

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship

The Good News is ... Inspiring us to act

Palm / Passion Sunday

March 29, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

†*Those who feel comfortable standing may do so.*

* *Denotes hymn number in pew hymnal. Some lyrics may be different than what is projected on the screens*



DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CANDLES OF LENT

Let us pray:

**Holy One, inspire us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
May we not only proclaim your goodness,
but also act with courage in our communities. Amen.**

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Will you follow?

Will you lay down your coat?

Will you lay down something important?

Will you shout "Hosanna"?

Will you join the parade?

Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

Will you cut down a palm branch?

Will you wave it in the air?

Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

We will! We will sing!

**We will pay close attention.
We will worship. We will follow.**
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest.

†HYMN

“All Glory Laud and Honor”

*NO. 265

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!*

*Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest,
the King and blessed One. (Refrain)*

*The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present. (Refrain)*

*To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)*

*Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.
You marched through the streets and walked on water.
You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation.
It was not confined to the Temple.
Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.
Holy God, we long for a faith like that.

Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act.
With hope for tomorrow we pray ...

— *Continue in Silent Confession* —

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The Spirit will never stop listening to you.
We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.
What good, good news. Amen!

†RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share signs of peace with one another.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

WPC CHANCEL CHOIR

"In the Name of the Lord"

Words by Gloria Gaither, Phil McHugh and Sandi Patty; Music by Sandi Patty, Choral Setting by Mary McDonald

†DOXOLOGY

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

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of all good gifts,
we thank you for showing us how to care for each other.
May these gifts lead to great feasting
for those who have no banquets set before them.
May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer
for those who are homeless.
May these gifts proclaim your desire
that all your creation live in peace.
Give us grateful hearts, O God,
in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

INTRODUCTION AND PRAYER

SCENE ONE — The Triumphal Entry

†HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*No. 267

*Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.*

*“Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.*

SCENE TWO — The Last Supper

SOLO

“Eat this Bread”

*Eat this bread; drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst”*

SCENE THREE — The Garden

SOLO

“Stay with Me”

*Stay with me; remain here with me;
watch and pray.
Watch and pray.*

SCENE FOUR — The Trials

HYMN

“Jesus, Remember Me”

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

SCENE FIVE — The Crucifixion

+HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 29, 2026

• **The FLOWERS for today's service** were provided by Penny and Phil Reagh in honor of their son's birthday.

• **NURSERY CARE** is available for infants and toddlers during the worship service. Our nursery is equipped with a paging system. Quality childcare is provided by Elaine Edwards, who is infant/CPR trained.

• **MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER:**

Presbyterian Women will be hosting its annual Mother's Day Bay Shower on **Sunday, May 10** after worship. We will begin collecting donations of baby items beginning Sunday, April 19 and every Sunday after that until Mother's Day. On Mother's Day, we will distribute them to organizations that help young mothers in need — The Salvation Army, Good Samaritan Rescue Ministries and the Bay

Area Women's Center. Suggested items include: diapers, pacifiers, bibs, blankets, onesies, bath items and towels, socks and clothing, bottles and dishes and toys.

• **SPECIAL OFFERING:** Westminster will be collecting a Special Offering, **One Great Hour of Sharing, TODAY.** Join with Presbyterians worldwide in responding to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! See the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

• **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** We provide two opportunities for folks to participate – **Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.** in the Lounge or **Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. by Zoom.** Our Bible Study follows our Lenten theme: Tell Me Something Good.

Closing prayer "We have spoken about you..." from *Stages on the Way*. Iona Community- The Wild Goose

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• **YOUTH GROUP DINNERS:** Do you like to cook or bake meals? If yes, then we would love for you to **sign up to help with Youth Dinners for Sunday night youth group meetings.** If not, there is still a way you can help with dinner. You can choose to provide dinner by providing pizza, chicken tenders,



Mac & Cheese or something along those lines. We usually have dinner from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. You will get a count a couple of days in advance. Please scan the QR code, visit <https://tinyurl.com/bd7hv7u8> or see Leah Sneller to sign up.

