



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. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom. We ask it through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and 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 *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Shackley
* 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.
People: **Triumphant and victorious is he.**
Leader: Humble, and riding on a donkey,
People: **On a colt, the foal of a donkey.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, out of love for your people,
you sent your Son to us, but we rejected him.
Our faith has been fickle and our courage fleeting.
We asked Jesus to meet our expectations
instead of changing our lives to meet his.
When he heads to the cross, we run the other way.
Forgive us, Holy One.
Draw us closer to Christ, so that as we enter Holy Week,
our idols would be destroyed,
our priorities would be straightened,
and our souls would be strengthened by your grace.
Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

* Kyrie, Hymn 551 "Lord, Have Mercy" LAND OF REST

* 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

First Scripture Lesson, *Mark 11:1-11* p. 823

Second Scripture Lesson, *Mark 14:32-42* p. 827

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Two Minds of Jesus"

Responding to **God's Word**

* Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

During the Great Thanksgiving, please respond in unison:

Leader: ...and join their unending hymn:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died; Christ is risen;**

Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

The bread will be held and taken together. The cup will be taken individually.

Music During Communion

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now Below

Gethsemane Prayer Curtis

Prayer after Communion

Offering

Offertory 9a *Ride On, O King* Lovelace

Offertory 11:15a *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Brown

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

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Kerr

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *liturgist*

Laura Williams Sanders (9a), Mandy Pruitt (11:15a), *scripture readers*

Todd Monsell, *organist and pianist*

Chancel Choir (9a)

Junior and Senior Choristers Choirs (11:15a)

Tom Vanderbloemen, *trumpet* (11:15a)

Jacob Barker, *head usher*

Lindsey Donlan, Carroll Farmer, Zach Freeman,

Marian Carpenter, Jacob Barker (9a), *greeters*

Marian Carpenter, Jordan Smith, Tom Vanderbloemen,

Parks Workman, Nikki Grumbine (11:15a), *greeters*

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

A special offering for the Congregational Care Fund is received on Communion Sundays. This fund is used to assist members of the congregation in a time of financial need. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and mark for Congregational Care.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate BIRTH

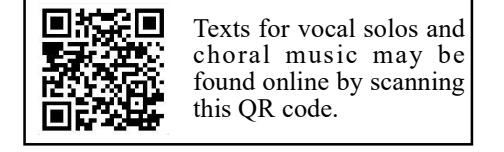
The birth of a son, Dean Hill Paylor, to Graham & Georgia Paylor on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

LENTEN RESPONSE

During the season of Lent, we will sing a "Kyrie" response between the Prayer of Confession and the Assurance of Pardon. First used liturgically in the 5th c.¹, the Kyrie (Greek: *Kyrie eleison* - *Lord, have mercy*) was employed by both Martin Luther and John Calvin as an act of contrition.² Our hymnal, *Glory to God*, contains six settings of the Kyrie. We will sing the setting that employs the familiar American folk melody LAND OF REST.

1. Ron Jeffers. *Translations and Annotations of Choral Repertoire. Volume I: Sacred Latin Texts.* (Corvallis, Oregon: earthsongs, 1988), 48.

2. Peter C. Bower, ed. *The Companion to the Book of Common Worship.* (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2003), 23.



Texts for vocal solos and choral music may be found online by scanning this QR code.

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SERMON SERIES: THE FABRIC OF FAITH

It is second-nature for Christians to talk about “having faith,” “growing up in the faith,” or “coming to faith in Jesus Christ.” But what do we mean when we use the word, “faith”? Today’s sermon will explore faith as contradiction.

BAPTISM CLASS

If you would like to have your child baptized at Westminster, our next Baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, April 7, at 4:30p. Please notify the church office if you would like to attend, and we will be glad to send you the information for this class.

MEN OF WESTMINSTER RETREAT MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER APRIL 26-28, 2024

All men of Westminster are invited to the second annual men's retreat in Montreat, NC. Presbyterian College's Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life, The Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon, will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$255. Sign up online at wpc-online.org. For more information, contact Tony Threatt (tony.threatt@gmail.com).

