

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

“Growing in faith, reaching out in love.”

March 31, 2024

9:30 A.M.

Easter Sunday

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Organist: Katherine Shapinsky

INTROIT

“Thy Name We Bless”

Chancel Choir & Brass

\*GATHERING HYMNS

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

No. 288

“Lift High the Cross”

No. 287

\*CALL TO WORSHIP & WELCOME

Pastor: He is Risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: Of all days, this is our day of Hope. We have gathered to celebrate that Hope.

**People: The promise of light's victory over death!**

**All: The promise of life's victory over death!**

OPENING PRAYER

Cyrene Berthiaume

OT LESSON

(pew bible OT p. 563)

Psalm 114

ANTHEM

“The Strife Is O'er”

Chancel Choir

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## SHARING IN MINISTRY THROUGH OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“This Is The Day”

*(Please fill out & pass the friendship pads from the outside aisles to the center aisles and back again.)*

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Britt

(Children ages 3 years old - 2nd grade are excused for Sunshine Singers)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

NT LESSON

(pew bible NT p. 114)

John 20:10-23

EASTER MEDITATION “The Empty Tomb: Following Jesus to Eternal Life”

Pastor Mike

**Greeters:** Mary Boyenga and Bob Rice

**Ushers:** Rollie Hanson

**Assisting Elder:** Cyrene Berthiaume

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\*CLOSING HYMN

“He Lives” (v. 1 & 3)

No. 302

\*BENEDICTION

Matthew 28:18-20

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Alleluia”

Chancel Choir

\*POSTLUDE

Organist: Katherine Shapinsky

### OUR MINISTRY TO THE WORLD CONTINUES

\*Indicates the congregation will stand if able.

Hearing aid devices are available from the ushers if needed.

Child Care is available in the nursery.

**THANK YOU** to our instrumentalists today: **Ethan Wightkin** and **Myiah Wagner** on trumpets, **Jonah Fisher** on trombone, and **Katherine Shapinsky** on organ. We also thank our **Chancel Choir** and **Sue Radloff** for providing the beautiful music and leading the hymns today.

## COME CELEBRATE SPRING WITH FAITHFUL FAMILIES!

*(Faithful Families is for families with school-age children)*

Sunday, April 7, 2024

2-3:30pm at church

We will go on a Nature Scavenger Hunt, create pinecone birdseed feeders, and enjoy a surprise snack. RSVP to Pastor Britt or Laura Carlson



### **Our Bible Studies are not meeting this upcoming week!**

Our Tuesday Morning Bible Study and our Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study will not be meeting this week. The Tuesday Morning study will resume again on April 9th @ 10:00am, and we will be focusing on Jeremiah 30-33. Our Men's Group will begin again with a Perkins Breakfast on April 11th @ 7:00am. Also 'Beyond the Pulpit' will begin meeting again on April 7th @ 11:00am.

## A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL

who are worshipping with us today. Visitors, as well as others who would like information, will find visitor information in the pew. Visitors, please stop by the Welcome Table, located in the Narthex by the entrance to the Fellowship Hall, to receive your Welcome Bag.

## NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7th, REV. OLMSTED WILL BE PREACHING

The sermon will be "Caesarea By The Sea: Following Jesus When You Need Grace." The scripture passage is Ephesians 2:8-10, we will have Communion, and the Chancel Choir will be leading us in worship.

## EGGS-TRAORDINARY EASTER ADVENTURE THANK YOU

We are thankful to all of you for such wonderful donations to help make our EGGs-traordinary Easter Adventure a successful outreach. We appreciate all of the youth and adults who volunteered to help in many ways to bless our community with the event.



### *Ladies Luncheon*



## WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIRTHDAY LUNCHEONS

You are invited to our monthly Ladies Luncheon celebrating our birthdays. You can bring a friend too! It is held on the second Wednesday of each month at noon at Bella Victoria. It is important you respond to Selene Schulz at 507-438-3299 so she can make the reservation. Don't forget to bring a friend! Next Luncheon is on Wednesday, April 10th.



