

This Week at Westminster

Welcome guests! We're delighted that you've come to worship with us here at Westminster this morning. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation and that you'll worship with us again soon.

TODAY: There will be no Sunday School or evening service. We'll return to our regular schedule next Sunday.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow for the Easter holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, April 3, at 8 am.

This Week & Beyond

Midweek Ministries at WPC: The following opportunities for fellowship, growth and service are available on Wednesday nights at WPC:

- **Adult Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm**, childcare available
(NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS WEEK 4/4. Rehearsal will resume 4/11)
- **Student Choir Rehearsals:**
 - Youth Ensemble (6th-12th graders), 5:45-6:15
 - Student Choir (2nd-5th graders), 6:15-6:45
 - Beginning Choir (4s-1st graders), 6:45-7:15
- **Wednesday Night Youth Group** meets in the parlor for a light meal at 6:15 pm, followed by group time and Bible study on *Disciplines of Grace* by Jerry Bridges from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

Growth Groups for Adults: We offer several men's, women's, and mixed groups for study, fellowship and prayer throughout the week. To see the full list of available groups, pick up an information card at the Resource Center in the lobby or select 'Adult Groups and Classes' under 'Ministries' on the homepage of the church website.

WIC Spring Brunch at Grille 29 on Saturday, April 14th at 10 am. Ladies, we would love for you to attend and ask that each guest take care of their own meal. Pricing for their menu can be found at the following website: <http://www.grille29.com/huntsville/>. Please RSVP on the blue sheet this Sunday so we know how many tables we need. Hope to see you there!

Providence Presbytery Youth Day: Saturday, April 21 (11 am – 4 pm) at WPC. Join us for a fun day of grilling, games and fellowship. Guest speaker – Stephen Hooks.

Support our Palmer Home Mission Trip by hiring our students and putting them to work! We will be sending our students out to homes on April 14 and 28 to rake leaves, paint fences, weed flowerbeds or whatever other manual labor tasks you might have. Our students will split into groups with one chaperone per group and sent to divide and conquer your list of work to be done. If you would like help at your home, please sign up on the Blue Sheet today. We will contact you to obtain a list of work to be done.

Palmer Home Youth Mission Trip: Save the Date: June 25 – 29, 2018 (on-line registration begins TODAY). If you have any questions, please contact Jes Wendland at jessica.wendland@wpc-hsv.org

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: April 1, 2018	NEXT WEEK: April 8, 2018
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Daniel & Meghan Palmer, Damon & Stephanie Lares	Kate Gunn, Ryan & Stephanie Wellman
	Lauren Johannesmeyer	Sydney Knight
	Jonathan & Alyssa Knight	Annabelle Lowrance
NURSERY – Sunday School	----	Henry Lynn
	----	Samuel Fulcher
NURSERY – Evening Worship	----	Donna & Curry Knight
HEAD USHER	Joey Lauderdale	Jay Lauderdale
SEXTON COUNTER	Craig Bosma, Sam Lowrance	Sam Lowrance, Paul Galloway
SOUND	Clif Barnes	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Chuck Grady	Mark Linker
COMMUNION SET UP	----	----

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Church Officers

Elders:

Tom Adams, Nat Causey, Fred Diaz, Bill Emrich, Eric Fulcher, Scooter Johnson, Paul Keel, Curry Knight, Scott Lynn, Brian McFadden, Stacy Murphree, Scott Nicol, Allen Zumbach

Deacons:

John Anderson, Craig Bosma, Paul Galloway, John Gunn, Matt Harness, John Kirkwood, Sam Lowrance, Monday Mbila, Art McKinney, Wade Pettus, Nate Van Kirk, Chris Wellborn

Aids to Worship

To use the church's wifi, select WPC Guest and enter 'matthew633' when asked.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Binders with today's hymns and readings in large print are available at the round table in the lobby. Please return them there after the service.

To hear an audio of today's sermons again, go www.wpc-hsv.org and click on the link at the bottom right corner of the home page.

If providentially hindered from attending worship on the Lord's Day, you can still join us for the morning service via video-streaming. Simply go to www.wpc-hsv.org and select "Watch Live" on the menu bar at the top of the page.



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018

A BEACON OF HOPE

OFFERING LIFE AND LIGHT
IN CHRIST TO THOSE IN
DARKNESS, HERE AND
AROUND THE WORLD



*"In Him was life, and this life
was the light of men."
John 1:4*



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Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.

The Prelude *Easter Medley* Children's Choir
Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, Ed Cash and David Simmer

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship

Alleluia! Praise the Risen King! Sanctuary Choir
Lloyd Larson

(Refrain) Rejoice, be glad, lift your voice and sing!
The King of love, our glorious King,
has conquered death and He lives again.
Let earth and heaven ring!

On Easter morn at the break of day,
to the tomb, the women made their way.
"He is not here," the angel said, "He is risen from the dead!"

(Refrain)

The day of resurrection, earth tell it out abroad;
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns, hymns of victory,

(Refrain)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, praise the risen king!

† **The Call to Worship** Traditional; from Psalm 118

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

† **The Hymn of Praise** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* # 277

† The Invocation and 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.

† **The Confession of Faith** The Apostles Creed # 845

† **The Gloria Patri** # 735

The Call to Repentance Psalm 51:1-6

Leader: Have Mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

People: According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Leader: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

People: So that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Leader: Surely, I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

People: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

The Confession of Corporate Sin

O Lord, I marvel that you should become incarnate, be crucified, dead and buried. Grant that I may die with you so that I may rise to new life, for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world; that I might not hear the voice of the charmer and might be delivered from his lusts. Purge me from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of approval, the shame of being thought old-fashioned, the desire to be cultivated or modern. Let me reckon my old life dead because of crucifixion, and never feed it as a living thing.

Grant me to stand with my dying Savior, to be content to be rejected, to be willing to take up unpopular truths, and to hold fast to despised teachings until death. Help me to be a holy, happy person, free from every wrong desire, from everything contrary to your mind. Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence, in the name of Christ. Amen.

From *The Valley of Vision* (p. 94)

The Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 44:1-5
Church Bible, pg. 586

† **The Hymn** *In Christ Alone* (see insert)

The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9
Church Bible, pg. 586

The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication Mr. Allen Zumbach

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory *Joyful, Joyful* Sanctuary Choir
Beethoven/arranged by Alice Parker, lyrics by Henry Van Dyke

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

(Congregation joins choir)

Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.
Amen!

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson Acts 2:22-24
Church Bible, pg. 910

The Proclamation of the Word of God Dr. J. Alan Carter
"Making a Kingdom-Centered Response to the Resurrection"

† **The Hymn of Response** *Thine Be the Glory* # 274

† **The Benediction**

† **The Doxology** # 731

† **The Sending**

The Postlude *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* Miss Bertha Dykstra
(arr. G. Parker)

† **Congregation Standing**