

Welcome to

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*Sunday, April 5, 2026 † 10:55 AM*



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**Bold** indicates the congregation reads aloud

\*Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## The Lord Calls Us

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP      Revelation 1:17–18

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying,  
**“Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive  
forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.**

He is risen!

**He is risen Indeed!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today". It is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with lyrics underneath and a bass clef staff below that. The first system includes four verses of lyrics. The second system includes four lines of lyrics. Above the treble clef staff, chords are indicated: C, F, F/C, C, C, Dm7, Gsus, C in the first system; and F, Dm7, Gsus, C, Dm7, Gsus, C in the second system. The lyrics are: Verse 1: "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - - le - lu - ia!"; Verse 2: "Love's re - deem - ing work is done. Al - - le - lu - ia!"; Verse 3: "Lives a - gain, our glo - rious King. Al - - le - lu - ia!"; Verse 4: "Soar we now where Christ has led. Al - - le - lu - ia!"; Line 1: "Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - - le - lu - ia!"; Line 2: "Fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Al - - le - lu - ia!"; Line 3: "Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!"; Line 4: "Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head. Al - - le - lu - ia!"

The image shows a musical score for an Easter Hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written between the staves. Chords are indicated above the treble staff. The first system has chords G, C/E, C, G, Am7, Dsus, and G. The second system has chords G, C/E, F, F/C, C, C, F, Gsus, and C. The lyrics are: 'Raise your joys and triumphs high. Al - - le - lu - ia! Death in vain for - bids him rise. Al - - le - lu - ia! Once he died, our souls to save. Al - - le - lu - ia! Made like him, like him we rise. Al - - le - lu - ia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply: Al - - le - lu - ia! Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia! Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - - le - lu - ia!'

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739  
 Music: Lynn Davidica, 1708; harm. W. H. Monk, 1861

EASTER HYMN  
 77 77 with alleluias

\*INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

...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.

**Our Lord said,**

**As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.**

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.  
**This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

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## The Lord Cleanses Us

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Henry Smith

**We appeal, O Lord, to your mercies, knowing you are that God, who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn and live. You are our Savior, who wishes all men to be saved to come to the knowledge of your truth. Therefore, O Lord, we humbly ask you not to withdraw your mercies from us because of our sins, but rather, O Lord, lay upon us your saving health, that you may show yourself toward us to be a Savior. For what greater praise can there be to a Physician, than to heal the sick; neither can there be any greater glory to you being a Savior, than to save sinners. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:3-4

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“The Gloria Patri”

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**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.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 45

What does the “resurrection” of Christ profit us?

**First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, that he might make us partakers of that righteousness which he had purchased for us by his death; secondly, we are also by his power raised up to a new life; and lastly, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.**

# The Lord Feeds Us

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

“In Christ Alone”

G                    D                    G                    A                    D/F#

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3                    G    D/F#   Em7    G/A                    D                    G                    D                    G

light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right - eous -  
 world, by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6                    A                    D/F#                    G    D/F#   Em7    G/A                    D                    D/F#

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the  
 day, as from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9                    G                    D/F#                    Asus    A                    D/F#                    G                    Bm7

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12                    Asus    A                    G                    D                    G                    A                    D/F#                    G                    D/F#   Em7    G/A

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I  
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I  
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of  
 hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16                    D                    Am7                    Em7                    D                    A7sus                    D


stand.  
 live.  
 Christ.  
 stand!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

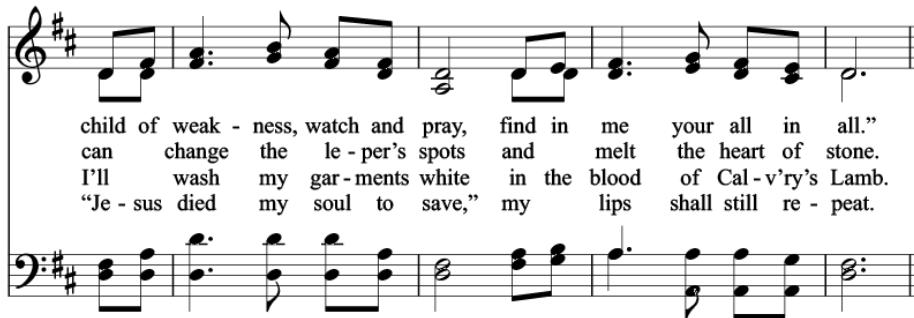
## PASTORAL PRAYER

## \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

## “Jesus Paid It All”



1. I hear the Sa - vior say, “Your strength in - deed is small,  
2. Lord, now in - deed I find your pow’r and yours a - lone,  
3. For noth - ing good have I, where - by your grace to claim—  
4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,



child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”  
can change the le - per’s spots and melt the heart of stone.  
I’ll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v’ry’s Lamb.  
“Je - sus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still re - peat.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.



