

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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Palm Sunday

APRIL 9, 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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Prelude "All Glory, Laud and Honor" Westminster
arr. James D. Ployhar Band

Words of Greeting and Welcome Ruth 2:4 Hal Murry
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

**Processional Hymn #88* "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

**Call to Worship* (based on Zechariah 9) Samuel Wu

Leader: Look, your king comes to you. He is righteous and victorious.

People: **He is humble and riding on a donkey.**

Leader: He will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the bow used in battle will be broken.

People: **He will proclaim peace to the nations, and his rule will stretch from sea to sea.**

ALL: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Anthem "Hosanna in the Highest" Youth & Adult Choirs
by David W. Music

Announcements

Minute for Mission "Free the Parent Night" Becky Spurgeon

**Greeting Our Neighbors*

**Invitation to Confession* Samuel Wu

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

Today, O God, we have gathered like those who watched the parade in Jerusalem. We've come hoping for a glimpse of our Messiah. As we yearn for Your presence in our lives, let us not be disappointed in the ways You come to us, though history shows we are certain to be surprised. This week, give us the discernment, wisdom and courage to follow wherever you lead. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal reflection.)

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Hal Murry

**Response*

"O Lamb of God"

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Children's Message

"Palm Carpet"

Hal Murry

Anthem

"Draw Nigh to Jerusalem"
by David H. Williams

Chancel Choir

Sermon: "Always Teaching"

Hal Murry

1. Every teacher's challenge
2. Today's Scripture: John 11:55-12:19 (Common English Bible)
3. Why did he go to Jerusalem?
4. Why did he ride a donkey?
5. What does "then" have to do with "now"?

Scripture: John 11:55-12:19

(Common English Bible)

Hal Murry

⁵⁵ It was almost time for the Jewish Passover, and many people went from the countryside up to Jerusalem to purify themselves through ritual washing before the Passover. ⁵⁶ They were looking for Jesus. As they spoke to each other in the temple, they said, "What do you think? He won't come to the festival, will he?" ⁵⁷ The chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where he was should report it, so they could arrest him.

12 Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. ³ Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. ⁴ Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, ⁵ "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why

wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (⁶ He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

⁷ Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

⁹ Many Jews learned that he was there. They came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ The chief priests decided that they would kill Lazarus too. ¹¹ It was because of Lazarus that many of the Jews had deserted them and come to believe in Jesus.

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him. They shouted, "Hosanna!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the king of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ *Don't be afraid, Daughter Zion.*

*Look! Your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt.*

¹⁶ His disciples didn't understand these things at first. After he was glorified, they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

¹⁷ The crowd who had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead were testifying about him. ¹⁸ That's why the crowd came to meet him, because they had heard about this miraculous sign that he had done. ¹⁹ Therefore, the Pharisees said to each other, "See! You've accomplished nothing! Look! The whole world is following him!"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn #89*

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**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

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.

Giving of Our Offerings

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

Offertory

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

Youth Handbells

arr. S. Stulken

**Song of Thanksgiving "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Hal Murry

**Hymn #91*

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

**Blessing*

Hal Murry

**Response*

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

**Postlude*

Luke Tyler, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIANS CALL TODAY "PALM SUNDAY" Around the year 30, at the beginning of the week of the Jewish holiday Passover, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The city was crammed with holiday pilgrims. Large crowds waving palm branches, both followed him from the countryside and welcomed him into the city. Today is the first day of Holy Week, spiritually the most important

week of the year for Christians. Holy Week ends with Good Friday and Easter, Jesus' death and resurrection.

ALL ARE INVITED to Maundy (Holy) Thursday Worship with Communion at 7:30 p.m. on April 13. This is a quiet, candlelit, contemplative service with Taize music -- simple tunes with repetitive phrases.

106th GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE - Friday, April 14th at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. **11:45 am Prelude, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Service.** Organ interludes every 20 min. - Arrive/Depart. Led by community religious leaders and musicians.

EASTER "SUNRISE" WORSHIP will be at 6:00 a.m. on April 16. ALL are welcome!

SUNDAY PARKING is available to Westminster friends and members at the University of Dubuque across from the front of the church on University Ave. A flight of steps and a scenic front yard walk leads to the Narthex door.

THE ANNUAL ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering is our denomination's primary way of raising funds for Disaster Assistance, and the Hunger and Self-Development programs. Westminster's support for this offering has been generous in the past (\$4000+). Last Sunday we received **\$1370**. To participate in this offering, please use one of the special envelopes in the pew rack. "Fish" coin banks have been distributed to Westminster's kids and are due back on Easter Sunday.

