

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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MARCH 26, 2017

9:30 A.M.

"Take a hard look at Jesus. He's the centerpiece of everything we believe."

(Hebrews 3:1 The Message)

"And what about you? Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29)

TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME! Thanks for joining us for worship. More information about Westminster Presbyterian Church is available on the Welcome Table in the back of the Sanctuary. We encourage you to fill out the Friendship Binder found in your pew and please join us for coffee and conversation in the Narthex after the service. In the Spring and Fall, Pastor Murry hosts "Welcome to Westminster" orientation meetings for anyone who would like to know more about Westminster or is considering the possibility of church membership. Watch the bulletin for announcements.

- Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
 - Childcare for children 5 and under is provided in the Nursery down the hall from the Sanctuary.
 - Children's activities, books and crayons are on the small table in the back of the Sanctuary.
 - * All who are able may stand.
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Gathering Song #2086 "Open Our Eyes" Timbrel & Lyre

Words of Greeting Ruth 2:4 Hal Murry

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

**Greeting Our Neighbors*

**Call to Worship* (based on Ephesians 5) Hal Murry

Leader: Wake up, sleepers! Get up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

People: *We were once darkness, but now we are light in the Lord.*

Leader: Light produces fruit that consists of every sort of goodness, justice, and truth.

People: *So we live our lives as children of light.*

**Hymn - insert* "Here I Am to Worship"

**Invitation to Confession* Hal Murry

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

Gracious God,

we are people who still love darkness rather than light.

We keep shameful deeds secret,

but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.

We see ourselves as blameless,

but pass judgment on others.

We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable,

*but step back, protecting ourselves.
Forgive us, we pray.
Bring us into your light that we may
know ourselves loved.
Bring us into your light that we may
live more fruitful lives.
Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin,
and shine upon us with your grace.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
the light of the world. Amen.*

(Moment of silence for personal reflection.)

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Hal Murry

Children's Message

"Light of the World"

Hal Murry

Anthem

"Lamb of God"

Timbrel & Lyre

by Twila Paris

Sermon: "Sighted?"

1. Who's to blame?
2. How are you now able to see?
3. Surely WE aren't blind, are we?

Scripture: John 9- insert

(Common English Bible)

Hal Murry

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn* - insert

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

**Affirmation of Faith*

from "A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

Hal Murry

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Sung

Timbrel & Lyre

Repeat each stanza after Song Leaders

Giving of Our Offerings

Please use this time to pass the Friendship Binder found at the inside end of your pew.

Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

Timbrel & Lyre

by John Newton, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

**Doxology*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Timbrel & Lyre

arr. by Steve Peake

Musical notation for the Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow". The music is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above and below the notes.

Chord symbols: G, D, Em, C, D, G, Am, C, G, D, G, D, G.

Lyrics: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here be - low. Praise Him a - bove ye hea - venly host. Praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Hal Murry

**Hymn #324*

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

**Blessing*

Hal Murry

**Response #2279*

"The Trees of the Field"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT. The Christian season of "Lent" draws its name from an Old English word for Spring and the lengthening of days. *"In many cultures there is an ancient custom of giving a tenth of each year's income to some holy use. For Christians to observe the forty days of Lent is to do the same thing with roughly a tenth of each year's days. After being baptized by John in the river Jordan, Jesus went off alone into the wilderness where he spent forty days asking himself the question what it meant to be Jesus. During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another what it means to be themselves."* -- quote is from Whistling in the Dark: An ABC Theologized by Frederick Buechner.

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY, Dr. Marsha Wilfong's class on the Psalms continues in the Board Room. ALL are welcome!

A BABY SHOWER TODAY AFTER WORSHIP for Baby Spurgeon will be in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Join us for cookies and cake to celebrate the anticipation of the new arrival for Zach & Becky Spurgeon. All are welcome!

DURING MARCH MEETINGS, THE SESSION (Westminster's Governing Council):

- Accepted with regret, the withdrawal of the Rev. Lindsay James from consideration as worship leader for a proposed alternative worship service at Westminster.
- Engaged in continuing exploration of the implications of Westminster's proposed governance reforms. Known as "policy governance," the reforms are seen as one way to implement Westminster's stated mission priorities at all levels of the organization.
- Approved a request by Westminster's new "Green Team" to be formally recognized as a mission team of Westminster. The team has formed to encourage church members, friends and the broader community to care for God's creation by practicing wise, humble, responsible stewardship of the earth. A tentative date of April 23rd has been set for commissioning the Green Team at worship
- Approved a motion requesting permission from the John Knox Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. This is the first step in the one-to-two-year process of seeking Westminster's next "called and installed" pastor. The motion was approved with encouragement from Rev. Murry, who has provided Interim pastoral leadership at Westminster since June, 2013.

A "MID-LENTEN" Worship Service with Communion will be held in Westminster's Fellowship Hall at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 30. Take time to experience Christ's "unforced rhythms of grace" during this gathering of worship and prayer. **Childcare will be provided!** All are welcome!

PROOFS OF PICTURES WILL BE ON DISPLAY through Easter Sunday. We will update weekly the pictorial directory photos and information. The update will be on display in the hallway outside the workroom. The date for the first printing is now officially in April, just after Easter. Our software allows easy updates of photos and information. Changes needed? Give your updates to Mary Kay.

WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION GRANTS - The Board of Managers of the Foundation is pleased to announce that in May 2017 it will be awarding a grant or grants totaling approximately \$4,100 for projects only within Westminster Presbyterian Church and is now inviting applications from interested organizations, groups, or individuals from the Church. **Applications are available in the church office and must be submitted to the office on or before April 15, 2017** in order to be considered.

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: MARCH 26, 2017

Church Office Number: 583-1729		Rev. Hal Murry: 580-4196
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Rev. Hal Murry, Teaching Elder
Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz
Custodian: Tim Till
Nursery: Amy Ehlers/Emily Meeker
Adult Choir/Adult Handbells: Pam Crawford
Band/Youth Handbells: Sally Stulken
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler
Refreshments & Bldg Care: Scott Heicken
Greeters: Gene & Gini Gordon
Fritz & Ruth Cabalka
Russ & Leona Hibben

Missional Community Dev: Rev. Lindsay James
Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins
Faith Formation Leader for Youth: Lisa Fast
Care Ministry Coordinator: Glinda Manternach
Youth Choir: Lizz Tyler
Timbrel & Lyre: Dr. Luke Tyler
Head Usher: Doug Cheever
Ushers: Julie Woodyard & Jon Davison
Doug & Jean Cheever

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For Lisa MacNaughton who is having a total knee replacement tomorrow at Mercy. Prayers for a successful surgery as well as recovery.
- For Glinda Manternach who is recovering from an emergency appendectomy in Mesa, AZ. She is scheduled to return to Dubuque on the first of April, if all goes well. If you want to send a card now, send it to Pam Shippey, 2329 N. Recker Rd. #23, Mesa, AZ 85215
- For the wedding of Matthew Stovall and Rio Nagakura and happiness as they begin their lives together as husband and wife. They will be married on March 30 in Tokyo, Japan.
- For Steven McMurray recovering from a major illness at Sunnycrest Manor.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH thru April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Come and receive Christ! These are brief contemplative services of prayer, praise, scripture, quiet reflection and Holy Communion. Each service is about 35-40 minutes in length. Childcare is provided.

COME HEAR Steve Peake and the Julien Chamber Choir at their upcoming concert "Songs of Myth and Legend", April 2, at 3 PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and April 3, at 7 PM at the Galena Center for the Arts (219 Summit St, Galena).

JOIN HILLCREST FAMILY SERVICES FOR AN OPEN HOUSE honoring Gary Gansemer's legacy on Thursday, March 30, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Anna B. Lawther Gymnasium, 2505 Wilbricht Lane. (There will be a brief presentation at 6:00 p.m.) All are welcome & light refreshments will be available. Gary is soon to retire!



KIWANIS K-FAMILY BREAKFAST SATURDAY, APRIL 22

**Serving: 7:30 to 11:30 AM
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2155 University Avenue, Fellowship Hall**

**\$7 for Adults and Teens 13+ \$5 for Youth Ages 5-12
Free for Ages 4 and Under**

**Round up family and friends
to fill up on good food and
support a great cause!**

**Purchase your tickets for this
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT breakfast which
includes pancakes, scrambled eggs,
sausages, hash browns, and applesauce
in advance from any Kiwanis or Key
Club member. You can also pay at the
door.**

*All proceeds support the nonprofit Spastic
Paralysis Research Foundation.*



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THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
MARCH 26TH THRU APRIL 2ND

Sunday, March 26

8:00 a.m. Timbrel & Lyre Rehearsal, SA
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. Worship, Rev. Murry Preaching
9:30 a.m. Worship, Mandarin Speaking, BR
10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School-Classrooms
10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class, Library
10:45 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School - CR
10:45 a.m. Psalms Bible Study, BR
4:00 p.m. 6th Grade Youth Group, FH
4:00 p.m. M.E.S.S. Youth Group, Media Rm.

Monday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Mission Garden Prep, FH
5:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, FH
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Classrooms
6:00 p.m. Scoutmaster Mtg., BR
7:00p.m. Troop 11 Boy Scouts, FH
7:00 p.m. Scouts Parent Mtg., BR

Tuesday, March 28

8:00 a.m. Mission Garden Prep, FH
5:40 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA
6:45 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, CR



Buy in the office or before or after worship
at the Hospitality Counter

Wednesday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Mission Garden Prep, FH
9:00 a.m. Mandarin Baptism Class, CR
2:30 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, Bethany Home
5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal, LOFT
5:45 p.m. Youth Choir, Media Room
7:00p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT

Thursday, March 30

8:00 p.m. **Mid-Lenten Worship Service, FH**

Saturday, April 1

11:00 a.m. Scouts I.S.L. Training, FH

Sunday, April 2

CAITLIN CARTER BAPTISM

8:00 a.m. Adult Handbells, LOFT
8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. Worship, Rev. Murry Preaching
9:30 a.m. Worship, Mandarin Speaking, BR
10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School-Classrooms
10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class, Library
10:45 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School - CR
10:45 a.m. Psalms Bible Study, BR
11:45 a.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, Choir Room
4:00 p.m. 6th Grade Youth Group, FH
4:00 p.m. M.E.S.S. Youth Group, Media Rm.



**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:**

You can GIVE BEYOND your
life through a bequest to
Westminster Presbyterian Church
in your will.