



# Palm Sunday

The Order of Worship

March 24, 2024  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

## PALM SUNDAY

### THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshiping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

**PRELUDE** Herzliebster Jesu Johannes Brahms  
*Ah, Dearest Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended*  
Valet will ich dir geben Max Reger  
*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
(from 30 kleine Choralvorspiele für Orgel, Op. 135a)

### OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble  
Isaac Shelby

#### CALL TO WORSHIP\*\*

One: Humble and riding on a donkey,  
**All: we greet you.**  
One: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,  
**All: we cheer you.**  
One: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,  
**All: we salute you, Christ our Lord.**  
One: You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity; you are giving majesty a new face; you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.  
**All: With them, with heart and voice, we shout, "Hosanna!"**

### TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

**\*PROCESSION and HYMN NO. 196** (*Glory to God* hymnal)  
All Glory, Laud, and Honor *Valet will ich dir geben*  
**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**  
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)\*\*  
**We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause - to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.**  
**KYRIE ELEISON** John L. Bell

Choir: ALL:  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Choir: ALL:  
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

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#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

#### \*RESPONSE Of the Father's Love Begotten *Divinum mysterium*

Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho-ly Ghost, to Thee,

Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing And un-wea-ried prais - es be:

Hon-or, glo-ry, and do-min - ion, And e - ter-nal vic-to - ry,

Ev - er-more and ev - er - more!—

### TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**  
**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalms 118:1-2,19-29  
**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Kathy Parsons  
*Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.*  
**SCRIPTURE READING** John 12:1-16  
**SERMON** "Seeing What Really Matters" Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff  
**\*HYMN NO. 766** (*Glory to God* hymnal) The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound McKee

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)\*\*

**We believe in God:**  
**Who has created and is creating,**  
**Who has come in Jesus,**  
**The word made flesh,**  
**To reconcile and make new,**  
**Who works in us and others**  
**By the Spirit.**  
**We trust in God.**  
**We are called to be the church:**  
**To celebrate God's presence,**  
**To live with respect in creation,**  
**To love and serve others,**  
**To seek justice and resist evil,**  
**To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**  
**Our judge and our hope.**  
**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**  
**God is with us.**  
**We are not alone.**  
**Thanks be to God, Amen.**

#### THE OFFERING

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Alleluia (from *Brazilian Psalm*) Jean Berger  
Alleluia. O Lord, cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have, But I'll make a fair procession for You, O blessed Lord. We have no cymbals for Your praise, no harps to praise You, But I'll praise You with waving of palms. O Lord, accept them, I implore You. I will dance and sing Your praises!

Jorge de Lima

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 608 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Tallis' Canon  
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (*Glory to God* hymnal))  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

*During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and 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.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\***HYMN NO. 200** (*Glory to God* hymnal) A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd  
Christian Love

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter C. Lutkin  
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you  
and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be  
gracious unto you. Amen. Numbers 6:24-26

\***POSTLUDE** Toccata in C, BWV 564, 1 J. S. Bach

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

\*\*Call to Worship taken from *Stages on the Way: Worship resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter* by Iona Community; Wild Goose Worship Group; GIA publications; Chicago, 2000.

\*\*Prayer of Confession taken from *Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Year B vol. 1*, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 2014.

\*\*Affirmation taken from *Iona Abbey Worship Book*; The Iona Community, Wild Goose Publications; Glasgow, Scotland, 2001.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Melanie Lewis and Lee Ingram  
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip

SERVING TODAY

**ACOLYTES:** (11:00) Sirah Smith and McKenzie Damron

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Kaye Davis and Sarah Fortney

**LITURGISTS:** Isaac Shelby and Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** William Milam

**SENIOR USHER:** Tom Byerley

**USHERS:** (9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and Buz Johnson

(11:00) Josh and Elizabeth Birdwell, Charlie and Alice Mercer, Kathy Shilling

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**March 28 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday** (LKH)

A communal meal and program for all ages immersing us into the dramatic events of Jesus's last night with his disciples.

**March 29 8:00pm - Good Friday Tenebrae and Communion Service**  
**(Sanctuary)**

This program has traditionally been held at Westminster on Maundy Thursday. We are moving it to Good Friday this year to expand our offerings and give another opportunity for the church to gather on this Holy Day.

**March 31 9:00 and 11:00 Easter Worship Services**

10:00am - Breakfast for everyone! Sign up in the Schilling Gallery

10:20am - Egg hunt

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)

Juanita Campbell, Shirley Draper, Sonja Jones, Dagmar Krall, Leonard McKeegan, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Piel family for Rebecca Jackson on her 69th birthday.

JEAN BERGER (1909-2002) was a German-born pianist, composer, and music educator, receiving his education at the universities of Heidelberg and Vienna. He also studied composition with Louis Aubert in Paris, where he lived from 1933 to 1939. Following this he spent two years as assistant conductor at the Municipal Theater in Rio de Janeiro and was on the faculty of the Brazilian Conservatory. In 1941, Berger moved to the United States and soon worked in the Office of War Information producing foreign-language broadcasts and USO shows. From 1946 to 1948, he worked as an arranger for CBS and NBC. He entered the academic world in 1948 when he joined the faculty at Middlebury College in Vermont. Subsequent appointments would include positions at the University of Illinois and the University of Colorado.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am**

**Adult Bible Study:** The Sunday Bible Class is studying the gnostic Gospel of Thomas, comparing it to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in order to determine which of its teachings were recognized in the official gospels and which reflected gnostic beliefs that were eventually rejected by the Christian Church. (LKH Foyer)

**Feasting on the Word:** Studies scriptures used in Worship (LKH)

**The Wired Word:** Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

**The Enneagram System of Personality & Essence** (McKinnon Room)

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**

During 9:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old  
Sunday School for kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old  
Children's Church for children preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

*Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.*

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

**WAMS (Westminsters Awesome Middle Schoolers)** - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades in the WAMS room.

