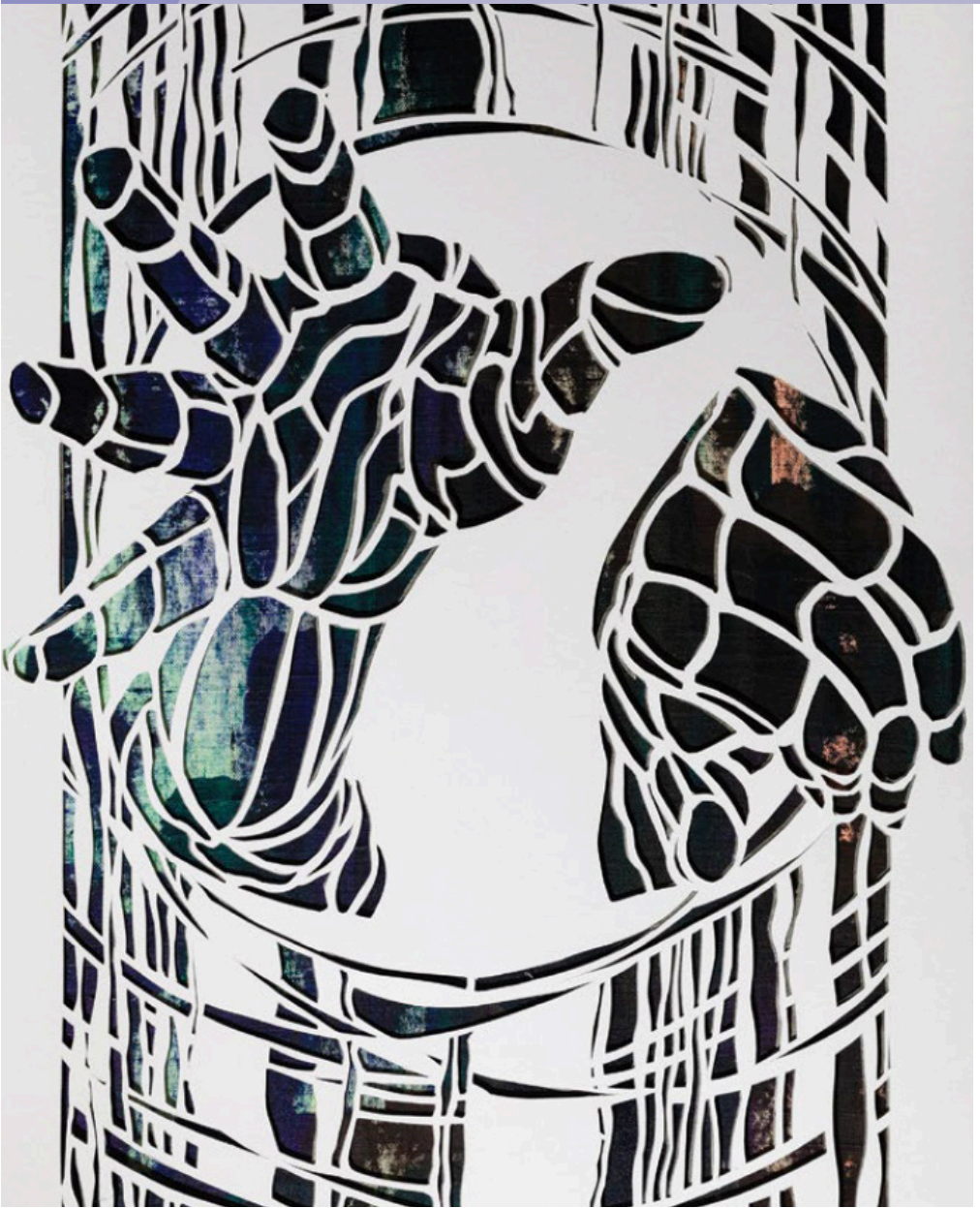




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Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5th Sunday of Lent - March 26, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Tom Reynolds

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Sunday, March 26, 2023 - 9 a.m. Service

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

PRELUDE

Oh Love How Deep

Westminster Handbell Choir

INTROIT

Bless the Lord, My Soul

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, hope in the Lord.

We place our hope in God.

Be attentive to the Lord and receive the steadfast love.

We are attentive to the presence of God's love within us and among us.

Prepare your hearts and open your minds to worship God.

We come to worship the Living God with open minds and hearts.

*HYMN #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Omit Verse 5)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, there is nothing that we have to keep hidden from God—not our anger, our grief, or the ways in which we have fallen short. In confession, we speak honestly and are met with grace. So let us not hold back. Let us bring our full selves to this prayer, knowing that God is already running to meet us. Let us pray:

**Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 130)*

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voices and let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications. We come into your presence confessing our sins, aware we have behaved in ways that are contrary to your desire for our living. We come into your presence aware that too often we allow lifelessness to gain the upper hand. We come into your presence aware that we put our trust in our own abilities. Forgive us, O God. Infuse us with your life-giving spirit. Breathe into us and make us come alive.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, there is good news for us. God is sending us the Holy Spirit now. This is the Spirit of love; this is the Spirit of joy; this is the Spirit of peace; this is the Spirit of forgiveness.

