



**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Preparation for Worship**

“Who—or what—is God like? We try to slay the question but ever and again it revives... Jesus answered the question. The Presence sometimes felt and sometimes feared, the Power Who rolls the planets on their course and draws the line of death across our human days —Who is He? *Our dearest faith, our ghastliest doubt* — what is [God] like? He is like a shepherd! He led us into this pasture of mortal life. He knows the folly by which we wander, drawn by this pleasant tuft and that lush water course, until the night is on us and the mountains rise like walls of rock. [God] seeks us through pain and peril. He will lead us at the last through the Valley of the Shadow, His lifted rod our guide!”

— George A. Buttrick, *The Parables of Jesus*

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.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in G Major* Bach

* Call to Worship

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God’s presence with singing!

**People: For the Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 385 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" OLD HUNDRETH

* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God,
like lost sheep, we have erred and strayed from your call.
We have followed too much after the desires of our own hearts.
We have shut our ears to your command,
and ignored the community in which you have placed us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Restore us to your flock,
prepare a place for us at your table,
and grant us a generosity of spirit
that finds its origin in Jesus Christ,
our Lord, our shepherd and our king.
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

Old Testament Lesson, *Psalms 23* p. 435

New Testament Lesson, *John 21:4-19* p. 883

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Six Impossible Things at Breakfast"

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.**

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 "God Is My Shepherd" from *Biblical Songs, Op. 99* Dvořák

Offertory 11:15a *O Most High (Psalm 92)* Reid

* 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 187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude *Christ Hath Triumphed, Alleluia!* Smith

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Leigh Stuckey, *preaching*

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist*

Holly Vanderwal (9a), Rosemary Hughes (11:15a), *scripture readers*

Diana Dailey (9a), *soloist*

The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Jacob Barker (9a), Brad Hawkins (11:15a), *head ushers*

Bill Ballinger, Brooke Culclasure, Chris Carsten,

Ben Dillard, Denise Broderick (9a), *greeters*

Pam Evans, Trey DuBose, Kathryn Freedman,

Mandy Pruitt, Coleman Dixon (11:15a), *greeters*

Manning Dailey (9a), *acolyte*

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.

WELCOME TO WPC!

Please fill out a name tag and find more information about WPC at the Welcome Table in the Atrium. First time visitors are also invited to take home a WPC mug.

CONNECT WITH WESTMINSTER

Looking for ways to be involved? Please complete a Connection Card from the Ritual of Friendship pad and place it in the offering plate to express interest or sign up for an opportunity.

CHORAL AND VOCAL TEXTS

Choral and vocal texts for worship services may be found via the Harbinger Hub QR code.

MUSIC SUNDAY, MAY 3

This year’s Music Sunday, May 3, 11:15a, is titled *A New Jerusalem Arise*. During the service, the Chorister, Youth, Chancel, and Sanctuary choirs will invite the congregation on a journey to that “beautiful city” where God’s light and love reign. We hope you will join us as we draw inspiration from a variety of musical styles and timbres in praise of the God who makes all things new.

SABBATICAL FOR LAUREN SLINGERLAND

Associate Pastor for Children, Lauren Slingerland, will be on Sabbatical May 4–July 27. Sabbatical enables pastors to be renewed through the vital pursuit of continuing education, extended time spent in spiritual formation, and fresh mentoring by respected teachers. Lauren plans to connect with influential mentors, family, and nature during her sabbatical and she looks forward to returning with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Rescheduled
HERITAGE LECTURE
Dr. Yolanda Pierce
Sunday, August 9
Education Lecture at 9a
Preaching Hour 10a

HARBINGER HUB:
ALL THE LINKS FROM TODAY’S
HARBINGER IN ONE PLACE.
Scan the QR code to explore and engage with this week’s bulletin. You’ll find links to events, registrations, ministries, and opportunities to grow and connect within Westminster.

GIVING TO WPC

Did you know that you can fulfill your pledge or give an unpledged gift to Westminster online? Your gift helps our church keep faith with community partners and maintain excellence in our programming. To learn more about online giving, or to make a gift, follow the prompts by using the new Harbinger Hub QR code.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING LUNCHEON

Ladies of Westminster are invited to our Annual Spring Gathering on Sunday, April 26, at 12:15p in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served and we will honor our new Honorary Life Members for 2026. Our guest speaker will be Leda Young, Executive Director of Pleasant Valley Connection.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30p in the church library. A discussion of the book *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Moss will be led by Susan Robbins. All are welcome to attend.

NEW MEMBERS@WPC

We welcomed the following new members into our fellowship on April 19, 2026:

- Carol Cohen comes to us by transfer from Church of the Palms, Sarasota, FL.
- Earle & Kelly Gregory come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have two children: Ellen (11) and Banks (8).
- Jamie & Mary Anne Mason come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have one son, James (6 mos.).
- Julian Nexsen comes to us by reaffirmation of faith. He is married to WPC member, Chandler Nexsen. They have a daughter, Violet (7).
- Zach & Abbey Princell. Zach comes by transfer from First Baptist, Greenville (Zach), and Abbey by reaffirmation of faith.
- Angeline Scheinbaum comes by reaffirmation of faith. She and her husband, Ben Scheinbaum, have three sons: Corbyn (15), Barrett (10), and Wesley (4).