**Confirmation Class** - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

**SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster)** - 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades in the SHOW room.

YOUTH NEWS We have a fun, yet important service project this Sunday from 4:00-6:00pm. Remember how much you loved the WPC Easter Egg hunt (with hundreds of eggs!!)? This Sunday, we're doing lots of "Eastery" things...

We'll be

1. Filling all the eggs for the hunt!
2. Learning how to bake Easter treats
3. Walking through holy week, and it's significance

It should be a fun, delicious, and informative afternoon!!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST on March 28<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Amy Brace, principal of Westview Elementary School (which WPC supports) will be the guest speaker. Amy is a 'go getter' as one WPC member has said. She has begun many visionary programs at Westview including math tutoring for the parents of her students so they can better help their children. The breakfast starts at 8:30 am and all are invited to join us in the Lisa Kaufman Hall.

JUSTICE KNOX'S BIGGEST MEETING OF THE YEAR **The Nehemiah Action**



**Assembly** (Tuesday, April 9 at 7pm at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium) -- This is the biggest & most important meeting of the year. It is our proverbial **"Super Bowl."** This is when

we need to get as many warm bodies in the auditorium seats as possible. Remember, **NUMBERS MATTER.** One of our local pastors put it this way, **"Just Our Presence Matters."** The more people we have, the bigger the impression/influence/pressure we will have on our city & county officials. We will be asking these officials for a "Yes" to our questions about Education, Homelessness, and Economic Instability. Please join us for a chance to **"do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with thy God."** (Micah 6:8)

SERVICE AND ORDINATION With great appreciation and love, we would like to invite our Westminster friends and family, as well as the entire East Tennessee Presbytery to a Celebration and Service of Ordination for Eric Robert Adamcik **TONIGHT**, at 7:00 pm in the Westminster sanctuary. Eric has accepted a call in Syracuse, New York! He would very much like to celebrate his ordination with his home church, which has supported and nurtured him through this process. "Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!"

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING will be collected during the season of Lent. Through this long standing, ecumenical effort, Presbyterians share God's love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.

One Great Hour of Sharing funds are divided among its three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), Self-Development of People (32%), and Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%).

WPC HIKE! Our next WPC hike will occur on the River Bluff Trail in the Norris watershed on Thursday, April 4. Rain date will be Friday, April 5. Joyce Ryan will help us identify the many wildflowers on this famous trail! We'll gather at the Karm parking lot (140 North Forest Park Blvd in Bearden--formerly Earth Fare) at 9:30 AM to organize carpools-- or meet at the trailhead (Dabney Lane, Rocky Top, TN 37769) at 10:10 AM. Pack a lunch, water, poncho, and wear sturdy shoes or boots. The trail can be slippery, slopey, and muddy. Hike distance is ~3 miles with some short steep-ish climbs. Let Cindy Spangler know if you're able to join us! Visit this link for a good trail description: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/tennessee/river-bluff-trail>

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Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant

Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, March 24**

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:10 - Choristers

12:15 - Session Meeting

4:00pm - Youth Group

7:00 pm - Eric Adamcik Ordination Service

**Wednesday, March 27**

3:45pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

4:30pm - Rainbow Choir

4:30pm - Companions in the Prayer Room

5:00pm - Young Musicians' Choir

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 28**

8:30am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Service (LKH)

**Friday, March 29 - Good Friday**

8:00pm - Tenebrae Service and Communion

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2024**

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Youth Elder: Arthur Collins

**Class of 2025**

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

**Class of 2026**

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

**TRUSTEES**

Ron Alexander

Alice Mercer

John Smartt

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Donations of any amount are welcome and can be made payable to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in both the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey* on April 4. The deadline to make the donation is **TODAY**. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ In memory of / honor of (circle one):

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

If you prefer, please fill out the form and put in the offering plate or return to church office.



**THE 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT!**

It is time to submit nominations for our next class of officers for the Class of 2027. We will be electing five (5) Elders for Session, one Trustee, and one Youth Elder. Please submit your suggestions to Gloria Borum (gborum@comcast.net), Chair, Janet Drumm (janet.drumm.tn@gmail.com), Vice Chair, or any one of our at-large members: Melissa Everett (melissajane0112@gmail.com), John Salsbery (John.Salsbery@southernrebar.com), or Carl Whipple (cwhipped@live.com).

A couple notes about making nominations...

-We suggest that you check with the person you would like to nominate before you do so, to make sure they are willing/available to serve.

-If YOU have the desire to serve on Session, please feel free to nominate yourself!

**Please submit your nominations by April 14.**

I would like to nominate

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for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because

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\_\_\_\_\_