



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preparation for **Worship**

"The word *sin* is somehow too grand a word to apply to the reaction of the prodigal's elder brother when the sound of the hoedown reaches him out in the pastor among the cow flops, and yet in another way it is just the right word... The elder brother... is a caricature of all that is joyless and petty and self-serving about all of us. The joke of it is that of course his father loves him even so, and has always loved him and will always love him, only the elder brother never noticed it because it was never love he was bucking for but only his due. The fatted calf, the best Scotch, the hoedown could all have been his, too, any time he asked for them except that he never thought to ask for them because he was too busy trying cheerlessly and religiously to earn them... Blessed is he who is not offended that no man receives what he deserves but vastly more. Bless is he who gets that joke, who sees that miracle."

Buechner, *Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale*

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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Raney  
 Introit "Surely" Langston

\* Call to Worship  
 Leader: Come, let us celebrate  
 People: **for what was lost has been found.**  
 Leader: Come, let us celebrate  
 People: **for we are greeted with joy.**  
 Leader: Come, let us celebrate  
 People: **for we have been restored and redeemed.**  
 All: **Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn No. 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

\* Prayer of Confession  
**Creator of the universe,  
 we imagine that we are in familiar territory,  
 that we know what to expect of this hour,  
 that our labors will be rewarded,  
 and our resentments will be tolerated,  
 that we will leave much the way that we came.  
 Do not abandon us to our foolish expectations.  
 In judgment, illumine our darkness.  
 In mercy, bear us home —  
 until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted,  
 truth is spoken, life is restored,  
 and we receive one another with joyful celebration. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon  
 Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
 People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* Gloria Patri (Hymnal, No. 581)  
**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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism 9a Vivienne Monroe Charbonnet Schaumber  
 11:15a William Banks Evans

Congregational Response "Baptized in Water" BUNESSAN



Children in K5 - first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, *Psalm 32:1-7* p. 440  
 Gospel Lesson, *Luke 15:11-32* p. 850

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Spendthrifts and Scattergoods"

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.****

Choral Call to Prayer "Softly and Tenderly" Thompson

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 "The Road Home" Paulus

\* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)  
**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 No. 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE  
 \* Charge and Benediction  
 \* Choral Response 11:15a "Go Out in Peace" DAVIS  
 \* Postlude Fanfare Lemmens

\*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Leigh Stuckey, *preaching*  
 Julia Watkins, *liturgist*  
 Lisa Bryant (9a), Philip Land (11:15a), *sponsors*  
 Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*  
 Mark Kemp (9a), *soloist*  
 The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)  
 Paul Grier (9a), Becca Donohue (11:15a), *lay readers*  
 Butler Mullins (9a), Bill Bouton (11:15a), *head ushers*  
 Mae Todd Mullins, Emily Busby, Toni Paylor,  
 Durden Collins, Kevin Lancaster (9a), *greeters*  
 Rob Morgan, Carl Muller, Talitha Allen,  
 Laura Sanders, Nikki Grumbine (11:15a), *greeters*  
 Ellen Reynolds (9a), Daniel Knauer (11:15a), *acolytes*

Worship Notes

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

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.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

As a congregation that prays with and for one another, Westminster invites you to share your prayer requests using the cards located in the Ritual of Friendship pad at the end of each pew. You may complete a card and leave it in the offering plate so that the pastors and/or prayer chain team may pray for you. If you wish to join the prayer chain, please indicate that on your card.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISMS

This morning at the 9a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Vivienne Monroe Charbonnet Schaumber, daughter of Drew & Holly Schaumber.

This morning at the 11:15a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship William Banks Evans, son of Clay & Hayley Evans.

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Westminster has designated funds through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support partners on the ground in and around Ukraine. Additional offerings may be designated "Ukraine."

If you would like to pray for peace in Ukraine, our sanctuary will be open for prayer on Monday, March 28, from 9a-4:30p. We will provide a written prayer and suggested Scripture passages for you. Please enter through the main office doors.

In Memoriam

Josephine Sivewright  
 (12/21/1931 - 3/15/2022)

"I am the resurrection and the life."  
 - John 11:25

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own,  
that I left, that I lost, so long ago?  
All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know  
there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,  
as I wake from a dream in the gold of day,  
through the air there's a calling from far away,  
there's a voice, I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away is the call,  
with love in your heart as the only song;  
there is no such beauty as where you belong,  
rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

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HIKING GROUP

BAPTISM CLASS

Friday, April 1  
The Panthertown Valley hike has been rescheduled for this date. Contact Hike Leader, Durden Collins (durden.collins@gmail.com), if interested.

If you would like to have your child baptized at Westminster, our next Baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, April 10, at 4p. 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 IS AUGUST 1-5 FOR RISING KINDERGARTENERS THROUGH RISING 5TH GRADERS REGISTRATION OPENS SUNDAY, MARCH 27!

Mark your calendars and join us for Westminster Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School 2022 - *To Mars and Beyond!* Children will spend the week discovering the wonders of God's universe and exploring where God's power can take them.

Registration opens this Sunday, March 27, and runs through Sunday, May 1. Register online at the link on our website. If you have questions or would like to know more, please write VBS on your connection card.

VBS needs volunteers! Please join us for a fun and fulfilling week with many volunteer opportunities! If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact Rachael Benson or Caroline Blouin at vbs@wpc-online.org.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER UPCOMING EVENTS:

SPRING SOCIAL

All women of Westminster are invited to the home of Sallie White (50 Ridgeland Dr.) for a spring social on Thursday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring an appetizer to share; and if your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert to share. There is no cost for the social, but we do ask that you sign up by Wednesday, March 30.

