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Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 13, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



Palm Sunday



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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Welcome to Westminster,

We are an open affirming congregation sharing God's love in West Akron.
No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

Maundy Thursday Service will be in Westminster Sanctuary, 7:00 pm., April 17th.

Good Friday Service will be in Westminster Chapel, at Noon on April 18th.

Easter Sunday in Westminster Sanctuary, April 20th at 10:30 am.

This is the last Sunday "Easter Memorial Flowers" forms will be available.
Please follow instructions on the insert to make your contribution. Thank you.

Join us today for a FREE concert by Summit Bells here at Westminster Church in the Sanctuary at 4:00 pm.

This special offering will take place from April 6th through April 20th. One Great Hour of Sharing provides relief from natural disasters, hunger and promotes the self development of all people. Your kind gifts bring love and hope to the world through three life-saving programs. 36% supports the Presbyterian Hunger Programs, which is committed to ending hunger globally. 32% supports Disaster Assistance, which is committed to help others repair from disasters and beyond the initial aftermath globally. 32% supports Self-Development of people, which is committed to helping communities around the world gain the skills they need to improve their communities. All these programs fit together to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope. This Lenten Season you can help sustain these important ministries and programs in over 100 countries. Please give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing. "If we all do a little, it adds up a lot!" (envelopes available in pews)

Join us Saturday, May 3, 2025 for some Bloomin' Good Deals at our Perennials & Garage Sale! 10 am-2 pm, rain or shine. While you shop, enjoy a tasty all-beef gourmet hot dog (grilled-to-order by Raphael), plus optional sides. Consider sharing perennials from your home garden. Please bring them to the Celtic Garden by Friday, May 2.

We need your donated household items, & decor, yard & garden, toys & games, for the garage sale. Please bring these items to Wright-Herberich Hall Wednesday– Friday during business hours 9-4pm. No need to price your items. Any remaining plants will be available on Sunday. This event is sponsored by the Celtic Gardeners and the Discipleship Committee of Westminster.

Calendar of Church Building Events For April 13– April 20, 2025

Sunday, 4/13

- 8:30 am Childcare available
- 8:45 am Choir practice (in Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Adult Book Club (Room 106)
- 9:30 am Commissioning Class (Youth Rooms, upstairs)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (Godly Play Room, upstairs)
- 10:30 am Worship & YouTube Live-Stream
- 11:45 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)
- 11:45 am Personnel Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 4:00 pm Summit Bells Event (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, 4/15

- 9:30 am Quilt Ministry Meeting (WHH)
- 5:30 pm ILP Studio

Wednesday, 4/16

- 3:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal

Thursday, 4/17

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service/Communion & Live-Stream

Friday, 4/18

- 12:00 pm Good Friday Service (in Westminster's Chapel)

Saturday, 4/19

- 8:00 am Food For Life

Sunday, 4/20 *Blessings to you on this Easter morning*

- 8:30 am Childcare available
- 8:45 am Choir practice (in Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Adult Book Club (Room 106)
- 10:30 am Worship/Communion & YouTube Live-Stream
- 11:45 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)

The minister asks the Holy Spirit to bless the communion elements and all who receive them, that we may be the body of Christ in the world.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup
“The bread of life.” “The cup of salvation.”

Communion Hymn 94 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
O WALY WALY

Prayer after Communion

God, our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this sacred meal. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn 97 Go to Dark Gethsemane REDHEAD

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Were You There Choral Scholars

[Please hold your applause, Thank you]

This Week’s Music at WPC:

Scan or take a picture of the QR code with your smart phone and learn some musical history and context.



Today’s Worship team is Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching);
Jamie Willis (liturgist); Nik Stackpole (organist); Bruce Klucharich (audio-visual);
Adult Choir; Handbells; Children Choir and Ushers

At the ringing of the carillon, please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God.

Prelude (Handbells) Jubilant Praise Jantz Black

Opening Sentences

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem Luke 19:28-40

*Hymn 88 All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Children’s Choir Blessed Is He Who Comes Tamara Makdad Albrecht

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

Prayer

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying,
The peace of Christ be with you.

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on.*

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Moment of Mission

Nik Stackpole

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. **Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Invitation to Communion

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me with never be hungry, and whoever believes in me with never be thirsty (John 6:35).

The First Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

The Second Lesson

Luke 23:1-49

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(time of silence)

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sermon

“Parade or Protest?”

The Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

What Wondrous Love is This

John S. Dixon (b. 1957)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul?
When I was sinking down,
When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ, laid aside his crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!*

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.

Words of Institution

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.