• **HOLY WEEK services** are planned for Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m., Good Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m., and a 4 p.m. Saturday Family Service on Saturday, April 4. Easter Services are set for 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. April 5, with breakfast at 9:15 a.m.

• **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped fold the April issue of the Log and also helped assemble the wooden crosses that will be handed out on Easter!

• **THE OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH** will gather next at Meats & Moore, 1411 S. Wenonah St. They have a large eating area in the back of the deli. If you would like to attend, please contact Dave Crook at crookds@earthlink.net or 847-624-5798.

Save the Dates for May:

May 17 - Rev. Isaac Chung will be with us for worship! Following worship will be our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

May 31 - End-of-School Block Party

Westminster **COMMUNITY PANTRY**

Pantry Stats: In February, we served 594 people from 218 families with 6545 pounds of food. 47 families were first time visitors. 120 were last here in January or December. And 51 hadn't been here since November or earlier. Families came from 9 different Bay County cities, with the majority from Bay City and Essexville. We are glad people are finding our pantry when they need food. Thank you for helping us feed our hungry neighbors!

Item of the Month: The April "Item of the Month" is packages of dry seasoning mixes like taco or ranch seasoning. This will be something new in the pantry that our guests will love. All donations may be left on the cart outside the pantry door. Thank you!

Scan the QR code to visit the pantry Facebook page:



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The office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch each day.

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• HEARTS AND HANDS KNITTING

welcomes anyone who enjoys knitting to join them! Our group of knitters and crocheters needs help. Hearts and Hands of Westminster has been getting together for 20+ years now creating winter items, lap robes, and things for babies. But our numbers have been reduced as we have lost members. If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room.**

• SETH CUNNINGHAM, Westminster's organist, will be performing the concert "Sunday Pipes: Music from different eras" on **TODAY at 3 p.m.** at Otisville United Methodist Church, 200 W. Main St. in Otisville. Admission is free, and a potluck supper will follow the performance.

• TEA SETS FOR SALE: The Presbyterian Women's board is offering pieces of our two tea sets to the congregation in exchange for a free-will donation. We will

be using the money to purchase new coffee carafes for the kitchen. Please visit our table at the Easter breakfast on April 5.

• RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE:

Westminster's Presbyterian Women committee is planning a Spring Rummage Sale and Bake Sale for Wednesday, April 15 through Friday, April 17. We will begin collecting rummage sale items and setting up on Sunday, April 12. There will be opportunities to help set up on March 13 and 14, to bake items for the bake sale and to help run the sale and bake sale. Volunteers also will be needed to help clean up on Friday, April 17.

• WONDERING WEDNESDAYS:

Throughout the Wednesdays of Lent (February 18-April 1) the sanctuary will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for an intentional time for prayer and reflection. We'll have some quiet music playing and some images for reflection on the screens.

Giving to Westminster

There are many ways to share your gifts with Westminster.

Cash and checks are welcome. Please use your offering envelopes or the envelopes found in pew backs and place your gift in the offering plate when it is passed. Visit our website www.wpcbc.org and click on the "Give Now" button at the top of the page. This will direct you to our Online Giving Portal or simply scan the QR Code. Contributions can also be sent through the mail to the attention of the Church Treasurer. We're grateful for your gifts, however you choose to give. THANK YOU!

GENERAL FUND

	Month to Date thru March 22,	
	2026	Year to Date
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 81,295	\$ 187,031
One-time Gifts	\$ -	\$ -
Other Cash Received	\$ 643	\$ 3,811
Total Income	\$ 81,938	\$ 190,842
Expenses	\$ 38,508	\$ 100,926
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 43,430	\$ 89,916

Budgeted expense total for 2026 is \$467,000.



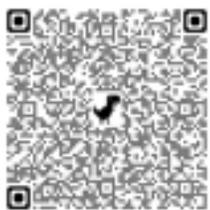
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- **WINGS OF PRAYER:** If you have someone you would like to add to our Wings of Prayer list, please contact Patti Wesenick at 989-737-6844.