SPRING GATHERING LUNCHEON

Women and girls of Westminster are invited to the annual Spring Gathering Luncheon (formerly known as the Generations Banquet) at 12:30p on Sunday, April 10, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we celebrate being together, enjoy lunch and a short program, and honor our Lifetime Achievement members! The cost for lunch is \$15 per person. A \$6 child's meal is available for children who are able to sit through the program. The nursery will be open for children ages three and younger. Reservations are required and need to be made by Wednesday, March 30.

Sign up for these events at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) under *Upcoming Events*.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 27 - April 3, 2022

**Sunday, March 27**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
9:00a Worship Service  
Education Committee Meeting  
10:00 Sunday School  
10:55 Session Meeting  
11:15 Worship Service  
5:00p Middler Youth Group  
5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 Youth Dinner  
6:30 Middler Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Senior High Youth Group

**Tuesday, March 29**  
12:00p Al-Anon Group Meeting  
Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, March 30**  
7:30a Senior High Bible Study  
at Chick-fil-A  
2:15p WPC Kids Afterschool  
2:45 It's Elementary  
4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 31**  
6:30p Women of Westminster  
Spring Social

**Friday, April 1**  
9:00a Hiking Group

**Sunday, April 3**  
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9:00a Worship Service  
Membership Committee Meeting  
10:00 Sunday School  
Confirmation Class  
Session Meeting  
10:55 Worship Service  
11:15 DR Surgical Trip  
12:30p Information Session  
5:00 Middler Youth Group  
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Easter Lilies/Memorials/Honorariums

Those desiring to remember loved ones during the Easter season may do so in three ways. Money may be given to purchase a lily for the sanctuary (\$15.00), or a contribution may be made to either the Endowment Fund or the Heritage Lecture Fund. **Deadline is Wednesday, April 6.**

Donor \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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Lilies x \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Endowment. \$\_\_\_\_\_ Heritage Lecture \$\_\_\_\_\_

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*From the Pews, Brandon Coker*

My kids are so embarrassed by my car. I drive a 2007 Honda Pilot. It does not have the big touchscreens, the apps, or the huge sunroof. This is karma for me complaining about my dad's 1968 Camaro when I was a kid, and ironic as I would love to have that car now. I do enjoy driving Laura's car though, as it is a lot newer, more comfortable, and has some cool features. One of my favorite features on her car are the sensors for when I'm veering out of my lane into traffic, not braking quick enough when someone is in front of me, or about to run into another car when parking or backing up. These sensors have lights and loud beeping noises to let me know I'm at risk and try to keep me and others safe.

Our scripture reading for today from Psalm 32 discusses sin and transgressions along with confession and forgiveness. The passages describe "wasting away" and "drying up" when staying silent and being forgiven by God and provided a "hiding place" when acknowledging and confessing transgressions. I read the passage as one of thankfulness for the grace, blessings and forgiveness we receive from God.

We build a relationship with God through our prayers and confessions. My prayers almost always are a combination of thankfulness and asks for forgiveness. I'm so thankful for God's many blessings, and also admittedly disheartened with my failures to be consistently patient, loving, kind, and selfless. I believe when we pray, we build a strong relationship with God, and that the prayer helps to turn on our conscience sensors. These conscience sensors try to move us away from risks and to a safer place closer to God.

Sometimes our conscience sensors are off or weak. Throughout our lives we probably have had periods of time where we are distant from our relationship with God. Whether it was a period of immaturity, a death, illness, family or personal struggle, I have had times when I've started to veer off track. Every time God has placed another "sensor" in front of me, often in the form of another person, a book, quote, or memory, that has turned my conscience sensors back on and has pulled me back on course. Those sensors are my favorite.

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APRIL 10, 6P**

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**HOLY WEEK AT WESTMINSTER  
APRIL 10-17, 2022****PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10***Worship at 9a & 11:15a**Sunday School at 10a**Seder Meal (sign up required) at 6p***MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14***Worship with Communion at 6:30***GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15***Gospel & Blues Service at noon***EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17***Worship at 9a & 11:15a**Fellowship with donuts at 10a***ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: MARCH 20-APRIL 10****No Place Like Home: Housing Instability in Our Backyard**

Room 209

(streaming at [wpc-online.org](http://wpc-online.org))

Greenville is an attractive place to live, but it's not yet a place where everyone is at home. This class will explore experiences related to housing instability, from chronic homelessness to home ownership, and share some of the ways Westminster and our community partners are engaging.

Leaders: Local non-profit leaders and Westminster Associate for Outreach and Congregational Life, Julia Watkins

- Week 1: Intro to Homelessness (GHA)
- Week 2: Transitional Housing (Soteria)
- Week 3: Homelessness, Housing, and Self Sufficiency (United Ministries)
- Week 4: Home Preservation/Ownership (Habitat for Humanity)

**Dangerous Dialogues: Atheist and Christian Perspectives on God**

Room 212

This course will look at how we "know" God exists, atheist perspectives on why they "know" God does not exist, and how we might achieve a respectful dialog with atheists and agnostics (and perhaps convince them that our faith is not, as Richard Dawkins terms it, "delusional").

- Week 1: Foundations: Faith, Reason, and Knowledge
- Week 2: "Proofs" of God's Existence:  
Theistic Perspectives and Atheist Responses
- Week 3: "Proofs" of the God's Nonexistence:  
Atheist perspectives and Theistic Responses
- Week 4: Arguments for a Belief in God

John MacCarthy has had a varied career in physics and is presently a member of the Wofford Physics Department. His work has been diverse, including systems engineering, industry, and governmental advisory roles. John has his Ph. D. from Notre Dame and is interested in the philosophy of science, AI, systems engineering, and climate change.

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