



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*



**Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo**

**Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain**

**Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff**

**Lay Leader: Sharon Orr**

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Sunday, April 7, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. Service

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

Don Hill, Guest Organist

## PRELUDE

## INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We are the church.

**We are a welcoming space.**

We are a shelter from the storm.

**We welcome each other in peace.**

We will take time to listen for that still, small voice.

**We gather at the feet of Christ to listen.**

Know that where two or more are gathered, God is already present.

Come, open your hearts to Love.

**We open our hearts and celebrate hope for tomorrow. Amen.**

## \*HYMN #240

*Alleluia, Give Thanks*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin.

## *\*Prayer of Confession*

**Lord God, in the light of your glory, we see the wrong we have done, the pain we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our wrongdoings, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

## *\*Silent Prayer*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! New life is not only possible; it has drawn near to us in Jesus. The promise is for us and for all the children of God.

**By the grace of God, the glory of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven, and we are free! 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 #451**

*Open My Eyes*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FAITH IN ACTION**

Youth Mission Trip Fundraising, Tricia Shelton

### **WORD THROUGH MUSIC**

*Christ the Apple Tree*

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**

Risen and redeeming God, you have given us more than we could ever give you in return. You are gracious and generous in your love. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

### *Offertory*

Don Hill on organ

*(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**

Savior God, you've gifted us with the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide. Open us to the Spirit's breath. Carry us on the wings of your wisdom. Set us on the solid foundation of your Word read and proclaimed. May we hear the truth you intend for us today. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 20:8-11

Luke 10:38-42

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

*Contemplatives in Action*

Rev. Dr. George LeMaster

## \*HYMN 250

*In The Bulb There Is a Flower*

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE



## GUEST PREACHER: REV. DR. GEORGE LAMASTER

The Rev. Dr. George LaMaster serves as the Director of the Notre Dame Scholars Program. He previously served as an Associate Professor of Communication at Marian University. A former speech team coach and department chair, he leads workshops on topics such as "The Art of Dialogue" and "Conflict Transformation." Also an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), he and his wife, Jennifer LaMaster, live in South Bend, IN.

## WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

### **Heartfelt Sympathy**

The family of Ed Harrison

### **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)  
Don Hill  
Diane Karlen  
Laura Kenworthy (niece of April Cafmeyer)  
Wade Lietzau (father of Jenny Coble)  
Karen Marcinek, Shirley Goldens daughter  
Barbara McKinney  
Heidi Morgan  
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)  
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)  
Octavio Ruiz (neighbor of Chuck Weier)  
Dixie Schmitt, Mother of Barb Terpstra  
John Shields  
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 7, 2024 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

*The Plans*  
We the Kingdom

*Great Things*  
Phil Wickham

## FAITH IN ACTION

Tricia Shelton on Youth Mission Trip Fundraising

## SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:8-11  
Luke 10:38-42

## MESSAGE

*Contemplatives in Action*  
Rev. Dr. George LeMaster

## REFLECTION/OFFERING

*What I See*  
Elevation Worship

## CLOSING SONGS

*How Great Thou Art*  
Resonate

## BLESSING

# Today's Events



**Sunday School - Room 301/302 from 10 - 10:30 a.m.**  
Today's lesson is from Mark 16:9-15, the appearance stories.



**Disciples & Donuts - Room 401 from 10 - 10:30 a.m.**  
Books of the Bible background continues today with new curriculum beginning next week.



**Youth Group Mission Trip Fundraising**  
Sponsorship Wall opens today. Select an envelop of your liking to make a donation to this year's trip in July.



**Westminster Forum w/ Dr. Amanda Brobst-Renaud at 10:30 a.m. in room 209**  
Topic: Mary as a Second Hagar

# 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.



**Coffee with Your Deacon - Every Sunday starting April 14 through May 19**  
You're invited to meet your deacon! 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. Every Sunday for the next 6 weeks or so, there will be 2-4 deacons and their primary care groups listed in the bulletin as an insert.. If you see your name under one of the deacons on any given Sunday, 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!



**Westminster Forum with Ken Sawyer**  
**April 14, 21 & 28 at 10:30 a.m. in room 209**  
Topic: Changing the narrative of the "Great Age of Exploration" by placing Africa in the center of the story



**New Member Meet & Greet - Sunday, April 21 at 12 p.m.**  
Join our upcoming New Member Meet & Greet! For more information, call Gina Nida at (219) 838-3131 or email her at [gnida@wpcmunster.org](mailto: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](http://www.wpcmunster.org). R.S.V.P. by April 10.



**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.



**Work in Progress**  
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, 21, & 28**. If you are unable to have your photo taken during this time, bring in a photo of yourself. Drop it off at the front desk or put it in your frame on the wall. Photos should be horizontal 3½ x 5.