

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God*

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## RESURRECTION

**APRIL 16, 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.

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- 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*

Luke Tyler, Organist

*Choir Introit*

"O Sons and Daughters"  
*arr. Theron Kirk*

*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*

\**Introit*

"Gather Us In"

*Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

\**Call to Worship*

Hal Murry

Leader: Put away your cares.

People: *Put away your anxieties.*

Leader: God has not forsaken us.

People: *God has not forgotten us.*

Leader: Could a mother forget a child she has nursed?

People: *Neither will God forget us.*

Leader: We are imprinted on the palms of God's hands.

*People: God is with us. Christ is risen!*

Leader: He is risen indeed! Let us worship God.

*\*Hymn #123* "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

*\*Invitation to Confession* Hal Murry

*\*Unison Prayer of Confession*

*God, we confess to you  
that while we know well the story of your victory over the grave,  
it is not a story we always live.*

*Death creeps into our lives in so many ways...*

*Fear may suffocate us: the loss of dreams and hopes  
for ourselves, our families, our communities and our nation.*

*Sorrow may wall us off like a grave,  
isolating us with anger, frustration, and grief.*

*Yet on this Easter morning,  
we pray that you will fill us with hope  
so that, like Mary, who went to the tomb expecting death,  
we too may come back reporting: "I've seen the Lord!" 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* "Easter Lily" Hal Murry

*Anthem* "Come Christians, Join to Sing"  
*arr. John Behnke* Chancel Choir  
Trumpet: Melissa Taylor

*Sermon: "STILL Recruiting"* Hal Murry

1. The "Easter joke(s)"
2. Today's Scripture: John 20:1-18
3. What it meant to the first Christians
4. Believing in Easter vs. Participating in Easter

20 Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." <sup>3</sup> Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. <sup>4</sup> They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. <sup>5</sup> Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. <sup>6</sup> Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. <sup>7</sup> He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. <sup>13</sup> The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." <sup>14</sup> As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means *Teacher*).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

*\*Hymn #104*

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

*\*Affirmation of Faith*

1 Corinthians 15:1-6

Hal Murry

*This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and*

*that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.*

*We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.*

### *Responsive Prayer for Easter*

Leader: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!

By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

*People: Keep us victorious over sin.*

Leader: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

*People: Guide us in the way of eternal life.*

Leader: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

*People: Give us joy in your service.*

Leader: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

*People: Direct our lives as your new creation.*

Leader: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts, the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### *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*

"Musette"  
by J.S. Bach, arr. Rabinof

Piano/Organ Duet  
Pam Crawford/ Luke Tyler

*\*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 #113* “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

*\*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

HAPPY EASTER! Easter is the most important Christian holy day. We do not know when it first began to be observed as an *annual* holy day. In first-century Christian writings there is no reference to a special once-a-year celebration. An annual date for celebrating Easter was not established until the 600s. Despite fluctuation in dates and frequency of observances, the proclamation “God raised Jesus” has been central to Christianity from the beginning.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY for the annual One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This special offering is our denomination’s primary way raising funds for our Disaster Assistance, Hunger and Self-Development programs. Westminster support for this offering has been generous in the past (\$4,000+). The Palm Sunday offering was \$1010 which brings the current total to \$2380. To participate in this offering, please use one of the special envelopes in the pew rack. Coin “fish banks” from the kids may also be submitted today. Thank you!

GREEN TEAM UPDATE - The Westminster Green Team would like to express thanks and appreciation to our church Session, leadership and members for their support and recognition of the mission and work of our team. We are really excited about next Sunday’s service and commissioning of our team. Stay tuned in the weeks ahead for news and projects about how we can all better care for the wonderful creation that God has blessed us with.

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.)

**NEEDED** - The Mission Garden needs to borrow a tiller for the new garden space or someone to come and till it early next week. If you can help us out, please see Rich Henderson.

### WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: APRIL 16, 2017

Church Office Number: 583-1729 | Rev. Hal Murry: 580-4196

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: Mary Breiner  
Greeters: Tom & Linda Stovall  
LaDesha Turner & Janet Neumeister

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: Terry Flynn  
Ushers: Mary Breiner & Caitlin Carter  
Dan & Wendy Tabraham

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Ruth March, who was hospitalized this week. Her address is: 1751 Plymouth Ct., Dubuque 52003
- Steven McMurray recovering from a major illness at Sunnycrest Manor

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm, the Tri-State Islamic Center will be holding a Grand Opening of the brand new mosque. It is located at 4980 Radford Ct. They want to share their new place of worship with the greater Dubuque community. See flyer in the Narthex.



## 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**

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.*

**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:**  
**APRIL 16TH THRU APRIL 23RD**

**Sunday, April 16 - EASTER**

**6:00 a.m. Sunrise/Early Easter Service**

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**

5:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, FH

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Classrooms

6:00 p.m. Scout Master Mtg., BR

7:00 p.m. Scouts Parent Mtg., BR

7:00 p.m. Troop 11 Boy Scouts, FH

**Tuesday, April 18**

9:00 a.m. English Tutoring, CR

1:30 p.m. Foundation Mtg., WR

5:40 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA

6:45 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, CR

**Wednesday, April 19**

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, April 20**

4:00 p.m. Finance Meeting, WR

7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

**Saturday, April 22nd**

7:00 a.m. Share Food Distribution, FH

7:30 a.m. Kiwanis Breakfast, FH, K

7:00 p.m. Timbrel & Lyre Rehearsal, SA

**Sunday, April 23**

8:00 a.m. Timbrel & Lyre Rehearsal, SA

8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH

**9:30 a.m. Worship**, Tom Stovall/Green Team,  
Commissioning, SA

**9:30 a.m. Worship, Mandarin Speaking, BR**

10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School-Classrooms

10:45 a.m. Books and Bowls, FH

**10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class, Library**

10:45 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School - CR

10:45 a.m. Psalms Bible Study, BR

2:00 p.m. NISOM Conceret, SA

4:00 p.m. Farewell Party, FH, K

**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:**

Who needs a will? Everyone who cares what happens to what they leave behind...and anyone who wants to leave a bequest to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

