



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Craig Thompson

Sunday, March 31, 2024 • 9:30 a.m. Service

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

GATHERING SONG

King of Kings by Hillsong
WPC Worship Band

FANFARE FOR EASTER MORNING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*HYMN #232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

**Prayer of Confession*

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, if there is life after death, then you can be certain—there is life after mess. There is life after mistakes. There is life after doubt. There is new life freely given, and that life is for you.

We are forgiven, loved, and claimed. May we live full to the brim in response. Alleluia! 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 THE PEACE

HYMN #249

Because You Live, O Christ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Easter Anthem

Westminster Chorale

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power to befriend our companions in this world. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Offertory

Glorious Day by Kristian Stanfil

WPC Worship Band

(Our children and youth are asked to remain with their families for the duration of worship today.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Divine redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts us and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Go Tell!

Rev. Angela Ryo

COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Supper

***HYMN #244**

This Joyful Eastertide

***BENEDICTION**

The Hallelujah Chorus (please join the choir in singing)

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Alice Esamila
Dixie Schmitt, Mother of Barb Terpstra
Diane Karlen
Barbara McKinney
Alice Esaimila
Tod Florek
Cheboyn Snell (friend of Chuck Weier)

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)
Dave Ferguson
Lars Grow (grandson of Bob Grow)
Don Hill
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)
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)
Sandy Walsh

Continuing Care & Prayers

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



Easter blessings

Thank you for honoring your loved ones by decorating the Sanctuary with beautiful spring flowers. You're welcome to take your plant home with you today after the service.

In Loving Memory of

Bill Colias, from: Susan Colias

Karen Colias, from: Susan Colias

Glen Coxhead, from: Steve & Sandy Coxhead

James & Eleanor Ferguson, from: Betty Morris

Kevin Goldsmith, from: Becky Goldsmith

James Fitzgerald Jaracz, from: Pat Jaracz

James Francis Jaracz, from: Pat Jaracz

Doris & Earl Knudson, from: Mike Moses

Harold L. Morris, from: Steve & Sandy Coxhead

Karen & Bruce Moses, from: Mike Moses

Eugene Pidzarko, from: Zora Ludwig

Our Parents, from: Robin Webber & Wendy Borbely

Our Parents, from: Jim & Margaret McNabney

Our Parents, from: Chun-Sue & Joseph Wu

Peg Schoon, from: Ken Schoon

Robert Schoon, from: Ken Schoon

Tim Sweeney, from: Sara Sweeney



In Honor of

Ed Harrison, from: Joe & Sally VanBokkelen

Our Children & Our Grandchildren,
from: Robin Webber & Wendy Borbely

WPC Staff, from: Angela Ryo

Today's Events



Sunday School and Disciples & Donuts

Sunday School and Disciples & Donuts will not meet today as we invite our families to enjoy our Easter Egg Hunt in South Hall immediately following worship. Classes will resume next week.



Easter Egg Hunt - South Hall immediately following worship

Children 5th grade and under are invited to collect eggs and search for a golden ticket good for one prize. All are invited to treats and our craft table.

Upcoming Events



Parenting Small Group with Pastor Angela - Sundays in April from 4-5:30 p.m.

The last four sessions will take place on Sunday, April 7, 14, 21 and 28 in room 209. Childcare will continue to be provided.



Youth Group Tuesday Study Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Study Break Activity: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Youth Group will take place April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. This month's focus will be exploring our purpose.



Westminster Forum with Amanda Brobst-Renaud

April 7 at 10:30 a.m. in room 209

Topic: Mary as a Second Hagar



New Member Meet & Greet - Sunday, April 21 at 12 p.m.

Are you interested in becoming part of our church family? Join our upcoming New Member Meet & Greet! For more information, call Gina Nida at (219) 838-3131 or email her at gnida@wpcmunster.org. Please fill out a new member form by picking it up from the visitors table at the entrance or by visiting www.wpcmunster.org. R.S.V.P. by April 10.



Youth Group Bowling Outing - Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m.

Youth in 6th - 12th grade are invited to an evening of bowling at Stardust in Dyer. Group will meet at church at 6 p.m. to ride over together. Please RSVP to Tricia by April 23.



Work in Progress

We have begun the task of updating the Member photo wall. As you may have noticed the frames are now back on the wall, but we need updated photos. John and Laurie Dorn have graciously offered to take photos for the photo wall!

They will be here between worship services on **Sunday, April 7, April 21, & April 28**. If you are unable to have your photo taken during this time, you can bring in a photo of yourself. You may drop it off at the front desk or put it in your frame on the wall. Photos should be horizontal 3½ x 5.

A big thank you to Margaret McNabney for doing the labels and to John and Laurie Dorn for taking the photos!



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