BIBLE STUDY...Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong continues to lead a study on the *Psalms*. Groups meet after worship on Sunday (Board Room); 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays (Conference Room) and 2:30 on Wednesdays at Bethany Home. All are welcome!

BOOKS AND BOWLS – “Our Souls at Night” is our last book of the season. Aging and loneliness will not overtake 70 year old Addie as she makes a suggestion to 70 year old Louis that scandalizes their adult children and the town gossips. She feels this could be her last attempt at happiness. This book is a charming goodbye to, now deceased, Kent Haruf, who wrote of Holt, Colorado, in “Plainsong, Eventide and Benediction.” Everyone is welcome to **join us after worship on April 23**. (A week later than usual because of Easter.)

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? 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.**

THANK YOU Westminster friends for all the prayers, concerns and cards sent during my illness while vacationing in Arizona. It was great to feel the warmth, love and support of my church community. **Glinda Manternach**

THANK YOU DOUG CHEEVER for all your effort, work and time repairing the damage on the doors as a result from the 2015 burglary. They look nice! Thanks again!

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: APRIL 9, 2017

Church Office Number: 583-1729		Rev. Hal Murry: 580-4196
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Rev. Hal Murry, Teaching Elder	Missional Community Dev: Rev. Lindsay James
Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz	Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins
Custodian: Tim Till	Faith Formation Leader for Youth: Lisa Fast
Nursery: Amy Ehlers/Emily Meeker	Care Ministry Coordinator: Glinda Manternach
Adult Choir/Adult Handbells: Pam Crawford	Youth Choir: Lizz Tyler
Band/Youth Handbells: Sally Stulken	Timbrel & Lyre: Dr. Luke Tyler
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler	Head Usher: Glinda Manternach
Refreshments & Bldg Care: Bill & Janet Porter	Ushers: Adam Etheredge, Gidget Maas
Greeters: Dennis & Susie Williams	Laura Ting, Ricardo Huang
Jim & Sue Huff	
Gerda Hartman	

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Steven McMurray recovering from a major illness at Sunnycrest Manor
- Suzanne Murry, for her upcoming surgery in Iowa City on April 24.
- The flower on the pulpit today is in honor of Theia Elizabeth Tyler born to Luke and Lizz Tyler at 1:25 p.m. Wed., April 5th. Welcome to the World Theia! The Tyler's address is: 1030 Melrose Terrace, DBQ 52001

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MAQUOKETA HIGH SCHOOL presents "MARY POPPINS" - April 7th & 8th at 7:30 p.m. \$10 Adults and \$8 for students at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center. The Leads include: Pam Crawford's granddaughter, Blair Bennis, who has sung here at Westminster and Shelby Sargeant, niece of Glinda Manternach. The Director is Joel Hagen who was "Pastor: in "Smoke on the Mountain".

HOSPICE OF DUBUQUE will be sponsoring a six-week bereavement support group. The group will be open to anyone in the tri-state area who has experienced the loss of a loved one, through death, within the past twelve months. It is suggested that participants wait at least three months after a loss before attending. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings, April 18th - May 23rd, from 6 – 8 pm at the Hospice of Dubuque office in the Theisen Education Center, 1670 JFK Road. Group size is limited so pre-registration is required by April 11th. Please contact the hospice office at (563) 582-1220 for a registration form.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
APRIL 9TH THRU APRIL 16TH

Sunday, April 9- PALM SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal, SA
8:30 a.m. Chancel/Youth Choir Rehearsal, SA
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:00 a.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, SA
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, April 10

1:00 p.m. Care Team Mtg., BR
5:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, FH
6:00 p.m. Pack 20, FH
7:00 p.m. Scouts Brd. of Rev., CR
7:00p.m. Troop 11 Boy Scouts, FH

Tuesday, April 11

5:15 p.m. PIN Board Meeting, WR
5:40 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA
6:45 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, CR
7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group, MS

Wednesday, April 12

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
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Team, CR
7:00p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT

Thursday, April 13

5:15 p.m. Green Team Meeting, BR
7:30 p.m. **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
WORSHIP, SA

Sunday, April 16 - EASTER

6:00 a.m. Sunrise/Early Easter
Service, SA

8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SA
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. Easter Worship, SA
Rev. Murry Preaching
9:30 a.m. Worship, Mandarin Speaking, BR
1:30 p.m. **Easter Worship** at Bethany Home

Monday, April 17

EASTER MONDAY
OFFICE CLOSED

Maker Fun Factory VBS

Westminster, First Congregation
& St. Luke's are working together
to bring you an awesome VBS
Adventure June 19th—23rd!



St. Luke's Church on Main St.
5:30 pm VBS Kid's eat together
6:00-8:00 pm VBS
See Lisa Fast for more details



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