



# Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 8, 2026 AT 11AM | 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

*An open and welcoming Christian community in service to God and neighbor*

*We Come Into God's Presence with Joy*

Life of the Church

Prelude

\* Call to Worship

(congregation please read bold type)

*Let all who yearn for connection,  
all who hunger for justice and thirst for bodily renewal,*

**Come and be replenished.**

*With hope and expectation, we bring all that our soul's desire.*

**Let everyone weary from isolation  
or overwhelmed by life's troubles  
come and find rest in God's care.**

*All those who come seeking community are received in Holy Embrace.*

**May the presence and provision of God be manifest among us,  
that all may have what they need.**

*We come to give, we come to receive,*

**We come to grow in love.**

*Adapted from enfleshed*

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\* *You are invited to stand as you are able.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.*

**So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water?**

*You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow.*

**But we do not trust enough that the spring is there.**

**We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom.**

*You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us.*

**But we believe that the water is limited,**

**not abundant, and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves.**

*For all the times we turn away from your Water,  
for all the times we sully the Water by misusing it,  
for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink,*

**Forgive us we pray.**

*Written by Rev. Gord Waldie*

*Silent prayers of confession.*

Sung Response

*Lord Have Mercy*

by Steve Merkel

**Lord have mercy,**

**Christ have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy on me.**

Assurance of Grace

\* Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\* Song of Response #288

*Spirit of the Living God*

† **Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

## *We Hear God's Word*

First Reading of The Word

Exodus 17:1-7

Anthem

*Simple Gifts*

arr. Brenda Austin

Alleluia Ringers

A Moment to Wonder

*Children are invited to come forward for a short lesson on the chancel steps.*

Second Reading of the Word

John 4:5-42

Sermon

*Come and See*

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

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† *You are welcome to sign as you are comfortable and able.*

*We include this practice as a way to engage our whole selves in worship.*

## *We Respond to God's Word*

### \* Preparation for Prayer #471

### *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

**O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**When I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**Come and listen to me.**

### Prayers of the People and The 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.**

### Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

#### \* Song of Response #654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;**

**in the Lord I will rejoice!**

**Look to God; do not be afraid.**

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

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#### \* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn #182

*I Heard the Voice  
of Jesus Say*

KINGSFORD

*We Go Forth to Serve*

\* Dismissal

*And let all God's people say:*

**Go with us God.**

Postlude

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## *This Week's News*

**Caring for our community.** Pick up a cloth grocery bag in the main entry today and bring it back next Sunday with nonperishable food and personal and household items, for Hope Clinic's food pantry.

**Habitat House of Faith:** Westminster has two opportunities coming up in the month of March to serve with Habitat for Humanity: 3/21 and 3/27, 9am-3pm. We are looking for 4 volunteers each service date. No experience necessary, and all tools will be provided! Visit our website for more information and to sign up, or contact Ron Fairchild with questions ([ron@thefairchilds.net](mailto:ron@thefairchilds.net)).

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** From now until Easter, we have the opportunity to support PC(USA)'s annual special offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. Collected donations go toward Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People programs. Contributions can be made online at [westpresa2.org/online-giving](http://westpresa2.org/online-giving) or by check to Westminster with "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the memo line.

**Letters Against Isolation:** Letters Against Isolation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to "fight senior loneliness one letter at a time." On Friday, March 20 at 7pm, we will gather in Room 41 to write notes and letters to seniors in nursing homes and other care centers. Letters can be simple with stickers or more involved. Kids are encouraged to join us. Also, there is a high need for letters in other languages. If you have that skill, please join us. Everything will be supplied—we just need you!

## *Looking to Holy Week*

**Easter Flowers:** It's once again time to order daffodils and tulips for Easter. Purchased plants will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and then may be taken home or donated for the deacons to deliver to Westminster at-home members. The daffodils and tulips will be in 6" pots with gold foil and a lovely bow. The price this year is just \$12: the same as last year! Flowers may be purchased on our website from now until March 15th. After filling out the order form, payment may be made online or by mailing a check to church.

**Holy Week Service:** The Worship Ministry Team is planning a Holy Week Service for Thursday, April 2. This service combines the liturgy and traditions of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday on the same day and includes a simple meal together. It will begin at 6pm with a modest meal in Fellowship Hall where we will also hear the traditional scriptures of Maundy Thursday and partake in holy communion. We will then move to the Sanctuary to continue our worship focusing on the liturgy and events of Good Friday.

While this format is quite simple in design, we will need support from all of you. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board near the library to bring food: soup in crockpots, crackers and cookies. We also need help with the setup and/or cleanup. Many hands make light work, and bring us an even stronger sense of Christian community. If you have questions, contact Lynda Berg ([lrwberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lrwberg@sbcglobal.net)). We're hoping everyone will be able to participate in our Holy Week Service next month.

**Save the Date: Kid's Easter Party!** On Saturday, April 4, we will host our annual Kid's Easter Party. Come by Westminster 10am-11:30am to enjoy a small-animal petting farm, crafts, story time, and of course, an Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your kids and grandkids, invite your neighbors, and join the fun!

## *Grow in Faith and Friendship*

**Reading Through the Bible Group** meets Sundays at 9:30am in Room 34 and via Zoom. Contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more information.

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed** meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30am.

**Children and Youth Faith Formation** meets on the second and third Sundays of each month at 9:30am. Contact Cathy Daniels (catld1121@gmail.com) for more info.

**Monday Conversations** are weekly at 1pm online: an opportunity to discuss Sunday's sermon in a small group. The Zoom invitation is in the Friday *Good Things* and Sunday podcast emails.

**Mary Martha Group** meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm via Zoom. Contact Margaret Klammer (mklammer@comcast.net) for more information.

**Matthew 25 Study Group** meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For meeting information, please contact Elizabeth Tidd (lizbeth0405@yahoo.com) or Carol Hufnagel (carol.hufnagel@tetrattech.com).

**Thursday Book Club** meets weekly at 1pm at Westminster and over Zoom. Contact Linda Harnisch for more information (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

### **We pray for our Westminster family**

**Condolences:** We hold Steve and Nick Angerman in our prayers as they grieve the death of their beloved wife and mother, Martha Angerman. A memorial service is planned for Sunday, March 22, 2pm at Westminster.

We hold Vickie and Dave Gross in our prayers as they grieve the death of Vickie's brother, Scott David Pfeiffer.

**Ongoing needs:** Kathy Kamm, Elke Kramer, Fran Bolhouse

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com).

## *Welcome to Westminster*

**Our Values:** Love, Compassion, Connection, Inclusion, Earth-Care, Service

**Our Mission:** Show the love of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone, without exception, into the full life of the church; participating in the joyful worship of God; engaging in regular study, reflection, prayer and sharing of our faith; committing ourselves and our resources to the spiritual and physical needs of our church family and neighbors near and far; seeking to be a good neighbor in our neighborhood.

**Sunday worship podcasts** are at [westpresa2.org/online-sermons](http://westpresa2.org/online-sermons).

**For deacon care**, please contact Amy Welzenbach ([awelzenbach411@gmail.com](mailto:awelzenbach411@gmail.com)).

**Thank you for continuing to fulfill your pledges** and financial commitments in support of the mission and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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