



Welcome
TO
Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHO WE ARE:

*Westminster is a welcoming church for all,
inspired by God's love to serve the community
and grow as followers of Jesus*



Third Sunday of Easter - April 14, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: David Radovich

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Sunday, April 14, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. Service

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 4*)

The Lord hears us when we call:

Come, let us put our trust in God.

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

The Lord frees us to love and serve:

Come, let us worship the living God!

*HYMN #268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*CALL TO CONFESSION

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin. Trusting in God's promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

**Prayer of Confession*

Savior God, you beckon us, but we do not heed your call. You gather us, but we wander away losing ourselves in false and superficial comforts. You speak truth, but we fail to hear and respond. Good Shepherd, do not give up on us. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for new life in Christ. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are" (1 John 3:1).

We are the children of God, claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love. 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 OF THE PEACE

HYMN #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH IN ACTION

Green Team, Valerie Pennanen

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CELEBRATION

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Sing Me to Heaven
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

Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to your love, you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Offertory

I Heard the Voice of Jesus
Men of the Choir

(Children in grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to exit at this time for fellowship prior to Sunday School at 10 a.m.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, send your fire to dance across these familiar words, illuminating ancient stories, illuminating weary hearts. Set us ablaze again with the promises of the Holy Word, still proclaimed for us. May your truth set us free. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:31-32
Luke 24:28-32
Acts 16:25-26

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Resurrection Stories: Freed
Rev. Angela Ryo

*HYMN 683

Lord of All Hopefulness

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Alan Carlson
Karen Marcineck (daughter of Shirley Golden)
David Webber (son of Robin Webber)

Weekly Concerns

Ron Allen
Elizabeth Allen-Flores
Lou Anselmo
Patty and Matt Andrews (parents of Kelly Rommelfanger)
The Borbely family
The family of Jean Armstrong
Charlotte (niece of Barb McKinney)
Mary Lou Crowley (leader of The 3 Bs)
Grace Delcano (friend of Amy Carter)
Alice Esamila
Dave Ferguson
Tod Florek
Lars Grow (grandson of Bob Grow)
The family of Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Diane Karlen
Laura Kenworthy (niece of April Cafmeyer)
Wade Lietzau (father of Jenny Coble)
Heidi Morgan
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)
Octavio Ruiz (neighbor of Chuck Weier)
Dixie Schmitt, Mother of Barb Terpstra
Cheboyn Snell (friend of Chuck Weier)
Ann Sullivan (neighbor of Chuck Weier)
Bob Vlieg (brother of Jim Vlieg)
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
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, APRIL 14, 2024 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

The Way
New Horizon

House of the Lord
Phil Wickham

FAITH IN ACTION

Green Team, Valerie Pennanen

INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF DEACONS

Jim French, Shirley Golden,
Becky Goldsmith, Adam Keefner

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CELEBRATION

SCRIPTURE READING

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Luke 24:28-32
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MESSAGE

Resurrection Stories: Freed
Rev. Angela Ryo

REFLECTION/OFFERING

Forever Yours
Jordan Frye

CLOSING SONGS

A New Hallelujah
Michael W. Smith

BLESSING

Today's Events



Sunday School - Room 301/302 from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Today's lesson is from Acts 2:37-47 when the disciples receive the Holy Spirit.



Disciples & Donuts - Room 401 from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Keefner is presenting new curriculum today focusing on New Testament teachings.



Westminster Forum with Dr. Ken Sawyer

April 14, 21 & 28 at 10:30 a.m. in room 209

Topic: Changing the Narrative of the "Great Age of Exploration"



Graduating Seniors Meeting - in room 401 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

All high school seniors are invited to join this meeting over pizza as we discuss plans for the June 2 Graduation Sunday worship service. Please use Door 7 for entry.

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 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.



Coffee with Your Deacon - Every Sunday starting April 14 through May 19

If you're a member of our church, you are assigned a deacon. A deacon is an ordained officer of the church who is your first point of contact if you're in need of anything or have joys to share. For the next 6 weeks or so, there will be 2-4 deacons and their primary care groups listed on an insert. If you see your name under one of the deacons, grab a cup of coffee during our Coffee Hour and go meet them in the bridal lounge that's located next to the sanctuary behind the Mission Market Place. Your deacons look forward to meeting you!



Green Team Meeting - Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the room 106

Join us to learn more about upcoming events and activities.



New Member Meet & Greet - Sunday, April 21 at 12 p.m. in room 305

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 17.



Mission Trip Meeting - Sunday, April 21 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth and their parents who are signed up for (or interested in) the summer mission trip will meet in Room 401 for a brief meeting on what to expect for the trip from July 21 - 25, 2024.



Ken Schoon Discussion - Sunday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Ken Schoon will give an illustrated talk about "Shifting Sands"--the amazing Indiana Dunes. All are welcome to attend.



Fourth & Fifth Grade Fellowship Event - Monday, April 22 from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Students are invited for pizza, a craft and hanging out in room 401.



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

Youth 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.