



Fourth Sunday in Lent
Preparation for Worship

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us to this time and place to be your servant people, following our servant Lord. Send your Holy Spirit to move among us and within us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith and joy, so that as we receive, discern, and share the spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering and Preparing for **God's Word**

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prelude *Cantilena on a Lenten Plainsong Melody* Uehlein

* Call to Worship Ephesians 4:4-6

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit,

People: just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

Leader: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,

People: who is above all and through all and in all.

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God,

you have called us to be your people

and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.

We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim good news in word and deed.

We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak.

We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust your Spirit to work through those around us.

Forgive our foolish and sinful ways, O God.

Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world.

By your Holy Spirit,

give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples

and to fulfill our common calling in Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri, Hymn 581 GLORIA PATRI

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.

11:15a Children in K5 - first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, *Luke 15:1-10* p. 850

Second Scripture Lesson, *Luke 17:11-19* p. 852

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"The Grateful Samaritan"*

Responding to **God's Word**

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Ordination and Installation of Elders *11:15a*

Presentation of Candidates

For Ordination and Installation

<i>Bill Ballinger</i>	<i>Coleman Dixon</i>	<i>Pam Evans</i>
<i>Mary Mac Fairey</i>	<i>Blake Hoffman</i>	<i>Nancy Johnson</i>
<i>Tony Threatt</i>	<i>Tiffany Williams</i>	

For Installation

<i>Denise Broderick</i>	<i>Mike Peters</i>	<i>Tim Reed</i>
<i>Stephen Ridgeway</i>	<i>Amanda Warren</i>	

Leader: There are varieties of gifts.

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God.

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way.

People: But it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

Leader: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

People: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination & Installation

Constitutional Questions

Laying on of Hands & Prayer

Charge & Welcome

Call to Prayer *11:15a*, Hymn 469 CHILDREN PRAYING

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

Offertory *9a* *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* Traditional

Offertory *11:15a* *Now Thank We All Our God* Bach

* Doxology Hymn 606 OLD HUNDRETH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" CANONBURY

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 546 SICILIAN MARINERS

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

* Postlude *Toccata in F Major* Buxtehude

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Amy Hawkins (11:15a), *sponsor*

Kimberly Kent (9a), Susan Robbins (11:15a), *scripture readers*

Judy McKenney (9a), *guitar/soloist*

Ben Bloodworth (11:15a), *cello*

Ted Gentry, (11:15a), *bassoon*

George Howell (9a), Jacob Barker (11:15a), *head ushers*

Creighton Likes, Carrie Marguet, Trey Morrow,

Carroll Farmer, Mandy Pruitt (9a), *greeters*

Ben Dillard, Elizabeth Timmons, Nikki Grumbine,

Betsy Raines, Jeff Reynolds (11:15a), *greeters*

Mary-Frances Reynolds, Virginia Reynolds (9a), *acolytes*

Ella Heegard, Miles Threatt (11:15a), *acolytes*

WORSHIP NOTES

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through 4K. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment for children. The Nursery is located on the mezzanine level. The entrance is at Westminster Drive, at the columbarium or near the Westminster Weekday School offices. The Family Lounge, located down the stairs from the front office and straight down the hallway on the right, is available for any child caregiver and includes worship livestream, comfortable seating, and a changing table.

WORSHIP BAGS

Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make meaning in faith. Please return the zipper bag and its contents each Sunday.



Texts for vocal solos and choral music may be found online by scanning this QR code.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate MARRIAGE

On Saturday, March 22, 2025, *Allie Harward* and *Tyler Moeller* were united in marriage at Westminster.

We Remember in Prayer

Susan McLarty and her family on the death of Susan's father, Richard Byrd, on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in Pinehurst, NC.

SPRING SERMON SERIES

The World Turned Upside Down:
Exploring the Gospel of Luke

In some ways, Luke is the most well-known and beloved of the four Gospels. Only in Luke do we hear about shepherds at Christmas, the parables of the good Samaritan and the prodigal son, and the Easter story of the road to Emmaus. Luke is a Gospel with prominent themes of table fellowship, forgiveness, and joy. At the same time, some of the most challenging words and parables of Jesus are found in Luke—teachings that deal with repentance, money, and lost opportunities to live for God. Our sermon series this spring will explore Luke, and the “upside down” kingdom of God that Jesus preaches in this Gospel. Our subject this week is joy.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Witness and Service has donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support disaster relief for the wildfires in California and South Carolina and humanitarian efforts to assist refugees from Ukraine. If you would like to join this effort, you can do so through Westminster. Please note in your giving that your designation is for wildfire response or refugee assistance in Ukraine.

FAITH MILESTONE FOR 1ST AND 2ND GRADE

This Sunday, March 30, 1st and 2nd Grades will celebrate an important faith milestone, the Worship Workshop. This workshop is designed to teach children about the parts of worship and how to participate in age appropriate ways. It provides them with vocabulary and a framework for engaging in worship as they transition to joining their families regularly in the Sanctuary for the full worship hour. We'll cover topics like how to prepare for worship, joining in the service, Communion, Baptism and more! All 1st and 2nd graders (including visitors!) are invited to join us in the Children's Church room at 10a on March 30 for this special milestone. Contact Lauren Slingerland, Associate Pastor for Children for more information, lslingerland@wpc-online.org.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Join the WPC Young Adults on Sunday, March 30, following the 11:15a worship service for food and fellowship at Blockhouse Restaurant (1619 Augusta St.). Questions? Contact Emily Lordo (emilylordo@gmail.com).

CREATION STEWARDSHIP

WPC's Creation Stewardship group will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, April 13, at 9a in Room 211. All who are interested in the care of God's creation are invited to participate.

