



Palm Sunday

Preparation for **Worship**

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. As we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, that we may follow Christ all the way to the cross, and that dying and rising with him, we would enter into your kingdom, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. 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 "The Palms" Faure

Introit 11:15a "Hosanna, Hosanna!" Covington

* Call to Worship Zechariah 9:9

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**
Leader: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he.
People: **Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn No. 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God,
in Jesus Christ you came to us
as one who was humble and humiliated,
one who chose to serve rather than be served.
Yet we have turned away from Christ's witness,
and turned his good news upside down.
We have tried to make our lives more comfortable
instead of journeying to the cross.
We have lived as if your love were conditional
instead of spreading that love with abundance and abandon.
We have broken our promises and placed our hope in false gods.
Forgive us, and overwhelm us with your grace.
Grant us courage when we are afraid,
and give us clarity when we are confused,
so that we may take the next faithful step
in our journey with Christ,
trusting in his goodness and his grace. 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
 11:15a

Jackson Donald Ballinger
 Charles Robert Yeargin, Jr.

Congregational Response "Baptized in Water" BUNESSAN

Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson, *Philippians 2:5-11* p. 954
 Gospel Lesson, *Luke 19:28-40* p. 854

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

Sermon "If Only They Had Known"

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 11:15a "Stay With Me" Berthier

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

Solo 9a "On That Day" Beall
 Anthem 11:15a "When I Survey" Martin

* 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. 198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" ST. DROSTANE

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response 11:15a "Christ We Do All Adore Thee" DUBOIS

* Postlude Improvisation for Palm Sunday Guilmant

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Lauren Slingerland, *liturgist*

Mae Todd Mullins (9a), Russ Williams (11:15a), *sponsors*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

Shawn Salley (9a), *soloist*

The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a)

The Junior and Senior Choristers (11:15a)

Tom Vanderbloemen, *trumpet*

David Hanor (9a), Libba Mattison (11:15a), *lay readers*

Catherine Blount (9a), Parks Workman (11:15a), *head ushers*

Hastings Blumer, Jay Culclasure, Ross Glidewell,

Jara Jones, Meg McKnight (9a), *greeters*

Toni Paylor, Neil Shurley, Keith Stevenson,

Lesley Usher, LeAnne White (11:15a), *greeters*

Elizabeth Todd, Pearson Mullins (11:15a), *acolytes*

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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.

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."

FILL THE FOOD PANTRY

In this season of abundance, practice generosity by donating the following items to the United Ministries food pantry: canned fruit and vegetables, soups, pastas, canned meat, peanut butter, and powdered milk. Items may be left in the marked wall cabinets in the Friendship Court.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISMS

This morning at the 9a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Jackson Donald Ballinger, son of Bill & Erin Ballinger.

This morning at the 11:15a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Charles Robert Yeargin, Jr., son of Charlie & Alissa Yeargin.

In Memoriam

Burns Cale
 (2/20/1986 - 3/31/2022)

Anne "Peggy" Sauvain
 (12/1/1919 - 4/4/2022)

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

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.

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.

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.



**Vacation Bible School 2022
August 1-5
for rising Kindergarteners through rising
5th graders.**

Registration is open NOW!

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 opened 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, contact Rachael Benson or Caroline Blouin at vbs@wpc-online.org.

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WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER CIRCLES

Tuesday, April 12

- **Circle 3**, at the home of Ruth Johnston (310 Shadowmere Dr., Pelzer, 29669) at 2p. Circle Chair: Dee Malone (dee05m@gmail.com).

Wednesday, April 13

- **Circle 6**, at the home of Liz Einstein at 9:30a. Sherry Tate (sherrytate63@gmail.com) and Liz Einstein (liz.ard.einstein@gmail.com) co-chairs.

CONNECTIONS GROUP

The Connections Luncheon Group will meet Sunday, April 24, at 12:45p at Limoncello's (401 River St). Make reservations with Ruth Johnston (ruthjohns51@gmail.com or 864-201-6117). Newcomers are welcome!

