

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY DEADLINE for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Tuesday at noon.

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Maundy Thursday Communion Service April 18, 2019 7:00 PM



The Maundy Thursday service is one of endings and beginnings. What was begun on Ash Wednesday is brought to a close here today. What begins today does not end until the resurrection of Easter. It is the ancient Triduum, "The Three Sacred Days," which lead us to Easter: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

The theme is love, our Savior’s love for us, expressed in the washing of the disciples’ feet, in giving himself in bread and wine, in dying upon the cross. An invitation to confession is given. The focus is on forgiveness. On Ash Wednesday, we began Lent with a major act of confession and ashes.

The lessons of love are read. A new command derives from it: “Love one another.” A song and a sign of love goes with it. The prayers are said. The table is made ready. The time of the Lord's Supper arrives, and our Lord is revealed in bread and wine as once he “revealed himself to his disciples.” It is a solemn moment, but we cannot linger here. Nor could the Lord. His betrayal was imminent.

Before we know it, the markings of betrayal are seen before us. The chancel is stripped bare. Christ is stripped of his power and glory. Good Friday is inescapable. The powers of darkness work upon him. In silence, we depart without benediction. The Three Sacred Days continue with the Good Friday service tomorrow at noon in Westminster’s chapel.

Welcome to our worship this evening!

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES, HYMNALS, CHILDREN’S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available. Please ask an usher.

USHERS are Bob Leonard (Head Usher), Don Rearick, Raphael Peoples, Earl Pierson, and Phil Fry.

VISITORS If you are new to Westminster, please pick-up your welcome bag that is in the entrance to the church.

Calendar

Friday, 4/19

12:00pm Good Friday Service (Eberts Chapel)

Sunday, 4/21

800 am	Easter Worship/Communion (Johnstone Patio)
8:45 am	Child Care Center opens
9:00 am	Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am	Adult Education (Room 106)
10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt (Church Lawn)
10:30 am	Easter Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee and fellowship (WHH)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
New Testament, Pew Bible Pg. 173

The lectern is shrouded.

The Second Lesson John 13:1-17, 31b-35
New Testament, Pew Bible Pg. 107

Homily The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

The pulpit is shrouded.

Communion in silence.

The retable is shrouded.

Prayers of Intercession

O God most high, on this night we remember Jesus humbly washing the feet of his disciples.

Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

We pray for the church and for all who serve others, especially those in most need.

Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

We pray for peace among nations and religions, and peace among people.

Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

We pray for those who suffer because of hatred and hard-heartedness.

Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

We pray for those who are injured by acts of violence or natural disaster.

Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

We pray for those who are sick or dying, for those who are frightened or distraught.

Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

Most Holy God, in Jesus Christ you show us that true glory is in humble service. Renew in us your call to love one another, to welcome the stranger, and to show Christ's mercy in all we do. It is for his sake that we pray.

Amen.

The baptismal font is shrouded.

*Hymn 102 Were You There?

AFRICAN-AMERICAN

The carillon will ring 33 times remembering each year of Christ's life on earth. There will be no benediction or postlude. The congregation is asked to depart in reflective silence, and is invited to return for Good Friday and Easter Sunday services.

