



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 12, 2026 AT 11AM | 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Cathy Daniels, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

The good news resounds:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We celebrate God who is our refuge.

In God's presence there is gladness and rest.

God is always before us;

We shall not be shaken.

From Call to Worship, Volume 56.1

* Hymn #462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, in the face of uncertainty, we so often seek easy answers.
We hide behind locked doors, and shut down our curiosity.
Forgive us, when we turn away from the mystery you invite us toward.
Forgive us, when our desire for stability
keeps us from trusting your way.
Open our hearts, and lead us in your paths.
Meet us in our doubts, and help us to imagine what is possible.
Lead us to be a community who keeps listening for your voice,
even when we are afraid to hope. Amen.**

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

* Passing the Peace

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

* Song of Response #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

† *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 Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Anthem

Prayer to Jehovah

by Molly Ijames

Westminster Choir

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak but Thou art mighty, hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more,
Bread of Heaven, bread of Heaven, feed me, feed me 'til I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream overflow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **John 20:19-31**

Sermon

The Doorway of Doubt

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Preparation for Prayer #507

Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*...Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

Song of Response #552 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Song of Response #553 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Unison Prayer after Communion

Holy One, you have met us at this table in a concrete way. May this experience sustain us as we move through the world, trusting in your presence even when we cannot see or touch you. We thank you for the gifts of this table. Amen.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Song of Response #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (v.1)*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #250

*In the Bulb
There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

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.

Children and Youth Sunday: Next Sunday, April 19th, worship will be led by our children and youth! This year in children's faith formation classes, we have been learning about generosity and prayer, and the youngest members of our congregation look forward to sharing some of their learnings and leadership with you all—be sure to join us that day!

Quarterly contribution statements are available for you to pick up on the coffee bar counter.

Sacred Songs in Harmony: Avital Granot (soprano), Shawn McDonald (organ), and Deborah Rebeck Ash (flute) will be presenting a recital at Westminster on Saturday, May 2, at 3pm. Featuring music from Jewish and Christian traditions, it will be an afternoon of reflection, prayer, and shared spiritual expression through works of beauty, longing, and hope. Admission is free, and all are welcome!

We pray for our Westminster family

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). 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.

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).

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.

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