



# Palm Sunday

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March 29, 2026 at 11am  
Westminster Presbyterian Church

# We Come Into God's Presence with Joy

*As we gather, find a palm branch and prepare to enter worship.*

*As the service starts, we will all process into the sanctuary,  
waving our branches, while singing the processional hymn.*

*You are welcome to begin in the sanctuary if that is more accessible for you.*

## \* Gathering Words

*Prepare the way of the Lord!*

**Hosanna! Glory to God in the highest heaven!**

## \* Processional Hymn

*Hosanna*

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;**

**Be exalted, oh Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!**

## Life of the Church

## \* Call to Worship

Lynda Berg, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

*With crowds from every time and place we cry,*

**Hosanna! Save us!**

*O give thanks to the Lord for God is good!*

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

**We bless you in the house of the Lord!**

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Silent prayers of confession.*

*For the ways empire has taught us to fear difference  
and believe that strength and safety require dominance and violence,  
**God, have mercy.***

*For the ways empire makes hierarchy the air we breathe  
and shapes who and what has worth and dignity,  
**Christ, have mercy.***

*For the ways empire separates us  
and convinces us that we don't belong to the land or each other.  
**God have mercy.***

*Open us to notice the tension, longing, and dissonance in our bodies  
revealing where empire has tangled itself around us.  
**Turn us around, Holy One. Amen.***

Sung Response

*Lord Have Mercy*

by Steve Merkel

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy on me.**

Assurance of Grace

*Let your soul receive this rest: we are not limited by empire's imagination.  
There is resistance, liberation, and wisdom beyond powers of domination.  
**Praise God who forgives us and frees us, inviting us to a belonging  
where dignity isn't earned, bought, or proven, but received as 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.**

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

**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 **Psalm 118:19-29**

Anthem

*Hosanna to the King*

by Dan Forrest

Westminster Choir

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **Matthew 21:1-11**

Sermon

*Make Way for Hope*

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

*On the Road to  
Jerusalem*

by Joseph M. Martin

Westminster Choir

On the road to Jerusalem slowly rides King Jesus.

People come to call His name, "Son of David, heal us."

Down the ancient streets He rides, a donkey is His stallion.

No golden coach, no chariot bright brings Him to His kingdom.

Where is His chariot? Where is His robe of silk?

Where is His scepter? Where is His crown? Where are the trumpets?

How will He rule the land if He comes

as a Prince of Peace, and humble as a Lamb?

On the road to Jerusalem rides the Man of Sorrows.

"Save us, King", the people cry. What will they cry tomorrow?

\* 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.**

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn #100

*My Soul Cries Out  
with a Joyful Shout*

STAR OF THE  
COUNTY DOWN

*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*

**Holy Week Service:** Our Holy Week Service will be this coming Thursday, April 2. This service combines the liturgy and traditions of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday on the same day. 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. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board to help provide food: soup in crockpots, crackers and cookies. We also need help with the setup and/or cleanup. If you have questions, contact Lynda Berg ([lrwberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lrwberg@sbcglobal.net)).

**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!

**Easter Sunday:** Join us for a time of fellowship before the service on Easter morning! On Sunday, April 5, there will be some extra treats to enjoy from 10-11am by the coffee bar. Let's celebrate the joy of the resurrection together!

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** One week left to support PC(USA)'s annual special offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. 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.

## 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**

**Current needs:** Tom Brown

**Ongoing needs:** Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm, Elke Kramer

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com). To list prayer requests here, in the *Friday Good Things Are Happening* email, or Prayer Chain, contact Jill Fairchild (jill@thefairchilds.net or 734-417-0816). You can join our email prayer chain by contacting Jill. To keep us current, please share updates on those for whom we are praying.

## *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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