BAPTISM CLASS

If you would like to have your child baptized at Westminster, our next Baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, April 13, at 4:30p. Please notify the church office if you would like to attend, and we will be glad to send you the information for this class.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Get ready for a week of fun, faith, and adventure as we explore the "Waves of Wonder" in God's creation through exciting lessons, creative crafts, games, and more! VBS is the perfect place for kids to grow closer to God and make lasting memories.

- Event Date and Time: June 9-13, 9a-12p
- Ages: Rising K5-5th grade
- Registration Link: Visit the church's website to sign up!

Spaces are limited, and priority will be given to WPC members, so be sure to register early. We can't wait to see your child there as we embark on an unforgettable adventure!

CONNECTIONS




Connections, a lunch group for singles and couples, will meet on Sunday, April 13, at Bonefish Grill (1515 Woodruff) at 12:45p. Please RSVP to Ruth Johnston (ruthjohnst51@gmail.com) by Friday, April 11. Newcomers are always welcome!

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 1, at 6:30p in the church library. Deb Wiswell will review *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. This is the story of a young man growing up with a genetic abnormality, ocular albinism. It's a heartwarming tale as Sam struggles to avoid school bullies, including the nun who is the principal at the Catholic elementary school. But it's also the story of best friends and the lengths they go to help each other out. All are welcome to attend.

CUBA WITNESS AND SERVICE TRIP

Join us as we visit our Witness and Service partners at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba November 8-15, 2025. During our time together we will learn about the cultural, social, and economic realities of living in Cuba, engage theology with seminary students and professors, and join the seminary in their ongoing library renovation. Contact Nick Carson (ncarson@wpc-online.org) with any questions and to sign up.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
March 30 - April 6, 2025**

Sunday, March 30
Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00a Worship Service
10:00 Sunday School
Confirmation Class Meeting
Worship Workshop Milestone for 1st & 2nd Graders
WestConnect [Bloodworth/Fairey - Room 211]
WestConnect [Stevenson - Room 213]
11:15 Worship Service - Ordination/Installation of Elders
12:15p Reception in Atrium
Young Adult Group Gathering
4:00 First Steps in Music - Class 1
4:30 First Steps in Music - Class 2
5:00 Middler Youth Group
5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 Youth Dinner
6:30 Middler Choir Rehearsal
Senior High Youth Group

Monday, March 31
8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, April 1
12:00p Administrative Committee Meeting
AI-Anon Meeting
6:30 Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, April 2
2:15p It's Elementary
3:30 Cherub Choir Rehearsal
4:30 Jr & Sr Choristers Rehearsal
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 3
10:00a Bible Study
6:00p Women of Westminster Social
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, April 6
Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:00a Worship Service
Membership Committee Meeting
10:00 Sunday School
Confirmation Class Meeting
WestConnect [Bloodworth/Fairey - Room 211]
WestConnect [Stevenson - Room 213]
10:55 Weekly Session Meeting
11:15 Worship Service - Installation of Nick Carson
12:15p Reception in Atrium
5:00 Middler Youth Group
5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 Youth Dinner
6:30 Middler Choir Rehearsal
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From the Pews, Meagan Revson

Most of us are familiar with the story found in Luke 17:11-19 of Jesus healing 10 lepers. It is easy to miss, however, the profound lessons embedded in this story. Life changing lessons on faith and gratitude are woven throughout the story. Unlike other stories of Jesus' miracles, the focus of this story is not on the healing itself, but on what happens before and after the miraculous healing.

As Jesus travels to Jerusalem, he encounters these men, who cry out for mercy. Moved with compassion, he instructs them to show themselves to the priests, and as they go they are miraculously healed. However only one man comes back, glorifying God and expressing gratitude. Jesus commends his faith, highlighting the importance of not only receiving God's blessings but also responding with thankfulness.

This passage serves as a powerful reminder during Lent to reflect on God's mercy and cultivate a heart of gratitude and faith. For families, this story can be a valuable lesson for our children, teaching them about the importance of saying "thank you" and recognizing the goodness of God in their daily lives. Encouraging gratitude—whether through bedtime prayers, writing thank you notes, or simply pausing to acknowledge blessings—helps children grow in faith and appreciation for all that God provides.

During this season of Lent, we try engage our children with the upcoming Easter season, hoping to grow them closer to God. Lent provides us with a meaningful opportunity to teach faith through simple, everyday practices. We do this by introducing our children to prayer through the reading of Bible stories, encouraging kindness by helping them perform small acts of service, and fostering an understanding of sacrifice through giving up treats or screen time. These small, yet impactful, moments will hopefully help shape our children's spiritual foundation, making Lent a season of both personal growth and family unity. Through sacrifice and devotion, Lent prepares the heart for the joy of Easter, when Christians celebrate Christ's resurrection and victory over sin and death.

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AT WESTMINSTER!**

Classes will meet March 23 - April 27 (not Easter Sunday)

The Bible Through Time and Place

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Room 209 and Streaming

This series will look at the Bible from a different sort of perspective, broadly called "reception history." We will focus on the way that the Bible has been edited, translated, transmitted, published, and interpreted over time. In fact, there has never been just one "Bible," but myriad forms of "the Bible" that have meant different things and served different purposes. How has "the Bible" been understood over time, and how does "the Bible" function in today's religious and cultural contexts?

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**HOLY WEEK
APRIL 13-20, 2025**

Palm Sunday
The Lord's Supper at 9a & 11:15a
with Sunday School at 10a

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Generosity
Justice
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Joy

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611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re - flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your

Spir-it in this place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren

pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.