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned is a Westminster fellowship group for those in (or near) their fifties and sixties. We will next meet on Saturday, May 2, at 6:30p at the home of Doug & Pam Evans (315 W Faris Rd). Watch your email for more information or check the church's website ("Connect", "Events Registration" tabs) or contact Susan Grier (susan@grierfamily.org) for details. We hope to see you there!

WPC BIRTHDAY BBQ LUNCHEON

Join us after worship at 11a on Sunday, May 17, as we celebrate 79 years of WPC, and as we celebrate Lud Weaver as Pastor Emeritus. Henry's BBQ will be catering, and the cost is \$13 per adult, \$9 per child, with a household maximum of \$45. Reserve your place by using the Harbinger Hub QR code.

Our Vision:
Open minds open hearts.

Our Pillars:
*Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy*

Our Goals:
*Connect
Serve
Grow*

THE SESSION

The Class of 2027

<i>Ben Dillard</i>	<i>Creighton Likes</i>
<i>Will Edwards</i>	<i>Carrie Marguet</i>
<i>Mary Mac Fairey</i>	<i>Trey Morrow</i>
<i>Kathryn Freedman</i>	<i>Judy O'Neal</i>
<i>Mary Gentry</i>	<i>Mandy Pruitt</i>
<i>Claire Gilliland</i>	<i>Sam White, Jr</i>
<i>George Howell</i>	

The Class of 2028

<i>Bill Ballinger</i>	<i>Mike Peters</i>
<i>Denise Broderick</i>	<i>Tim Reed</i>
<i>Coleman Dixon</i>	<i>Stephen Ridgeway</i>
<i>Mason Donlan</i>	<i>Tony Threatt</i>
<i>Pam Evans</i>	<i>Amanda Warren</i>
<i>Blake Hoffman</i>	<i>Tiffany Williams</i>
<i>Nancy Johnson</i>	

The Class of 2029

<i>Christopher Carsten</i>	<i>Jennifer McDavid</i>
<i>Brooke Culclasure</i>	<i>Josh Riley</i>
<i>Trey DuBose</i>	<i>Jennifer Shurley</i>
<i>Jason Farmer</i>	<i>Clay Smoak</i>
<i>Nancy Giguere</i>	<i>Whit Walker</i>
<i>Ragan Kirven</i>	<i>Josie Williams</i>

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 26-May 3, 2026

Sunday, April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Men of Westminster Retreat

- 9:00 Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School Volunteers Mobile Coffee Event
- 10:00 Sunday School Confirmation Class Make Up Date
- 10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 12:30p Women of Westminster Spring Luncheon
- 5:00 Youth Choir Rehearsals
- 6:00 Youth Dinner
- 6:30 Middlers Youth Group Senior High Youth Group

Monday, April 27

- 10:00a Staff Meeting
- 4:30p Game Group
- 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, April 28

- 12:00p Al-Anon
- 6:00 Campaign Feasibility Committee Meeting
- Men of Westminster Executive Committee Transitioning Meeting
- 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 29

- 2:30p It's Elementary Carnival
- 4:00 8th Grade Bible Study
- 4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 30

- 10:00a Bible Study
- 5:00p Personnel Committee Meeting
- 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, May 2

- 6:30p Lightly Seasoned

Sunday, May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 9:00a Worship Service
- 9:45 All Choirs Rehearsal
- 10:00 Reception
- 10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
- 11:15 Church Music Sunday Service
- 12:30p Called Session Meeting

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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From the Pews, Jaime Satterfield

Before I write my Harbinger cover, I always read the scripture planned for that Sunday. So when I first saw the scripture for this Sunday's service, I thought, "Oh boy, they gave me the big one." Psalm 23 is a passage that nearly every person who has grown up in the church can quote at least a line from. "The Lord is my shepherd" is beloved by many, and for good reason. It paints a picture of a God who loves, provides for, and guides his people. A God who offers comfort and the promise of peace that endures throughout life.

Psalm 23 continues to resonate because it speaks to something deeply human: the need for guidance and reassurance in uncertain times. The image of a shepherd caring for sheep is simple, yet powerful. It reminds us that we are not meant to navigate life alone. Just as a shepherd leads, protects, and provides, this passage invites us to trust in a presence that watches over us, even when we cannot see the path ahead clearly. This brings me comfort while I navigate through life's everchanging ups and downs.

The verse also acknowledges that life is not without hardship. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" speaks honestly about fear, loss, and struggle. But it also offers hope. The promise is not that we will avoid difficult valleys, but that we will not face them alone. That assurance can bring a sense of peace, grounding us when everything else feels unstable. I hope today that everyone can feel the peace promised by God and can remember we are never alone, even in the toughest of moments.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Vacation Bible School 2026 – Registration is Open!

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***The Varieties of Worship Emersion Experience
Led by John MacCarthy
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All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard - ian of our way.
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



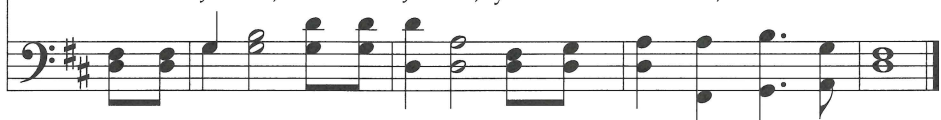
In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us; for our use your fold pre - pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.