2024 CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

Mark your calendars! We are thrilled to announce the 2024 Lowcountry Civil Rights Pilgrimage, from October 11-14. Continuing our tradition of educational experiences that enrich our faith and challenge our present discipleship, we will travel to Charleston to learn more about the Gullah-Geechee community of South Carolina, visit Mother Emmanuel AMC, worship with a historically Black PCUSA congregation organized during Reconstruction, and visit the newly opened International African American Museum in Charleston. Watch the Harbinger and eNews for details and to sign up. Email Leigh Stuckey with questions.

HIKING GROUP

On Thursday, March 28, we will hike Virginia Hawkins Falls in the Laurel Forest Heritage Preserve north of Rocky Bottom, SC. This is a three mile out and back hike. Hike Leader: Durden Collins. If you plan to hike or have questions, contact Durden at durden.collins@gmail.com.

SUPPERS WITH SEVEN APRIL – JUNE 2024

Spring is in the air! And you know what that means – Easter is approaching, buds are fixin' to bloom, birds are chirping, time to shake off the winter blues, and there is nothing better to usher in spring than making plans to participate in Westminster's Suppers with Seven! Suppers with Seven is a WPC tradition bringing together seven or so people – couples, singles, younger, older – for a series of two or three meals over the course of three months. If you are looking to make deeper connections, renew friendships with other Westminster members, or just want to show off your culinary skills, Suppers with Seven is for you! The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 25.

Name(s): _____
(Include both names if you are signing up as a couple.)

Phone: _____
(This phone number will be shared with members of your group.)

Email: _____
(This email address will be shared with members of your group.)

Preferred Method of Contact: Email Phone call Text

Check one:

_____ I/We can host and lead the first gathering of Suppers with Seven.

_____ I/We cannot host the first gathering but would consider a subsequent one.

_____ I/We cannot host but want to be part of a group.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 24-31, 2024

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

- 9:00a Worship Service with communion
- 10:00 Sunday School
Confirmation Class #5
WestConnect (George Howell)
WestConnect (Kathleen Reynolds)
WestConnect (Leigh Miller)
- 10:55 Sunday Session Meeting
- 11:15 Worship Service with communion
- 4:00p St. John Passion by SC Bach
- 5:00 Middler Youth Group
- 6:00 WestConnect (Heather Dorr)
- 6:30 Senior High Youth Group

Monday, March 25

- 7:00p WestConnect (Molly Pile)
- 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, March 26

- 12:00p Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, March 27

- 10:15a Weekday Chapel
- 2:15p It's Elementary
- 3:30 Cherub Choir
- 4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers
- 6:30 WestConnect (Ingrid Erwin)
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28

- 8:30a Hiking Group
- 10:00 Thursday Bible Study
- 10:30 WestConnect (Joey Fievet)
- 6:00p Maundy Thursday Service
- 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, March 29

Weekday School closed

- 12:00p Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

- 9:00a Worship Service
- 10:00 Donut Reception
- 11:15 Worship Service

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From the Pews, Laurie Koch

Growing up a Southern Baptist, Palm Sunday was a BIG deal. It was one of the handful of times in the year that something different was happening at church, and as a bonus, we kids got to join in. It held a place in the top tier of Sundays that included the Chrismon tree making its debut, families lighting the Advent candles, the Christmas Cantata by the choir, and all the lilies on display on Easter Sunday.

On Palm Sundays, I fondly remember standing outside our church choosing my palm frond, excitedly waving it alongside my friends as we made our way into church exclaiming “Hosannah!”, with visions of next week’s white patent shoes dancing in our heads.

As a child, I really only registered the excitement of Palm Sunday and the joy of Easter. The darkness of Good Friday wasn’t on my radar. Now, as an adult, I see how incredible the whole Holy Week truly was. How in a blink, Jesus went from being welcomed with palm fronds to dying on the cross. With this knowledge, Palm Sunday takes on a bittersweet feeling as we celebrate Jesus, while knowing it’s the beginning of the end of His time on Earth.

I love the scripture for this week because of its vivid descriptions. I can picture the disciples finding the donkey and untying it, bringing it to Jesus and covering it with cloaks for Him to ride on. I can see the people coming to cover the path with palms, celebrating the arrival of Jesus. I can almost hear the “Hosannahs.” I am grateful to have these descriptive images to reflect on as we enter this week, and I’m grateful for the symbols and traditions that tie us to the people who were there on that first Palm Sunday, welcoming their king. May we use this opportunity to welcome Jesus into our hearts again this Sunday.

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