God is forgiving our sins and giving us new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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*PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Abide 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

Good and gracious God, may these gifts be one of the ways your life-giving presence is experienced in our community. Use these offerings and use us to give hope to the hopeless, wholeness to the broken, and fullness to the hungry. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Westminster Handbell Choir

(Children K - 5th grade are invited to exit at this time for fellowship in Room 301. Since there is no Sunday School today, please pick up your children following worship.)

*Doxology #606

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of hope, our souls wait for your word. We wait for your divine word to envelop and guide us. We wait for your creating word to give us life and bring nourishment to our parched souls. O Lord, Our souls wait for you, and in your word we hope. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-10 (NRSV)

John 11:32-45 (NIV)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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*HYMN #840

When Peace Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

(Verse 1 sang by soloist; all other verses sung by the congregation)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Afton Water

Aaron David Miller

Westminster Handbell Choir Members

Barry Reasoner, Beth Reasoner, Kelly Rhodes, Barbara Gravengoed, Kathy Ginninini,
Linda Welch, Judy Thompson, Pat Jaracz, Laurie Dorn

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

Heartfelt Sympathy

*Please keep the Sannito family in your prayers
for the loss of John's brother. In life and in
death we belong to God.*

New Concerns

Prayers for relief/healing/other
Wendy Wilke (daughter of Martha)
diagnosed with Dysautonomia

Weekly Concerns

Cathy Bomberger, Spinal surgery
Scott Eizenga (friend of Barbie Cook)
Kimberly Gardner-Bronisz
Heidi Green (friend of Barbie Cook)
Donna Gross- (friend of Pam Yttri)
Hunter Mitchell (friend/Diane Hart-Coons)
Betty Morris (Mother of Sandy Coxhead)
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)
John Shields

Continuing Care & Prayers

Anderson/McHie Family (passing of John)
Ron Allen
Jean Armstrong
Buddy Borbely
Morgan Borbely Orrick
Brown/Boyle Family (passing of Tom)
Nancy Cieflak- (sister of Mary Kopasz)
Jessica Cook, (friend/Daun DePaul)
Cunningham Family (passing of Bill)
Edwards Family (passing of son Joshua)
Mike Feege

Continuing Care & Prayers

Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Fiegle Family (passing of Carol)
Dan Fieldhouse Family (friend/Shirley Golden)
Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Kim Karlen
Elaine Kirk (mother of Ann Williams)
Mary Kopasz
Largus Family (passing of Tom)
Eden & Eliana Les (friends/Wendy Borbely)
Joe McDaniel
Tracy Mitrano (niece of Art Morgan)
Denny Orr
Pedrick family
Eugene Pidzarko
Jan Quintelier (cousin of Barb McKinney)
Robbins Family (passing of Barb)
The Rumas Family (passing of mother Gwen)
Laura Shields
Richard Simkins
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Xavier Sopher- Soldier going overseas
pray for protection (friend of Wendy Borbely)
Mark Sweigart (friend of Barbie Cook)
Trent Family (passing of John & Sally)
Kurt Visak (brother/Wendy Edwards)
Jim Yackel
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf
(daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

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Please provide your name in the Fellowship Pad located
in the pews.



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MESSAGE

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REFLECTION

Awake My Soul

Chris Tomlin

CLOSING SONGS

Joy of the Lord

Rend Collective

BLESSING

Today's Events



Sunday School and Disciples & Donuts

These events will not take place today due to Spring Break. Classes resume next week for Palm Sunday.



Westminster Forum - March 26 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 209

Dr. Ken Sawyer, the professor of church history at McCormick Theological Seminary, will have a 4-Sunday series about the history of the Presbyterian Church in America. After today, he will be with us again on April 2, 23 and 30.



Easter Sunday Spring Flowers - Deadline is Today!

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. Mail your check to the church office or drop it in the basket



Pickleball - March 26

Please visit the website and/or app to view the dates and to reserve your spot!

Upcoming Events



Youth Group Tuesday Study Time

Youth Group Tuesday Study Time (3-4:30) followed by Study Break Activities (4:30-5:30) will resume on April 4 until the end of the school year (May 23.)



Stations of the Cross - Art Exhibit - Opens April 2

Our Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit opens on Palm Sunday, April 2 and will remain open throughout Holy Week during normal business hours. Please feel free to come and walk the Stations.



Maundy Thursday - April 6 - Dinner at 6pm and Service at 7pm

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



Good Friday - April 7 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 - April 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Come and meditate with U2 songs led by our WPC worship band and guest musicians from our community!



Easter Sunday Services - April 9 at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate Easter Sunday with us! An Easter Egg Hunt for children will be followed by the first service.



Vacation Bible School - Save the Date - July 17 - July 20

Get excited for an intergalactic VBS this summer! Open to Children Entering Kindergarten through fifth grade. Stay tuned for registration details!



Youth Mission Trip Fundraising

Our youth will be selling flower vouchers, collecting music items for their Cash for Clutter booth as well as offering the "Sponsorship" wall in the coming months as they prepare for their Nashville trip in July. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.