



seeking:
Where are
you headed?



POWER PLAY by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday - April 2, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

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Lay Leader: Tom Reynolds

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Sunday, April 2, 2023 - 9 a.m. Service
Please stand in body or spirit.* - **BOLD text is sung or spoken in unison.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Let Us Praise Your Name

CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Come! Let us worship the Living God!

*HYMN #196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, as we enter Holy Week, let us prepare our hearts to follow Jesus to the cross by confessing all that turns us from our Savior's path. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession*

Abba God, Father of Jesus, forgive our lack of respect and attention as your son enters this most painful of weeks. We, like the disciples, fall asleep when Jesus asks us to stay awake and pray. Our minds wander as he sets his path straight for Jerusalem to speak truth to power on our behalf. We are careless with our faith, while Jesus acts with extraordinary love. Forgive our apathy. Forgive our inattention. Forgive our careless and self-serving attitudes. Remind us, this Holy Week, of the salvation you offer in Jesus Christ. Let us not take this gracious gift for granted. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Psalm 118:1)*

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" In the name of Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

We give thanks to the Lord for he good; his steadfast love endures forever! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and at peace. 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.

*PASSING THE PEACE

WPC where people

HYMN #203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH IN ACTION

Jean Dixon on Holy Week

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

The Palms

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

God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other. May these gifts lead to great feasting for those who have no banquets set before them. May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer for those who are homeless. May these gifts proclaim your desire that all your creations live in peace. Give us grateful hearts, O God, in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Offertory

Were You There?

Steve Strains and John Magrou

(During this time, children K-5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School. Parents may pick them up at 10:30 a.m.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let your Word, O God, break open our hearts this day through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may enter into the coming Holy Week with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Seeking: Where Are You Headed?

Rev. Angela Ryo

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***HYMN #215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

My Heart is Filled with Longing
Steve Strains and John Magrou

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

Jean Armstrong
Dave Ferguson (brother-in-law of Gene Estill)
Dennis Orr

Weekly Concerns

Cathy Bomberger, Spinal surgery
Scott Eizenga (friend of Barbie Cook)
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
Wendy Wilke (daughter of Martha) diagnosed with Dysautonomia

Continuing Care & Prayers

Kimberly Gardner-Bronisz
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 Kopaszcz)
Jessica Cook, (friend/Daun DePaul)

Cunningham Family (passing of Bill)
Edwards Family (passing of son Joshua)
Mike Feege
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 Kopaszcz
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)
Richard Simkins
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Xavier Sopher- Soldier going overseas (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)

APRIL 2, 2023

Westminster Connection Point

HOW CAN WE HELP?

A PASTOR A DEACON NEW MEMBER
 STEPHEN MINISTER PRAYER REQUEST OTHER
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CONTEMPORARY *service*

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Brenton Brown

Shout Hosanna

Kristian Stanfill

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SCRIPTURE READING

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MESSAGE

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REFLECTION

One Day (When We All Get to Heaven)

Matt Redman

CLOSING SONGS

Forever

Chris Tomlin

BLESSING

Today's Events



Sunday School (K-5th Grade) - 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. in Room 301

Children are invited to exit 9 a.m. worship during the offertory for fellowship time prior to the start of their lesson at 10 a.m.



Disciples & Donuts (6th - 12th Grade) - 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. in Room 401.



Westminster Forum - April 2 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 23 and 30.



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.



Pickleball - Every Saturday & Sunday (except Easter weekend)

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

Upcoming Events



Youth Group:

Tuesday, April 4: Study Time (3-4:30 p.m.) and Study Break Activity (4:30-5:30)

Devotion on Jesus' teachings followed by a fun game.



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 up to 5th grade will follow 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.