## Bunco & Finger Foods

2-4pm at Oak Park Village Community Room. 1902 Burr Oak Drive, Austin

Saturday, April 13th - Hosted by Pat & Steve Rodewald

If you are in your 50s and up, please come and bring something yummy to share!

RSVP to Pat Rodewald by call or text at 507-440-2831 by April 7th.

ELECTRICAL UPGRADE



## CHURCH CLOSED FOR ELECTRICAL UPGRADE HAPPENING THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH & FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

The church will be closed these two days as there will be no electricity or heat.

Please contact Rev. Olmsted with pastoral emergencies at 507-440-4905. Thank you!



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm ~ Friday - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

### TODAY

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Rev. Olmsted Preaching/Easter Sunday

- 9:30 Worship/Chancel Choir/Brass Ensemble
- 10:00 Sunshine Singers/CYM
- 10:30 Fellowship with Donuts & Cookies/FH  
No Confirmation/Sunday School/Beyond the Pulpit

#### MONDAY APRIL 1

5:30 Pot Pourri/  P

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 2

- 8:00 Prayer Ministry/P  
No Bible Study
- 5:30 Deacons/P
- 6:15 Committee Chairs/CH
- 6:30 Committee Night/CYM

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- 8:00 CBS/CYM
- 1:30 Staff Meeting/P
- 4:45 Rainbow Ringers/CYM
- 6:00 LIFT/Game Night/YR
- 6:15 Spirit Ringers/CYM
- 7:20 Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

- No Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Prayer Shawl/YR
- 6:15 Second Edition Rehearsal/P

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Rev. Olmsted Preaching  
Communion

- 9:30 Worship/Chancel Choir
- 10:00 Sunshine Singers/CYM
- 10:30 Fellowship with Donuts & Cookies/FH
- 10:45 Sunday School/CYM
- 11:00 LIFT Sunday School/YR
- 11:00 Beyond the Pulpit
- 2:00 Faithful Families



*Thanks,  
Everyone!* 

Thanks to all who made our Lenten Suppers and Lenten Vespers an amazing experience of following our Savior. From the delicious food & fellowship and to all who came to partake and prepare them, for our special music during the services, to the Lenten video & reflection series by Max Lucado, and to our Pastors Mike & Britt; we thank you!

**THE SPRING GATHERING OF ALL WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA WILL BE HELD AT WESTMINSTER THIS YEAR ON APRIL 20TH FROM 9:30AM-1:30PM**

The speaker will be Louella Voigt, a recent participant in the National P.W. USA mission journey to our southern border. She will be talking about her experiences during this journey, what she saw, what she learned, and what is being done. To attend, please complete the Registration Form at the table in the Narthex and return it to Gloria Aanonson or Selene Schulz as soon as possible. Have questions? Speak with Gloria Aanonson or call her at 507-438-7393. Free for Westminster members and \$15 for nonmembers.

## MINISTRY STAFF

Rev. Michael Olmsted, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Brittany Wundermachten, Associate Pastor  
Cindy Jayes, Office Administrator  
Eric Potter, Office Assistant/Media Specialist  
Laura Carlson, Children's Ministry Director  
David Sundal, Custodian  
Jim Jayes, Assistant Custodian  
Bill Momsen & Eric Potter Co-Treasurers

Dominic Lura, Sound Technician  
Lisa Tapp, Nursery Supervisor  
Emily Wacholz, Nursery Assistant  
Sue Radloff, Chancel Choir Director  
Emma Evans-Peck, Sunshine Singers Director  
Ann Flisrand, Bell Director  
Katherine Shapinsky, Organist  
Lorene Strobel, Pianist & Ascending Truth Dir.

