alfonsi)  
Sandra Walsh

**Continuing Care & Prayers**

Ron Allen  
The Cafmeyer family  
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)  
The Ludwig family  
Joe McDaniel  
Betty Morris  
Sharon Orr and family  
Morgan Orrick  
Richard Simkins  
The Strain family  
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)  
Wendy Wilke-Sola

# CONTEMPORARY *service*

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

*Jesus*

Chris Tomlin

*Unto Your Name*

House Fires

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 12:1-8 (CEB)

**MESSAGE**

*The Essential Impulse*

Rev. Michael Pennanen

**REFLECTION/OFFERING**

*Shine Like Stars*

Passion

**CLOSING SONG**

*King of Kings*

Newboys

**BLESSING**

# Today's Events



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

Children Kindergarten through 5th Grade will learn about Palm Sunday and other Holy Week events with Mrs. Eplawy and Mrs. Shelton.



## Disciples & Donuts: 10 - 10:30 a.m. in Room 401

Youth grades 6 - 12th grade are invited for donuts and a lesson with Mr. & Mrs. Keefner.



## 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 Coffeehouse - Today from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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



## Holy Week Communal Art Exhibit/Prayer Stations Canvases are due!

Please bring back your canvas artwork for the Holy Week Art Exhibit/Prayer Stations today.



## Easter Sunday Spring Flowers - Order by March 17

Purchase spring flowers for \$20.00 each. Flowers may be given in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

# 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! Donations can be dropped off to the black bins in Fellowship Hall or you can shop their Amazon Wish Lists. These links are available on our app/website under "Upcoming Events".



## WPC Green Team Meeting - Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

WPC's Green Team will meet Tuesday evening in the Resource Room. All are welcome to attend.



## 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.

## Holy Week Events

### Maundy Thursday - March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a communion service. Come early to enjoy soup and a bread supper prior to service at 6:00 p.m. Bring your family!

### Pause Discussion - March 29 at 12:00 p.m.

Discussion for the book *Pause* will happen on Good Friday, room TBD.

### Good Friday - March 29 at 1:00 p.m.

Gather with us for a time of meditation followed by a pilgrimage to Carmelite Shrine to walk the Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m. \*Weather permitting.

### Sadderday Service - March 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Come and meditate with Taylor Swift songs led by our WPC worship band!

### Easter Sunday - March 31 at 9:30 a.m.

An Easter Egg Hunt for children will follow our service in South Hall. Children age 1 through 5th grade are invited to participate. Bring a basket and be prepared to collect prize-filled eggs. There will also be a special prize for finding one of our 5 golden eggs!