#### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### Sunday, March 19, 2023 |On Demand on Facebook & YouTube|9a & 11:15a



### Fourth Sunday in Lent

#### Preparation for Worship

"...fallen man is not simply an imperfect creature who needs improvement; he is a rebel who must lay down his arms. Laying down your arms, surrendering, saying you are sorry, realizing that you have been on the wrong track...means killing part of yourself, undergoing a kind of death."

C.S. Lewis

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

Welcome and Announcements

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

**People:** And also with you.

Prelude	Rhosymedre	Vaughan Williams	
Choral Introit	11:15a Be Still and Know	Psalm 46	
* Call to Worshi	ip	Psalm 51:10-12, 15	
Leader:			
People	<ul> <li>and put a new and right spirit within</li> <li>Do not cast me away from your</li> <li>and do not take your holy spirit</li> </ul>	presence,	
Leader:	• • •		
People All:		r praise.	
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* Hymn #624	l Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redee	emer Art Toulon	
* Prayer of Con			
	l God, our judge and redeemer,		
	onfess that we have tried to hide fr	om you,	
	e have done wrong. ve lived for ourselves and apart fro	m vou	
	ve turned from our neighbors,	in you.	
	refused to bear the burdens of othe	ers.	
	ve ignored the pain of the world,		
-	passed by the hungry, the poor, and	d the oppressed.	
•	r great mercy, we our sins and free us from solfish	mass	
•	forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments,		
	igh Jesus Christ, our Savior. Ame		
* Assurance of	Pardon		
Leader: <b>People</b>	Friends, believe the good news of the In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven		
* Gloria Patri #5	581	Gloria Patri	
	be to the Father, and to the Son, an as it was in the beginning, is now		

world without end. Amen. Amen.

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The Sacrament of Baptism 9a

11:15a

#### Madelyn Kate Serieno Hayes McArtor Carraway

Congregational Response



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

#### Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illu	umination	
Gospel Lesson, Luke 18:9-14		p. 853
Epistle Lesson, Romans 3:22b-26		p. 916
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.	
<b>People:</b>	Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	"No Distinction"	

#### Responding to God's Word

* Affirmation of Faith		The	Apostles' Creed
and in Jesus who was cor born of the V was crucified the third day he ascended and sitteth o from thence I believe in the I the holy cath	Christ his on neeived by the Virgin Mary, d, dead, and y he rose aga into heaver on the right l he shall cor Holy Ghost; nolic Church ess of sins; t	hand of God the Father A ne to judge the quick an a; the communion of sain he resurrection of the b	s Pilate, nto hell; Almighty; d the dead. nts;
Choral Call to Prayer			Daw, Jr.
Prayers of Thanksgiv	ving and inte	rcession	
thy kingdom on earth as i Give us this day	a come, thy t is in heave our daily b e our debton is from evil. kingdom, a	read; and forgive us our rs; and lead us not into nd the power,	r debts
Offering			
Anthem 9a	Aris	se, My Soul, Arise	Forrest
Anthem 11:15a	Create in N	le a Clean Heart, O God	Mueller
* Doxology #606			Old Hundredth
Praise God,	from whon	ı all blessings flow; Pr	aise God,

all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* Prayer of Dedication

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#### \* Hymn #307

\* Postlude

#### Leading Worship this Morning

Ben Dorr, *preaching* Julia Watkins, *liturgist* Jordan Smith (9a), Jay Culclasure (11:15a), sponsors Todd Monsell, organist and pianist Rosemary Hughes (9a), soloist The Sanctuary Choir (11:15a) Paul Grier (9a), Ben Edwards (11:15a), head ushers Tom Vanderbloemen, Parks Workman, Nikki Grumbine, Bill Holt, Ginny Reed (9a), greeters Rob Morgan, Susan Grier, Jacob Barker, Marian Carpenter, Lindsey Donlan (11:15a), greeters Sawyer Rentz (9a), acolyte Lillian Threatt, 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 Nurserv is located on the mezzanine level. The entrance is at Westminster Drive, at the columbarium or near the Westminster Weekday School offices.

#### 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 foundational layers of meaning for faith. Please return the zipper bag and its contents each Sunday. This shift to reusable items demonstrates how we value hospitality and care for creation.

### 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.

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.

#### God of Grace and God of Glory

\* Charge and Benediction \* Congregational Response 11:15a Amen Toccata in G Minor

#### CWM RHONDDA

Rutter Pachelbel \*All who are able may stand

#### Join Us in Welcoming

#### BAPTISMS

This morning at the 9a worship service. we welcome into our fellowship Madelyn Kate Serieno, daughter of Doug & Jenna Serieno.

This morning at the 11:15a worship service, we welcome into our fellowship Hayes McArtor Carraway, son of Adam & Neely Carraway.

#### In Memoriam

Betty Geddie (7/30/1946 - 3/13/2023)

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

#### **LENTEN SERMON SERIES:** BACK TO THE BASICS

During the season of Lent, our Sunday sermons will explore some of the basic doctrines and beliefs of the Christian faith. What does it mean to say that Jesus is fully human and fully God? Or to say that he died for us? What do words like sin and saved and suffering mean in our lives today? One of the goals of this series is to explore Christian faith from a Reformed/Presbyterian perspective, particularly during a time when denominations have become less relevant, and church membership has become much more fluid. This Sunday's sermon will address the guestion: What kind of sin do we believe in?