HERITAGE LECTURE SUNDAY

APRIL 24

9 & 11:15A WORSHIP SERVICES
10A SUNDAY SCHOOL

Worship and Sunday School will be led by Heritage Lecture speaker, Leah Schade.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10 - 17, 2022

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday

- 9:00a Worship Service
Witness & Service Committee Meeting
- 10:00 Sunday School
Confirmation Class
- 10:55 Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service
- 12:30p Women of Westminster
Spring Gathering
- 4:00 Baptism Class
- 5:00 Middler Youth Group
- 5:15 Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 Youth Dinner
Seder Service
- 6:30 Middler Youth Choir Rehearsal
Senior High Youth Group

Monday, April 11

- 5:00p Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 12

- 12:00p Al-Anon Group Meeting
- 2:00 Circle 3 Meeting
- 7:00 Youth Parent Workshop

Wednesday, April 13

- 7:30a Senior High Bible Study
at Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 Circle 6 Meeting
- 2:15p WPC Kids Afterschool
- 2:45 It's Elementary
- 4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers

Thursday, April 14

- 12:00p Finance Committee Meeting
- 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 15

Weekday School Closed

- 12:00p Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

- 9:00a Worship Service
- 10:00 Donut Fellowship
- 10:55 Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service

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From the Pews, Alissa Edwards

The procession into Jerusalem is this week's scripture passage. In Luke 19: 28-40 Jesus tells two of his disciples to get a colt for him that no one has ever ridden. The disciples do so after telling the colt's owner that "its Master needs it" and Jesus rides down from the Mount of Olives with his disciples rejoicing and praising God with loud voices. The disciples said, "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens." Some of the Pharisees from the crowd tell Jesus to scold the disciples and tell them to stop. Jesus responds, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

These verses of scripture show God's power. In this text, God is going to get his message out. There will be no stopping him and his proclamation about the one he has sent to heal creation. Jesus chooses to make his entrance into Jerusalem on a colt, which was used by important people during that time. The ease with which the owner of the colt allows the animal to be taken seems to imply that he was a follower of Christ and responded to the needs of "the Master" very happily and easily.

What does holiness look like in this text? Holiness looks like faithfully proclaiming the message about Jesus, through word and deed. In his birth at Christmas we are introduced to the Messiah. In Epiphany God reveals to us who Jesus is and what he comes to do. Now, through Lent we have journeyed with Jesus, learning more about who he is and what he has come to do. Soon, we will celebrate his death and resurrection, and we are called to stand up and share what we have learned.

"...I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout." I think this last verse of this passage is important. The stones would shout. Stones, shouting? What Jesus seems to be saying here is that something must be said and done. The disciples, along with those following along that day, are simply expressing the truth about who Jesus is and what he's come to do. The truth must be told, and that truth will be told, even through God's non-human creation. What Jesus is about to do is of such great importance to all creation, that it must be and will be told.

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REBUILD UPSTATE

Join other WPC members on Saturday, April 23, a volunteer home construction site with Rebuild Upstate, a local non-profit that promotes affordable housing through home preservation and repair. All volunteers (ages 12+) welcome, whether you've never swung a hammer or are a construction pro. Contact Julia Watkins or write "Rebuild Upstate" on your Connection Card.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF WORSHIP AND SERVICE 5/15, 10A FOLLOWED WITH LUNCHEON

To mark 75 years of ministry in and to the Greenville community, please join us for worship on May 15 at 10a followed by a bbq luncheon. We will be joined in worship by former Head of Staff Lud Weaver, and all former pastors of the congregation have been invited to join the luncheon. There is no cost for this event, but RSVPs will be required. Photos of past WPC events are needed. If you would like to send a copy or a digital photo, email to wpcanniversary@wpc-online.org.

CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL JOB FAIR

Are you an employer or connected to potential employers? You can help facilitate a Carolina High School job fair on April 27th. We are in need of employers as well as volunteers willing to help contact participants. Please contact Paul O'Neal at pauloneal@aol.com for more information.

HANDS ON GREENVILLE DAY OF SERVICE APRIL 30, 8A-12P

Mark your calendar for a church-wide day of service with Soteria on Saturday, April 30 from 8a-12p. Hands on Greenville is a community wide service initiative sponsored by the United Way. WPC is a named sponsor of the event, and we're thrilled to partner with Soteria to help them clean up their women's house (recently purchased with the help of Westminster), men's house, and main site. We hope you (and your family!) will join us. Childcare will be provided at Westminster. Sign up for HOG day (and childcare) at wpc-online.org or write "HOG Day" on your Connection Card. Following our time with Soteria you are invited to Fluor Field for lunch, beverages, and a celebration of the community.

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Room 209

(streaming at wpc-online.org)

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