



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preparation for **Worship**

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength. Where we have been confused, grant us your guidance. Where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort. Where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing; in and with you we can do all things. 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 "As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Hayes

Introit 11:15a "Be Still and Know I Am God" Berthier

* Call to Worship Psalm 126:1-3

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
People: **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
Leader: Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
People: **The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn No. 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

* Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God,
we know that our lives are not good examples of your love.
Our generosity toward our neighbor has been slim.
The judgments we have rendered against one another
have been misguided.
We have been blind to our greed,
apathetic about our cruelty,
and ignorant of our own self-righteousness.
Forgive us, Holy One, and create in us a clean heart once again.
Help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we will delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of Christ's name. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

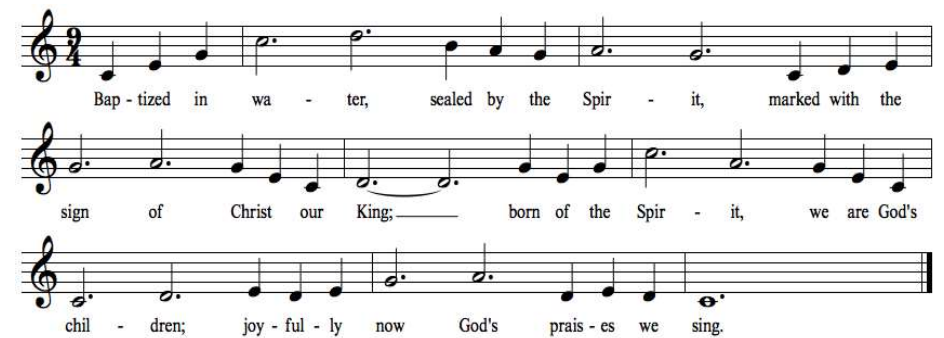
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

* 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 Harrison Quick Wolfe-Watson

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

Epistle Lesson, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 p. 933

Old Testament Lesson, Isaiah 43:16-21 p. 586

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Hardest Commandment in the Bible"

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

Jacob Barker	Laura Cox	Lindsey Donlan
Zach Freeman	Susan Grier	Ginny Reed
Jordan Smith	Parks Workman	

For installation

Marian Carpenter	Carroll Farmer	Nikki Grumbine
Bill Holt	Tom Vanderbloemen	

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

Because of the pandemic, the following elders on the Session were not able to kneel for the laying on of hands the past two years. They are invited to the chancel to do so today.

Jeff Beck	Hastings Blumer	Emily Busby	Caroline Clark
Durden Collins	Ross Glidewell	Kevin Lancaster	Lisa Mangione
Meg McKnight	Mae Todd Mullins	Kate Patterson	Lesley Usher

Charge & Welcome

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

Anthem 9a	"I Will Do a New Thing"	Sorensen
Anthem 11:15a	"I Will Make a Way"	Trenney

* 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. 719	"Come, Labor On"	ORA LABORA
* Charge and Benediction		
* Choral Response 11:15a	"Amen"	KEEN
* Postlude	"Rigaudon"	Campra

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Kathleen Reynolds (9a), Hastings Blumer (11:15a), *sponsors*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

Chancel Choir (9a)

The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

Russ Williams (9a), Jason Palmer (11:15a), *lay readers*

Bryan Kelley (9a), Jacob Barker (11:15a), *head ushers*

Jacob Barker, Toni Paylor, Lindsey Donlan,

Carroll Farmer, Zach Freeman (9a), *greeters*

Nikki Grumbine, Bill Holt, Ginny Reed,

Jordan Smith, Tom Vanderbloemen (11:15a), *greeters*

Emmie Paradise (9a), Capitola Riley, Milo Fowler (11:15a), *acolytes*

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BAPTISM CLASS

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.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning at the 9a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Harrison Quick Wolfe-Watson, son of Larkin Watson & Ginny Wolfe.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

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

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.

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.

Our Nursery provides a welcoming environment from children ages crib through 4K. Nursery is staffed by 6 paid staff each week. To support the growing needs of our nursery, we encourage members to volunteer in the nursery, alongside the paid staff, to build relationships with children and nurture them. You can sit, stand, play – however you feel most comfortable engaging. Children enjoy a wide variety of personalities, because they are too. If you'd like to know more, email Aly Friend, alyfriend@wpc-online.org or write Nursery on your connection card.

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 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.

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3 - 10, 2022

Sunday, April 3

Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 9:00a Worship Service
- Membership Committee Meeting
- 10:00 Sunday School
- Confirmation Class
- 10:55 Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 12:30p DR Surgical Trip
- Information Session
- 5:00 Middler Youth Group
- 5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 Youth Dinner
- 6:30 Middler Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Senior High Youth Group

Tuesday, April 5

- 12:00p Administrative Committee Meeting
- Al-Anon Group Meeting
- 7:00 Book Club Group

Wednesday, April 6

- 7:30a Senior High Bible Study at Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 Weekday Chapel
- 9:45 Weekday Chapel
- 10:00 Weekday Chapel
- 2:15p WPC Kids Afterschool
- 2:45 It's Elementary
- 4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday

- 9:00a Worship Service
- Witness & Service Committee Meeting
- 10:00 Sunday School
- Confirmation Class
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- 11:15 Worship Service
- 12:30p Women of Westminster Spring Gathering
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From the Pews, George McLarty

Many years ago, I was asked to help with the youth group. I still remember the doubt swirling around in my head; wondering if I had the gifts required to be a good advisor or the biblical knowledge to guide our youth. I had no clue that I would be needing some very different skills to keep pace with those high energy kids. I discovered hidden gifts like thriving on no sleep during retreats, gorging on junk food, memorizing energizers, navigating traffic with a van full of teenagers, laughing at the silliest things, playing card games until the wee hours, and even just simply encouraging others to participate in activities.

Our scripture this week comes from Paul's first letter to the Christian community in Corinth. This passage begins by asking us to consider all the different types of gifts we received or possess. These gifts are a direct expression of God's spirit at work within each of us and within our Christian community. We are each given unique gifts, with the hope of using our gifts to support those around us.

At Westminster, we are fortunate to have a community filled with a variety of talented people who openly share their gifts for the benefit of others. We are blessed with fantastic artists, scholars, soloists, teachers, speakers, advisors, coaches, musicians, mentors, missionaries, and many more. Our scripture this week also reminds us of how these gifts may reach us in different ways. That is one of the reasons we have many ways to engage within the WPC community, from youth basketball to suppers with seven.

This passage also reminds us to appreciate the talents of others, but not be envious of others' gifts. We should consider ourselves fortunate to be touched by others' talents, but we should not think we received less from God. Everyone has talents that are known or hidden, and we should feel called to generously share those with others.

Becoming a youth advisor was a big commitment and could be really exhausting at times. But the youth are so amazing and can turn almost anything into fun. My initial doubts were quickly replaced by gifts of others and this role became rewarding. Many of those same youth are now leaders in the WPC community and continue to share God's word through their unique gifts. Seeing their talents lift our church inspires and encourages me, as I see God work in each of their lives.

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APRIL 10, 6P**

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Sunday School at 10a
Seder Meal (sign up required) at 6p

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Worship with Communion at 6:30

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Room 209
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