

This Week at Westminster

Welcome, guests! We're delighted that you've come to worship with us here at Westminster on this very special morning. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation, and that you'll join us for coffee and refreshments immediately afterward in the lobby.

This Week at WPC

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow for the Easter holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, April 18, at 8 am.

Both Junior & Senior High Youth Groups will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm for a brief time of singing together, followed by separate gatherings for each group for study and discussion. For more information, contact either Daniel Perez at daniel.perez@wpc-hsv.org or Eric Fulcher at eric.fulcher@gmail.com.

Growth Groups for adults meet at various times throughout the week. To learn more about each group (including its study topic and materials) to find out which one is right for you, pick up an information card at the Resource Center in the church lobby today.

Sunday School Classes for children, youth, college, and adults will resume at their normal schedule next Sunday morning after taking a break today for Easter. All classes normally meet at 11:05 am either in the sanctuary building or the WCA classroom building. Kids should rendezvous with Miss Tracey in the children's corner of the lobby immediately after worship and walk to the main building for snacks; we'll take them to their classes from there. A detailed guide to class offerings, teachers and locations are available at the Resource Center in the church lobby.

Coming Soon

RUF@UAH 10th Anniversary Celebration: We hope you will join us for our hallmark RUF Shrimp Boil, held on April 28th, 6:30-8:30 pm, at Southwood Presbyterian Church's "The Lodge." Visit rufuah.org/celebrate for full details and RSVP info. We hope you can celebrate with us – OUR ministry together at UAH, for the glory of OUR Savior, Jesus Christ!

Two Opportunities to Enjoy a "Parents Night Out": Parents, come and enjoy a night out and help our students pay for RYM. Childcare will be provided at the church on Friday, April 21st as well as Friday, April 28th from 5 – 9 pm (children can bring dinner to eat). Cost is \$20.00 for one child, \$30 for two children, and \$40 for three or more children. Sign up on the blue sheet for one or both nights. Any questions, please contact Daniel or Jessica Perez.

Family Fun Day at Monte Sano State Park! All youth and their families are invited to a "fun day" at Monte Sano State Park on Saturday, April 29th from 11 am – 2 pm. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy some hiking and ultimate Frisbee! A small fee is collected at the gate (\$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child 4-11). See you there!

The next installment of "Women Reading Great Books" will be Thursday, May 11, at 7 pm in the church parlor. The next book we'll be reading and discussing is *Communion with God* by John Owen (the Puritan Paperbacks Version). John Owen's book can be purchased at www.banneroftruth.org. Now's a good time to get started!

Save the date for VBS! Make your plans now to join us this summer for **"Mighty Fortress"** a Vacation Bible School program, on July 24-26, 2017 from 9am until noon. At *"Mighty Fortress,"* we'll learn about Jesus through Bible stories, meet new friends, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, and more! It's going to be fun, but it would be more fun with you there. You can register at <https://vbsmate.com/WPCHuntsvilleAL>.

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: April 16, 2017	NEXT WEEK: April 23, 2016
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Scooter & Angie Johnson, April Stegman, Jennifer Harvey	Rebecca Harness, Kristi Vechinski, Lady Emrich
	Garret Grady	Bill Emrich
	Micah & Charissa Matson	Samuel Lowrance
NURSERY – Sunday School	---	Amy Vechinski
	---	Paul & Mary Katherine Keel
NURSERY – Evening Worship		Susann Anderson, Anna Claire Murphree
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	Brian Harte	Brian Harte
COMMUNION SET UP	Fergusons	---

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

Attendance for April 19, 2016

Morning Worship – 246
Sunday School - 172
Evening Worship – 81

Staff and Ministry Team

Nathan Eldridge (on leave)
Bob Brunson
Daniel Perez
Tracey Zumbach
Jessica Perez
Mary Spybey
Stephen Hooks

Senior Pastor
Assistant Pastor
Youth Director
Children's Ministry Director
Nursery Coordinator
Office Manager
WCA Head of School

Church Officers

Elders:

Tom Adams, Nat Causey, Fred Diaz, Bill Emrich, Eric Fulcher, Keith Johnson, 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



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017

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

Hallelujah, Christ Arose!
(Lowery, arr. Livingston, Jr.)

Thine is the Glory
(Trinity Hymnal #274, arr. Hayes)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship

WPC Children's Choir

He Lives, the Great Redeemer Lives
Ann Steele/Kevin Twit, Arr. by Bethany Johnson

Repeated crimes awake our fears, and justice armed with frowns appears.
But in the Savior's lovely face, sweet mercy smiles and all is peace, all is peace.

Chorus: He lives! The great Redeemer lives! What joy the blest assurance gives!
And now, before His Father, God, pleads the merit of His blood. He lives!

In every dark, distressful hour when sin and Satan join their power
Let this, dear hope repel the dart that Jesus bears us on His heart, on His heart.
(*Chorus*)

Great Advocate, almighty Friend! On Him our humble hopes depend.
Our cause can never, ever fail, for Jesus pleads, and must prevail, He must prevail!
(*Chorus*)

† 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

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† 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

Hymnal, pg. 845

† The Gloria Patri

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The Call to Repentance

† Congregation Standing

The Confession of 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 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

† The Hymn

In Christ Alone

See Insert

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All - here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid - here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day; up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine - bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death - this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home - here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication

Mr. Fred Diaz

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Concertato on *The Strife is O'er* (With Congregation)
Giovanni P. Da Palestrina, Arr, Hal Hopson

Choir:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

With Congregation (Seated):

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

With Congregation (Seated):

The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

Choir Only:

The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head. Alleluia!

With Congregation (Standing):

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Reading of Scripture

I Corinthians 15:12-28
Church Bible, pg. 961

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Bob Brunson

“If Christ Didn't Rise”

Series: “What Makes the ‘Good News’ Good”

The Choral Response

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
John S. B. Monsell/Mark Shepherd

Chorus: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

Gratefully our hearts adore him,
As his light once more appears;
Bowing down in joy before him,
Rising up from griefs and tears! (*Chorus*)

Death and hell before him bending,
See him rise the victor now!
Angels on his steps attending,
Glory round his wounded brow! (*Chorus*)

† The Concluding Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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† Benediction

The Postlude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

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.

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