\*COMMUNION HYMN

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

F Fsus F Bb/F F C

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.  
 2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.  
 3. Un-to the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!”

F C/E Dm Bb F/C C F

What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to him be-long.  
 Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er’s blood.  
 And what re-ward will heav-en bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with him.

Am Dm Gm7 F/A Bb

Who holds our days with-in his hand? What comes, a-part from his com-mand?  
 Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y trial?  
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-stroyed,

F/C C Dm Bb F/C C F Fsus F

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un-to the shore, the rock of Christ?  
 and we will feast in end-less joy, when Christ is ours for-ev-er-more.

Oh, sing hal - le - lu-jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; oh, sing hal - le - lu-jah!

Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

## INVITATION AND PRAYER

**We do not presume to come to your Table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your great mercies. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SACRAMENT

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Everliving God, thank you for feeding us with these holy mysteries— the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of your Son. Heavenly Father, please assist us with your grace, that we may continue in holy fellowship with you, and do all such good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

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## The Lord Sends Us

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\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death” (v.3)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“He is Risen!”

*Matthew 28:1-10*

Westminster *Easter* Devotions (April 6 - 11)

**Monday:** Read Matthew 28:1-10. Review your notes from yesterday’s Easter sermon. What part of the angel’s testimony or the women’s encounter with the risen Jesus stood out most to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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What difference will it make in your life?

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**Tuesday:** Read Matthew 27:57–28:10. How does the burial, the sealed tomb, and the women’s visit on the first day of the week build to the angel’s announcement “He is not here; he has risen,” confirming that Jesus has fulfilled everything He promised?

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**Wednesday:** Read Matthew 28:1-10. In a world that often dismisses the resurrection as myth, wishful thinking, or as irrelevant to daily life, how do the historical testimony of the empty tomb and the eyewitness accounts of the women challenge us to treat this event as the central, life-changing truth? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thursday:** Read Matthew 28:1-10. Why does the angel (and later Jesus Himself) command the women, “Do not be afraid,” and what does their mixture of fear and great joy reveal about the proper response to the risen Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Friday:** Read Matthew 28:1-10. Think and pray about how the resurrection changes everything. How can the truth that Jesus is risen—and that He is going ahead of you—reshape your fears, your witness to others, and your hope for the future? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Saturday:** Read Matthew 28:11-20. What questions or initial thoughts do you have about the guards’ report and Jesus’ Great Commission in this next section?



## Announcements

**Welcome to Westminster** – The Westminster family extends a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. We pray that God’s rich blessings in Christ may be yours. Visitors, please complete the Guest Card which is found at the end of each pew. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord’s Day.

**A donation for the diaconate fund** will be received following the Morning Worship Service next Sunday. These funds are used for mercy ministries.

**Soups, Salads, Sandwiches, and Sweets Lunch** is next Sunday following Morning Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish and join us for this wonderful time of fellowship!

**Join us for Wednesday at Westminster** from 5:30-7:00 for dinner at 5:30, followed by children’s classes, youth group, and an adult study. Dinner is \$5/person (max of \$20/family) and can be paid by cash or check. The menu for this week is fried chicken, rice and gravy, roll, and dessert. Sign up for the meal on the bulletin board or contact the church office by noon Tuesday.

**The beautiful hydrangeas** are given to the glory of God - with thankfulness for Jesus Christ our risen Lord & Savior and in honor and memory of our friends and loved ones.

### Given By:

M/M Donnie Cool  
M/M Carl Flowers  
M/M Bill Gatewood  
Mrs. Lolita Harker  
M/M Bob LaBarre

### In gratitude for:

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his parents-Oscar & Jackie LaBarre  
her parents-Alfred & Ann Rollison  
Harold & Kathryn Neihaus  
their children & grandchildren  
his parents-Carl & Julia School  
their loved ones  
Mary Elise Slater

\*If you purchased a hydrangea, please take it with you following the service this morning.

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### Today and this week

Sun	9:35	Sunday School
	10:55	Morning Worship
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong
Tues	6:30	20s/30s Bible Study
Wed	5:30	Wednesday at Westminster

### Upcoming Events

**Soups, Salads, Sandwiches, and Sweets Lunch**, Sunday, April 12

**Pray for those with birthdays:** Kendall Smith, 5; Amy Warren, 8

**Nursery Workers:** Today – Laura Wells and Mary Mac Whitney  
Next Week – Macey Orman and Grace LaBarre