- **PER CAPITA for 2026 is \$35.00.** Per capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. Per capita is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century. The work of the PC(USA), and in particular the work of the General Assembly, is only possible because members of the church have said they are “all in” and committed to connection through per capita support. It is about joining together as a community and being one body, the body that is Christ’s church in the world.

- **SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED**

BUILD: Westminster’s next bed build



with Sleep in Heavenly Peace is April 18. You can sign up using the QR code below. Youth ages 12 and older are welcome (a parent or guardian signature is required for those under 18). On-site

registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Please note the new location: 4055 S. Saginaw Rd., Midland. We hope you’ll join us! Questions? Contact Len Petroff.

- **OUR BOOK GROUP** is excited to begin a new reading journey with *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate, a tender and inspiring story about second chances,

unexpected grace, and the quiet strength found in a life of faith. Through the discovery of decades’ worth of handwritten prayer letters, the main character, Tandi Jo Reese, begins to uncover not only the story of the woman who wrote them but also a path toward healing in her own life. As one reflection from the book suggests: Sometimes the smallest acts of faith — written, whispered, or tucked away — have the power to shape a life far more than we realize. This beautifully mirrors the book’s central theme: that hope often comes in gentle, steady ways.

Join us on Tuesday, April 7th at 1:30 PM.

Whether you’re a returning participant or joining for the first time, we welcome you to come enjoy warm fellowship, meaningful discussion, and the uplifting message this story offers.

Bring your thoughts, reflections, and the moments that spoke to you. We look forward to sharing this journey together! Any questions, please call Rev. Linda. A few copies are still available in the church office.

- **YOUTH GROUP** will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 5. A movie night is planned for April 19.

- **GATHERING AND GAMES:** on **April 19th**, we’ll gather again for fellowship and **GAMES!** We’ve always got some games to choose from, but if you’ve got one to share, bring it along! Whether you want to play a game with the crowd, or are just looking for an excuse to spend time with some friends and eat, we hope you’ll **stay after worship on April 19.**

THE WESTMINSTER LOG

Westminster In Worship — Spring Worship Series

Building Blocks: Stories of the early church teach us the fundamentals of faith

The time in the Church calendar between Easter and Pentecost Sunday is known as the "Great Fifty Days." During this time, the lectionary (which often guides our scripture focus each week) suggests passages that teach valuable fundamentals for a life of faith. What commitments are foundational to our Christian identity? We believe in what we cannot see, experience the resurrected Christ, learn to share in community, ask questions as we grow in faith, draw connections for those with other beliefs, draw strength from shared prayer, and value all who are a part of the body of Christ. Join us each week as we continue to build our faith story together, one block at a time.

April 12: Becoming a Believer (John 20:19-31)

While many are able to believe without proof, some, like Thomas, need some help. Jesus doesn't scold him for his doubts, but meets him where he is and offers him what he needs to believe and follow.

April 19: Recognizing Jesus (Luke 24:13-25)

Even those who walked with Jesus while he was alive needed help recognizing him. Jesus makes himself known to us in different ways, but we must be open to seeing and experiencing his presence.

April 26: Living in Community (Acts 2:42-47)

This passage sounds almost like a dream, an idealistic version of what the church could be like. It's a vision that the church has strived for since the beginning and one we still look to today.

May 3: Asking Questions (John 14:1-14)

We don't know all the answers, in life, or in faith. The importance is that we keep asking, keep seeking, and keep trying to grow and to follow as best we can.



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Everyone welcome!

You are invited to join us for our special Holy Week Services!

-  **Palm Sunday**
10:30 a.m., Sunday, March 29
-  **Maundy Thursday**
7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 2
-  **Good Friday**
7:00 p.m., Friday, April 3
-  **Holy Saturday Vigil**
6:00 p.m., Saturday, April 4
-  **Easter Sunday**
Sunday, April 5
Two services: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast at 9:45 a.m.

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