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## SESSION MEMBERS

Gloria Aanonson, Clerk  
Cyrene Berthiaume, Nurture & Discipleship  
Richard Carlson, Personnel & Finance  
Cindy Jayes, Mission & Fellowship  
Jim Jayes, Nurture & Discipleship  
Nanc Lenz, Mission & Fellowship  
Dominic Lura, Worship & Outreach  
Gary Ofstedahl, Worship & Outreach  
Rev. Michael Olmsted, Moderator

Katherine Pacovsky, Mission & Fellowship  
Kim Potter, Worship & Outreach  
Bob Rice, Facility & Grounds  
Matt Taylor, Facility & Grounds  
Myles Taylor, YE Nurture & Discipleship  
Emily Grace Toland, Personnel & Finance  
Nathan Toland, Facility & Grounds  
Betsy Wuebker, Personnel & Finance  
Rev. Brittany Wundermachten, Teaching Elder

## DEACONS

Greg Gerber  
Rollie Hanson  
Karen Krachmer  
Lanny Krachmer  
Curt Lerum  
Millie Masse

Meridee Ofstedahl  
Sara Sayles  
Ann Sundal  
Sarah Wehner  
Carol Young

## MINISTRY TEAM

Pastors, Ruling Elders, Deacons, Staff, Members, and Friends

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OUR EASTER LILIES HAVE  
BEEN PROVIDED IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF, IN HONOR OF, OR IN  
CELEBRATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- \* In Loving Memory of *Beth Berhow* from Steve & Luke Berhow and Josh, Amber, Olive, & Calvin Jones;
- \* In Loving Memory of *Mitch Berhow* from Darlene Berhow & family;
- \* In Loving Memory of *Dick Seltz* from David & Louise Berhow;
- \* In Loving Memory of *Jason Harnack* From Lindsay & Toren Bires;
- \* In Loving Memory of *Arnie Boyenga* from Mary Boyenga, Sue, Scott, Skipp & families;
- \* In Loving Memory of our parents *Bud & Mary Carlson* and *Charlie & Beth Lanchantin* from Richard & Laura Carlson;
- \* In Loving Memory of *mom, Ann Gibson*, from Pam deLeon;
- \* In Loving Memory of *Scott Harper, our daughter, Melissa Jayes, Bob & Rosalie Jayes*; and *Ed & Ellie Middleton* from Cindy & Jim Jayes Family;
- \* In Loving Memory of *Phil Masse* and *Ellen Fisch* from Millie Masse Family;
- \* In Loving Memory of *Bob, Gerald, Fern, and Terry Heathman, Jennifer* and *Jospeh King, Carolyn Whitney, and Tom and Dorothy McCarthy* from June & Steve McCarthy;
- \* In Loving Memory of *Mike* and *our parents* from Carolyn Meier;

- \* *In Loving Memory of Lorimer Nelson* from Sandy Nelson;
- \* *In Loving Memory of Patricia Rubel and Karsten Grundyson* from Kris Nuñez;
- \* *In Loving Memory of Alida Bush, Don & Sandy Olmsted, and Dennis & Becki Bush* from the Olmsted Family;
- \* *In Celebration of Children & Grandchildren* from Joe & Katherine Pacovsky;
- \* *In Loving Memory of wife, Ruth,* from Robert Rice;
- \* *In Loving Memory of Kevin & Donn Sass and Charles, Hannah, & George Upcraft* from Joanne Sass;
- \* *In Loving Memory of Jean Boverhuis, Kristie Steiner, and Cathie Sayles* from the Sayles Family;
- \* *In Loving Memory of Jess Pfeiffer, my son, from Kay Scherer,*
- \* *In Loving Memory of Neil & Betty Munro, Norene & Orin Sundal, and Steve Munro* from David & Ann Sundal;
- \* *In Loving Memory of wife, Susanne,* from Bob Thune;
- \* *In Loving Memory of Sharon & Clark Toland* from the Toland Family;
- \* *In Loving Memory of Jerry Bergstrom* from Jeanne & Ron Wangen, Jeremy & Kelly Bergstrom Family and John & Annesa Bergstrom Family.

*We wish to express our appreciation to the Flower Committee  
for decorating our Sanctuary this morning.*

*Many thanks to those who gave so generously this year  
towards our Easter decorations.*

*Those wishing to take home their lily may do so after the service today.*