### **Opportunities** @WPC

#### THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, March 20. at 7p in the Charter Room. We will view portions of a documentary, "At the River: Grace and Struggle in the Segregated South", directed and produced by Carolyn Crowder. This film tells the stories of white Southern Presbyterian ministers who tried to do the right thing during the Civil Rights Era, a time when doing the right thing was difficult and dangerous. Pat Shufeldt will be the facilitator. Join us to view this informative and inspirational film. All are welcome.

### CIRCLE MEETING

Tuesday, March 21

 Circle 7, in the Sun Room at The Palmettos Assisted Living in Mauldin (810 E. Butler Rd., 29607) at 5:30p. Terri LeGrand (terrilegrand@charter.net, 864-979-2896).

#### HIKING GROUP

The Hiking Group will meet again on Friday, March 24, to hike the Oconee Passage of the Palmetto Trail. Contact Hike Leader: Carole (cdennison72@gmail. Dennison com) if interested.

#### WELCOME HOME DRIVE

Throughout March, Westminster is partnering with World Relief Upstate to collect furniture and household items enough to supply an apartment for a refugee family of four. Items may be purchased from our Amazon wish list (see WPC website) and delivered directly to the church. You may also sign up to donate new or gently used items, which you may drop off at the Fellowship Hall during the following times:

> • March 19, 12:30-2:30p • March 21, 4:30-6:30p • March 26, 12:30-2:30p

**Ouestions?** Contact Nikki Grumbine (grumbine5@gmail.com).

#### CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 3-6

In 2023, we will return to Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma. and Birmingham.

Costs: \$675 (single - one person) \$710 (couple - shared room) \$600 (parent/child) \$800 (family of three/1 room) \$900 (family of four/1 room)

Covered in the cost is transportation admission to museums and memorials, breakfasts each day, and certain group meals. Sign up online at www.wpc-online.org. Scholarships are available.

#### SUPPER WITH SEVEN April – May 2023

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to think about getting out and doing things. What about enjoying meals with other Westminster members? "Supper With Seven" is seven (or so) persons - some couples, some singles, some older and some younger - gathering for a series of two or three meals at a time convenient to the group. It is a great way to establish or renew relationships with other Westminster members. To sign up, return this form to the church office, or fill out the online form on the church website by navigating to the Supper With Seven page. The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 20. \*Indicate preferred method of contact.

Name(s): Phone:

Email Address:

Please check as many as apply:

- I/We would be willing to host a first gathering of seven or so people.
- I/We cannot host the first gathering, but would consider a subsequent one.

I/We cannot host but would like to be part of a group.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 19 - 26, 2023

#### Sunday, March 19 Fourth Sunday in Lent

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9:00a	Worship Service
	Creation Stewardship Meeting
10:00	One Adult Sunday School
10:55	Sunday Session Meeting
11:15	Worship Service
12:30p	Refugee Donation Time

#### Monday, March 20

Weekday Scl	hool Spring Break
7:00p	Theology Reading Group
8:00	Narcotics Anonymous

#### Tuesday, March 21

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12:00p	Al-Anon
4:30	Refugee Donation Time
5:30	Circle 7
7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, March 22

Weekday School Spring Break Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00

Thursday, March 23 Weekday School Spring Break 8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

#### Friday, March 24

Weekday School Spring Break 8:00a Hiking Group

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9:00a	Worship Service
10:00	Sunday School
	Confirmation Class
	Education Committee
	Meeting
10:55	Sunday Session Meeting
11:15	Worship Service
12:30p	Refugee Donation Time
5:00	Middler Youth Group
5:15	Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:00	Youth Dinner
6:30	Middler Choir Rehearsal
	Senior High Youth Group



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#### From the Pews, Neil Shurley

"All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.<sup>3</sup> - Luke 18:14

"Oh lord it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way." - Mac Davis

There's such a push and pull going on in my heart, all the time. Maybe you've

I recently contributed to a fundraiser, not for myself and not to make me feel good, but because I sincerely wanted to help another family. But I was the first contributor and I found myself feeling uncomfortably yet smugly proud that my status as first contributor was listed on the front page of the fundraiser. I didn't try to be first, but it sure feels good to be first. It's the same when I contribute to any worthy cause – I don't give my time/money to glorify myself but I am eager to see my name on the official thank you list.

Similarly, I've spent the last few weeks performing in a play, and while I don't do it for the glory, and, in fact, I duck out of the theatre as quickly as possible after a show, I sure am disappointed if someone doesn't tell me I did a good job. It's hard to be humble when you've put yourself out there, when you've done what you think is the right thing. Don't we all want a little recognition? If not a moment in the actual spotlight, at least a pat on the back?

I take comfort in the fact that this is a universal problem, an issue so prevalent that it's addressed in multiple ways throughout the bible.

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen

"Whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised

"Whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen

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**Open Minds Open Hearts** 

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**Our Goals:** 

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Worship at 9a & 11:15a

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